



## Leaving a Gift in Your Will

*A way to be remembered by your community*

### When There's a Will, There's a Way

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Glenys Rae Huskie passed away on September 25th, 2020 at the age of 85, but her beautiful smile lives on in photographs and memories. She was predeceased by her husband John William "Jack" Huskie in 2016 and although Glenys and Jack did not have any of their own children, Glenys' children were her cats – she LOVED them!

When Legacy Giving Thunder Bay recently sat down to speak with Glenys' sister Dona and her great niece, Karie, they were still floored by her generosity. Glenys did what we all hope we can do through our estate when we



pass away – she took care of her family. BUT she also took care of her community by donating to ten local charities through her Will!

Karie told us that "...my Aunt never let on as to how she planned to distribute her estate and we were surprised, to say the least, because she used to joke that she planned to leave it all to the cats."

#### Glenys pictured with her beloved cat Mona.

hobbies and interests were centered around giving. She gave many hours volunteering her time and was awarded the Thunder Bay Good Citizen Award. If she wasn't volunteering, she could also be found knitting items and donating them to fundraisers.

As Glenys' Estate Executor, Karie was very grateful that



her aunt had a Will so she could make sure her aunt's wishes were honoured. To be an executor for a loved one's estate can be a very demanding process; however, dealing with a loved ones passing without a Will can be much worse.

Talking about dying, estate planning and Will making is not always the easiest conversation, but it is a responsible conversation. Legacy Giving Thunder Bay encourages you to speak to your professional advisors (financial planners, lawyers etc.) and possibly consider leaving a gift to your charity of choice – or to TEN charities like Glenys!

*In memory of S. Sgt. Glenys Rae Huskie, CD (ret'd) – volunteer, charitable heart and a cat lover.*

# Legacy Q & A

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## What happens if I don't make a Will? Does it all go to the government?

Without a Will, decisions about your estate will be made according to the law. This means some or all of the people and or organizations you care about may not be included in the distribution of your assets. When you have an up-to-date Will, you're in control of your affairs. There will be no uncertainty about what will happen to your estate.

## I want to take care of my children and grandchildren, how do I leave a gift to charity?

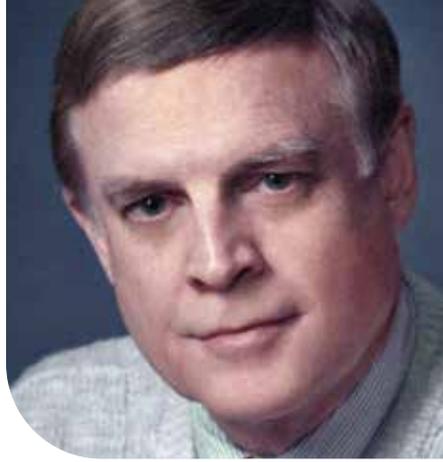
Many supporters come to realize that they have enough in their estate to take care of their family members and to allocate a portion to the causes and charities that are most important to them. Making a gift in your Will to a Charity is a personal choice, our purpose here is to offer you giving options to consider.

## Is leaving a Gift in my Will complicated?

Remembering a charity in your Will is an act that is generous, powerful and surprisingly simple. When meeting with your Lawyer to either draft or revise your Will, have the conversation about adding a charity to receive an amount or a percentage of your estate. Every gift in every Will makes a difference.

## I need to be wealthy to leave a gift in my Will

The majority of charitable gifts in Wills are left by Canadians of average means. You may be surprised to find that when all your assets are realized, you too will have enough for both your loved ones and your selected charities.



## NORTHERN ONTARIO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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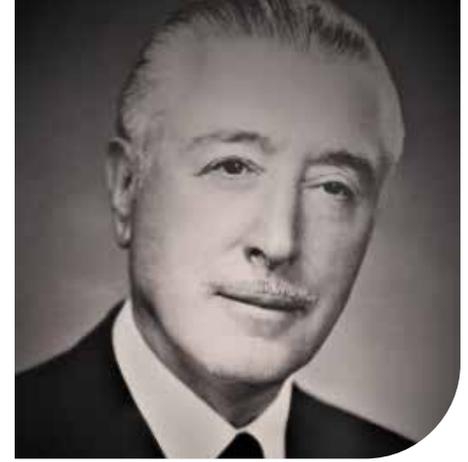
Dr. Hugh Robertson's dazzling career in Radiology took place mostly in American Universities. A sought-after lecturer, he had an international speaking career and was a visiting professor in 10 countries. Here in Northern Ontario, though, he will be most remembered for his philanthropy, as when it came time to honour his legacy, he chose the communities where both he and his father began their medical careers.

Both of Dr. Robertson's parents worked in medicine in Kirkland Lake and Cochrane in the 1920s. These memories drew him back to Cochrane to follow his father's example in the 1960s.

More than 60 years after his experiences as a radiologist in Kirkland Lake and Thunder Bay Dr. Robertson created a lasting legacy for NOSM students pursuing careers in Rural Medicine. His gift of \$1.2 million is the largest single donation in NOSM's history and will have a notable impact on the education of NOSM physicians.

"I think that for the students at NOSM who are interested in providing family medicine that a rural, remote residency is a real opportunity to advance knowledge in the area. I've met several physicians over the years and many of the most notable were those I met in Rural Practice."

