

What is a Legacy?

Making a legacy gift is a flexible way to combine philanthropy with financial planning. **Simply put, a legacy gift is your opportunity to make a difference.**

There are many different ways to leave a legacy. Some examples of ways to give include:

- Bequests (General, Specific, Residual or Contingent)
- Cash and/or Securities
- RRSPs or RRIFs
- Life insurance
- Real Estate
- Annuities
- Charitable remainder of trusts or residual interest
- A gift in memory or to honour those you love

How to get started



Advance planning will help you understand your options, how they will impact you today and your loved ones in the future.

Your legacy is an important decision. Speak with people you trust. Meet with your loved ones and professional advisors to review your options and decide where and how to direct your gifts.

It is about YOUR vision

This is your legacy. Take the time to plan for it.

- **Talk to your loved ones.** If your loved ones are involved in your decisions and understand your intentions, they will be in a better position to support the success of your legacy today and in the future.
- **Talk to a professional.** Professional Advisors may be an accountant, lawyer, insurance or financial planner. A professional will help you clearly state and achieve your goals and help maximize tax benefits in your lifetime and for your estate and beneficiaries.
- **Talk to us.** SMD Foundation/Easter Seals™ Manitoba exists to foster philanthropy to support Manitobans with disabilities. Our staff will help you understand what programs and services SMD offers that best support your legacy goals.



Why support SMD?

There are more than to 200,000 children, youth and adults in our province with disabilities. This number is increasing as children are born with multiple disabilities, accidents continue to occur and the population ages.

The Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD) provides over 47,000 Manitobans with disabilities with programs and services that empower and increase independence.

What will your legacy be?

Planned gifts to SMD Foundation/Easter Seals Manitoba are about planning for the future: your future and the future of individuals with disabilities.

Your legacy is not just a reflection of the past, it is a path for the future – one capable of making a true difference in the world.

- Your Legacy could help a Deaf child and his family communicate after learning ASL at SMD
- Your Legacy might help a grandparent become mobile again and to watch her grandchildren play thanks to a wheelchair from SMD
- Your Legacy could help a parent get back to work after an injury and provide for his family again with training from SMD



The next step

You have done your research and made your decisions, now it is time to act and put your decisions in writing.

Contact SMD Foundation if you want sample language that can be used in your will to help ensure your legacy is clear and will be carried out.

Inspire

Show those you love what is important to you with your generosity to others.



Remember



Be Remembered



Let your actions be your legacy.

What is SMD Foundation/ Easter Seals™ Manitoba?

SMD Foundation/Easter Seals™ Manitoba is the fundraising member of the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities raising essential funds and awareness to support vital programs and services for children, youth and adults with disabilities. **100% of your gift stays in Manitoba.**



Contact Us

If you would like more information on SMD Foundation/
Easter Seals™ Manitoba, or how to ensure your legacy is
honoured please contact our office.

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SMD has offices in Winnipeg and six rural locations throughout Manitoba to assist individuals with disabilities and their families with the resources they need.

We Thank You!



Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD) Foundation/Easter Seals™ Manitoba



See the difference
Be the difference

Leave a Legacy



When you remember others,
you are remembered.

