



Changing the Lives of Vulnerable Youth is Our Legacy: Make it Yours!

Leaving a legacy gift to Trails means you can inspire hope in your lifetime and beyond. The values you uphold will continue to shape the lives of those who come after you and your gift to Trails will help create a lasting difference in our community.

Our mission at Trails is to challenge and equip vulnerable youth to become contributing members of the community. This is not a short-term response to a one-time crisis; rather, it is a long-term preventative program that creates lasting change in the lives of our participants and their communities.

Here, we are pleased to provide you with some information about legacy giving at Trails, including ways to give and some practical details to help guide your conversations with loved ones and advisors about your plans and wishes. We are grateful for your interest and would be happy to have a confidential conversation with you anytime.

- W Trails aligns with our goals for giving. As a family, we support organizations that help level the playing field and give youth a chance. It also matters to us that we support charities where we have a connection and can trust how the money is spent. We've both seen for ourselves what a crucial difference Trails makes—and it's very inspiring. We are confident that our support gives someone a chance at a different path and a better life. What could be more important?*
- Greig and Carolyn Clark

WHAT TYPE OF GIFT IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

A Bequest – A Gift In Your Will

Here are the three most common gifts in Wills:

1. You can leave a specific dollar amount.
2. You can leave a residual bequest where you can donate a percentage or the remainder of your estate after other needs have been fulfilled.
3. You can leave a contingent bequest made on the condition of a certain event.

Here is some sample language:

“I direct my trustees to give the sum of \$ ___ or ___ % of my Estate (or the residue of my Estate) to Trails Youth Initiatives, Inc. to be used for its general charitable purposes.”

A Gift of Insurance

Another vital way to support Trails is to name us as the beneficiary of an insurance policy (including a policy from your workplace). When the funds are released, Trails will receive the donation on your behalf. You can also consider signing over ownership of a policy with premiums that are fully paid. If you choose this option, you’ll get a tax receipt for the cash surrender value. Your gift of insurance provides tax benefits now and makes a crucial impact in the future.

A Gift of Securities & Other Ways To Give

Gifts of publicly traded stocks and securities are exempted from capital gains taxes, which provides tremendous tax advantages. There are other ways to support Trails, including RRSPs and RRIFs, charitable remainder trusts and donor advised funds. You are encouraged to contact us anytime for a confidential conversation.

❖ *“Knowing that individuals and families choose to remember Trails in their will is both special and humbling. Being asked to steward someone’s legacy is not a task that we take lightly and we are honoured to partner with our donors to ensure their gift makes a difference in the lives of at-risk youth for years and years to come.”*

– Melissa Millward, Trails President

WHAT’S YOUR STORY?

Thank you for your interest in legacy giving—a crucial way to support Trails. While legacy giving provides tax advantages, it’s also an opportunity to reflect on your most enduring values, and the story of your life. We celebrate the generosity of donors like you. If you have decided to include Trails in your legacy giving, please consider letting us know so we can acknowledge your caring and thoughtfulness. You can remain anonymous. If you share your story, you will inspire others, helping Trails even more, and we want to ensure that you receive special updates for our legacy donors.

You are welcome to contact me anytime for a confidential conversation. I love talking to our donors and hearing your stories about what inspires you and what matters to you. I'm here to help!

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Trails is listed on Canada Revenue Agency with the following details:

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