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# PLANNED GIVING NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM COREY

Hello and welcome to our fifth annual Planned Giving Newsletter! Creating a unique legacy is a journey, a lifetime of conscious choices, cherished values, and causes championed. It means so much to us to have donors share the very best of themselves as they strengthen youth and the very fabric of community in a very powerful and meaningful way.

In this fifth edition, we spotlight long-time YESS donor **Clare Irwin** and his late wife, **Thomasine Irwin**, as Clare shares their inspired, forward-thinking approach to philanthropic giving; we hear from our Chief Program Officer, **Jessica Day**, on

culture, connection, and the impact of shared human experiences within the social services field. We also have a story from **The Campbell Financial Advisory Group** on securities and strategic charitable giving.

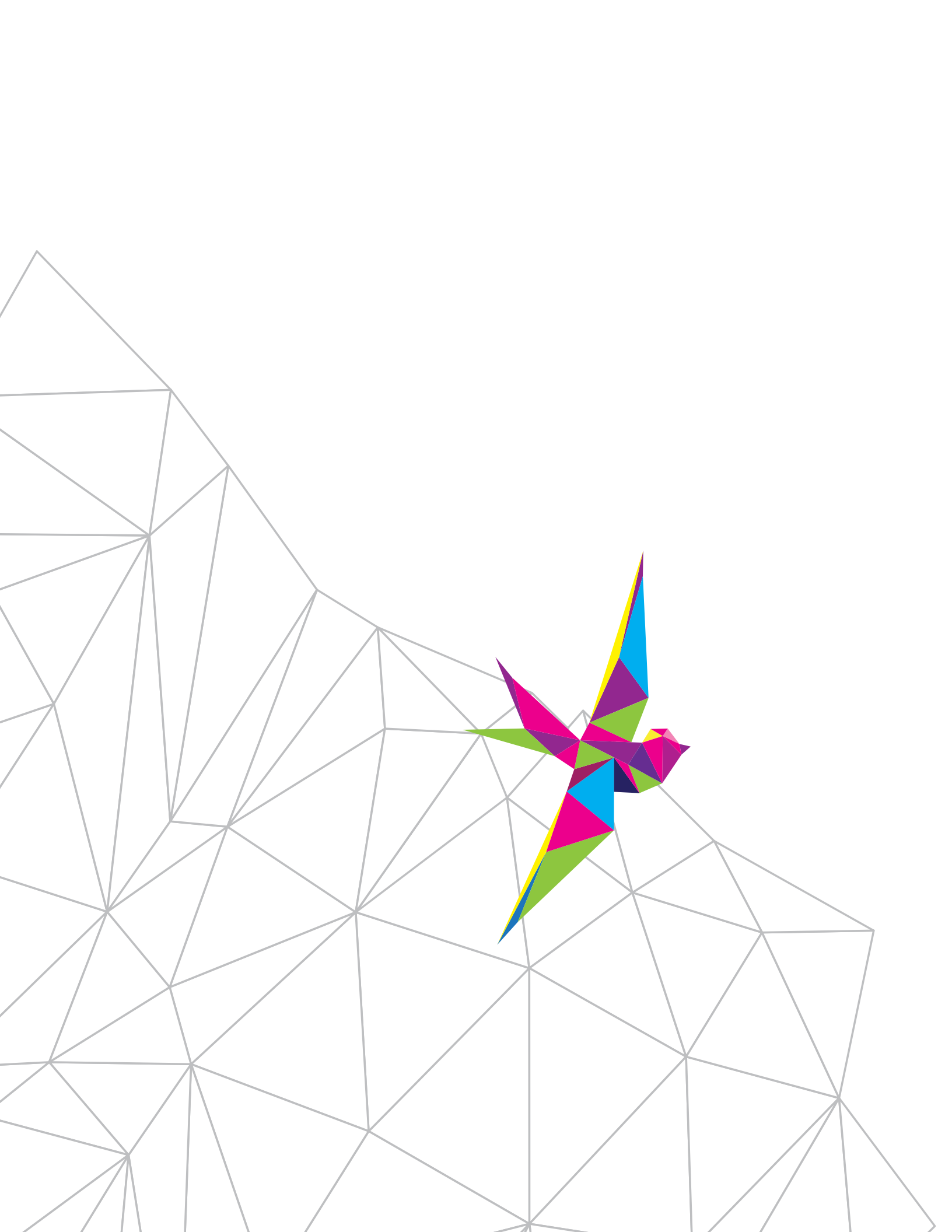
In this edition we also hear from YESS Board Chair, **Steven Ewaskiw**, providing perspective on both the youth and organizational impacts of community support; and **Jake Leveille**, Associate Lawyer from Dentons LLP, who explores the key elements to think about before creating a will.

Finally, we invite you to join us in an inspirational video reflection, contemplating the lasting impact of legacy on others and the community.

In gratitude,



Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS)' Youth Support Centre is a 24/7, single-point-of-access to immediate and low-barrier physical, mental, cultural, and emotional health supports and safe place to stay for youth aged 15–21 who are experiencing crisis in the Edmonton Metro Area. The Youth Support Centre also hosts Monday to Friday Resource and Health Hubs with physical and mental health clinics and youth-supporting resources to ensure youth 15-24 get the help they need, when they need it, and where they need it—in their community.



# LIVING YOUR LEGACY: A SIMPLE LIFE OF GRATITUDE

by Clare Irwin

During the exciting and generally prosperous time in Canada, following the Second World War, we were given the opportunity to live a complete life. That included an opportunity to discover a philosophy of living in a society of great prosperity as well as great challenges. Religious thought was fundamental to many and found to be important in driving what was paramount in the lives of those involved. In that remarkable era, my wife Tammy, and I were both fortunate and able to develop ideals to govern our lives.



