



Legacy Gifts

Leaving a legacy

A charitable bequest is a planned donation designated through a written clause in your Will. A bequest can be for a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, a life insurance policy or a fixed percentage of your estate. Leaving a gift in your Will is an act of kindness that will inspire those around you and impact future generations. Your compassion will generate positive change in your community for years to come.

How gifts in Wills work

To make a gift to VON from your estate, you may need to draft a new Will or add a codicil to your existing Will. Before making any changes to your Will, we encourage you to seek advice from a professional advisor.

A gift in your Will may:

- be any amount, from small to large
- be designated to a specific program (restricted) or to the area of most need (unrestricted)
- include cash, securities or a percentage of your estate

Why choose VON?

VON is a trusted charity—our operating expenses rely on a variety of funding sources, including government, granting agencies and corporate and individual donors.

We help people live in their homes and communities, where they want to be. Our highly trained staff and volunteers provide clinical and non-clinical supports to frail older adults and people of all ages with complex and/or chronic health issues.

Charitable contributions support areas including client services and programs, capital enhancements to our nursing clinics, specialized education for staff, necessary equipment and important technology upgrades.

With your support, we will continue to expand our innovative programs to meet evolving client needs, reach more people and contribute to a stronger, more efficient healthcare system.

Advantages of legacy giving

With a planned gift, you may be able to provide a greater level of support to VON than is possible during your lifetime, and keep your assets available while you need them. In addition, your estate will receive a tax credit. Gifts in Wills are also flexible—you can change them at any time.

Where to direct your gift

To ensure your gift reaches us, please include in your bequest:

- Our legal name: Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada
- Our charitable registration number: 129 482 493 RR0001

To offer the greatest support, you may wish to consider directing your gift to the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada as an unrestricted gift. This will allow us to invest in the areas of greatest need. You may also support a specific program in your local community. Because our programs change to suit client needs, please contact us to ensure we continue to offer the program you have chosen.

Recognition of donors

We are grateful for our generous donors, and we aim to recognize them in a variety of ways, such as on donor plaques and our annual donor recognition wall. We are happy to personalize recognition with each donor.

“My husband attends the Adult Day Program. I don't know if there are strong enough words to say how much I appreciate the caring, wonderful staff. They give me three days a week to do things I need to do and a chance to do things I enjoy. They make this caregiver's life a little easier.”

About VON

VON is a highly trusted charity that delivers home care and community support services to more than 10,000 people in Ontario and Nova Scotia every day.

Together with our employees, our volunteers and our clients and their families, we help our clients stay healthy, live well and remain active. The innovative clinical, personal and social supports we provide keep our clients living in the safety and comfort of their own homes and communities—where they want to be.

VON is accredited with Exemplary Standing by Accreditation Canada.

Our Values

- **Respect** – we support others honestly, openly and fairly.
- **Compassion** – we listen and serve with sensitivity, empathy and concern.
- **Excellence** – we commit to everyday improvement in all that we do.

Contact us

If you have made arrangements for a legacy gift to VON, we sincerely thank you. Although it isn't mandatory, we would be grateful if you could send us a completed Statement of Intent so that we can help to ensure your gift is directed according to your wishes.

Please also let us know if we can recognize your generosity publicly or if you would prefer to remain anonymous. Reach out to us if you have any questions. We're happy to hear from you!

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