Dr. Robertson made this gift to NOSM in the early spring of 2021. Sadly, Dr. Robertson passed away in June of 2021, but not before he had the opportunity to see his outstanding generosity come to fruition.



## GEORGE JEFFREY CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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Leaving a legacy can mean different things to different people. For some it may be about how you want to be remembered by your family, your community, or perhaps by the world! A gift designated to a charity and/or charities is one way to leave a legacy. However, leaving a legacy can also be established during your living years – like that of Mr. John Andrews.

Known as "a self-made man with a deep social conscience", Mr. Andrews established the John Andrews Foundation in 1977 to support local education, healthcare, social welfare and the arts. Mr. Andrews passed away in May of 1986.

For over 40 years, his Foundation has granted more than \$6 million to 100+ charities throughout Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario. George Jeffrey Children's Foundation is a grateful and proud recipient of these many generous donations, as are all Legacy Giving Thunder Bay partner charities.

Mr. Andrews' legacy continues today as the Foundation's Board of Directors, consisting of Mr. Alexander Paterson, Dr. Donald Henderson and Dr. Allan G. McKittrick, Q.C., ensure that granted dollars support the well-being of our communities here in Northwestern Ontario.

For more information about the John Andrews Foundation, visit [johnandrewsfoundation.ca](http://johnandrewsfoundation.ca).



## ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDATION

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When we leave a legacy we want to know what will be the future impact on our community. Unfortunately, we rarely see that impact in our lifetime.

St. Joseph's Foundation of Thunder Bay is fortunate to have carried on the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste Marie for the past 40 years.

When the first five Sisters arrived in 1891, their mission was to care for the unmet needs of the people of Prince Arthur's Landing. They knew what they needed to do, never thinking about what that would mean 140 years later.

On Sunday September 12 we honored their legacy and dedication to the education, healthcare and social needs of our community with a celebration mass at St. Andrew's Church. We were fortunate to have nineteen Sisters of St. Joseph travel to Thunder Bay to attend the event, it was a moving tribute for all.

St. Joseph's Foundation will continue the Sister's legacy; supporting the unmet needs of the people of our region just like the first Sisters did in 1891. We hope your legacy in support of your community will be remembered like the Sisters of St. Joseph.

## THUNDER BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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The Thunder Bay Community Foundation is pleased to announce their annual granting season runs from October 18th – November 15th, 2021.

With over \$400,000 in grants to be disbursed, there are several opportunities for local non-profit organizations to receive funding for projects that will build a more vibrant, healthy and engaged community. Our grants are made possible through the generous endowments and gifts of local citizens. Applications can be submitted online by visiting our website at [www.tbcbf.org](http://www.tbcbf.org).

We strive to create lasting relationships between donors and the worthy causes they support. With a variety of flexible ways to give we make it easy to realize your philanthropic ambitions and support our community's well-being, now and for the future.

If you or a loved one are interested in building an endowment fund to support the ever-changing needs of Thunder Bay, please contact the Thunder Bay Community Foundation at (807) 475-7279.

## THUNDER BAY REGIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES FOUNDATION

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Every one of us has important life events connected to our Hospital. My family feels lucky to have Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre as a part of our community.

It has always been important to me to support healthcare in our city, not just for my own family, but for my friends, neighbours, and the larger community. In addition to my personal donations, I also became actively involved in fundraising for the Hospital after taking a tour of their diagnostic facilities and seeing the need for technology upgrades.

The need for quality healthcare grows as our city continues to grow. I want the Hospital to remain a world-class healthcare facility. When it came time to start planning my estate, I realized that another way I could give back was through a gift in my Will to ensure that future generations can continue to have access to the same quality of care.

Our Hospital and the health of our community means so much to me and as a fellow supporter, I know how much it must also mean to you. I hope you will consider supporting the future of our Hospital through a gift in your Will to Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation. Big or small, every gift makes an impact.

*- Laura Fralick, Grateful Donor*



# Our Charitable Partners

We'd be happy to speak with you! If you'd like to learn more about leaving a gift in your Will, please contact one of our Charity Partners using the information below.



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# Make a Will Month

November is Make a Will Month in Ontario, a month dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of having a Will in place.

## 10 Reasons WHY You Should Have a Will:

1. YOU can choose who of your loved ones will receive your property and/or sentimental belongings after you pass.
2. YOU can decide which charity/charities you list in your Will.
3. YOU can choose the person(s) that you trust most to manage your estate.
4. YOU may be able to offset estate taxes.
5. YOU can have control of your assets after your passing.
6. YOU can name a guardian(s) to care for your minor children.
7. YOU can decide when minor children/grandchildren will receive their inheritance and for what.
8. YOUR Executor can avoid a lengthy probate process.
9. YOU can indicate your final wishes pertaining funeral, cremation etc.
10. Having a Will helps to make the administration of your estate much easier for your loved ones and can avoid family disputes.

## When Should I Make A Will?

- You recently got married or remarried
- You are currently in a common-law marriage
- You recently went through a common-law separation or divorce
- You have assets such as property or vehicles
- You have a child(ren) and/or other dependents
- You own valuable heirlooms such as art or jewelry
- You have assets that as a result of your death may cause tension among surviving family
- You own a business or investments
- You have a cause that really matters to you that you wish to donate to



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