*Delight in Celebration  
Photo courtesy of Clare Irwin*



*Clare and Thomasine "Tammy" Irwin  
Photo courtesy of Clare Irwin*

Two significant life driving rules we embraced were, "Love your neighbor as yourself" and "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". These tenets then made it mandatory to support those neighbors with greater needs than our own. One further thought that became significant in this regard was that "Charity begins at home".

Accordingly, when it became possible, we sought out and supported groups and organizations in Edmonton that

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assisted those in need. Tammy spent a great deal of time helping people learn English and we both supported the work of Bissell Centre where I had the privilege of working as a full-time volunteer for two years after I retired. For her dedication to teaching, Tammy was honored to receive the Governor-General's award for Volunteerism.

We both devoted considerable time to Social Justice endeavors in our United Church of Canada interests and served together on the Board of Rundle's Mission at Pigeon Lake.

Important as well has been our ongoing support for both the Edmonton Food Bank and the Christmas Bureau.

At the same time, we became impressed by the organization that had become so significant in assisting younger Edmontonians with their special needs.

"Where do you go when you can't go home?" was a question raised throughout the city by the agency known as YESS. The work done by YESS clearly filled a need in our community and supporting that work became important to us. Tammy took a special interest in purchasing women's clothing for clients of YESS at Christmas.

When time came to give serious consideration to our longtime futures, giving became a significant aspect of that plan. We received sound advice from our financial advisor, John Kok, who explained the availability and advantages of making decisions based on joint life insurance. That plan was put into action involving the Greater Edmonton Foundation as our agent to carry it forward and we were thus able to establish a long-term formula that would benefit agencies including YESS upon our deaths. It has been possible



*Enjoying Summer Garden Beauty*  
*Photo courtesy of Clare Irwin*

to update this decision as necessary and its very existence became a reassuring factor in our lives over many years.

Sadly, Tammy (Thomasine) Irwin passed on in late 2020. YESS is so grateful for the many blessings received by Tammy in life, for the quiet and long-lasting effects of her forethought and that of her husband Clare, and for the ripple effects of their kindness to others. Youth have found their footing, have begun to thrive, and many more will continue to do so - the very definition of a living legacy. ■



# CAUSE, PEOPLE, PURPOSE: A LEGACY OF YESS CULTURE

In over 20 years in social services, I am always asked “why do you do the work you do,” and over the last 9 years at YESS, I have been asked “why do you work at YESS?” It’s very clear that people want to understand the deeper connection that workers in social services have, given that the work can seem heavy or overwhelming or trauma-inducing. My answer has not changed – I am in this field because I believe I have a purpose to help youth, and I work at

concepts of *cause, people* and *purpose*.

When workers within social services are primarily focused on a *cause*, they are focused on an external call to action that is often connected to larger social, environmental or political issues. Tied to a larger collective, this is inherently outward-facing and leads to a legacy that is bigger and larger than any agency. The focus is so large and collective that the place of employment is less about what the agency does but more

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YESS because my purpose contributes to an environment and legacy of empowering, informing, and strategizing to engage others to use their purpose to help youth. Legacy and passion are connected concepts that shape human experiences and guide individuals towards meaningful work. Legacy, itself, embodies the enduring influence one leaves behind, while passion serves as the driving forces that creates that impact to begin with. Like the youth who come to YESS, staff are on a quest for meaning and fulfillment and how to harness their passion to create a legacy. To create an environment that fosters this personal fulfillment, YESS focuses on creating a culture that balances the

about how that agency furthers the identified cause. This is larger sense of social responsibility and can transcend individual experiences within an agency. It can also lead to individuals fighting for the larger cause and not being able to align individual agency needs or expectations or processes within the larger passion. While it can compel individuals to unite for a common cause,

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Jessica Day, Chief Programs Officer

if not fostered in a healthy way, a cause is not shared or seen in the same light of urgency or priority and can create divide within teams.

When workers are primarily focused on the *people* they work with, they are building relationships that give meaning to their life and work. Our relationships, connections and interactions with others in the workplace can be deep and bonding. Whether it is shared lived experiences or shared connection to the work, finding a “work family” can often be a driving reason for why individuals stay at an organization. People are the agents of change and our relationship to others can play a critical role in how we internalize our own power to change the world. It can help individuals feel fulfilled and connected and drive engagement forward. While there are benefits to relating to and serving and mentoring others in an organization, it can be

hard to accept when those connected with leave or are terminated. It can feel like meaning has shifted for those who remain at the organization and can often leave staff untethered or confused on how to rebuild that environment of connection and change.

In order to balance and intertwine a positive call to a cause and healthy connections with other people, YESS needed to create a culture that also made space for defining *purpose*.

Purpose is our internal compass and our deeply personal reason for existence or action. In the case of social services, it is an overarching sense of meaning that provides direction, focus and motivation. Purpose is the “why” behind what individuals do and emerges from their personal values, passions and desires for

change. When individuals can find their purpose, they seek out agencies and environments that share their personal motivation and can lead to long-term commitments to the specific work being done within the specific agencies. There is a tie between personal values and work values that result in mutual action and accountability; a link for personal growth, self-fulfillment and a sense of belonging in the larger narrative of the world.

Humans are complex individuals who are, by nature, seeking connections. At YESS, our purpose is clear – we walk beside traumatized youth, so they get the help they need, when they need it. Our cause is clear – we focus on improving the lives of traumatized youth. Our relationships are clearly defined –

every department aligns with the same purpose and cause and the work is directly impacting the youth. When all three are aligned in a simple yet clear objective, workers start to share their passions and causes and build up their purpose to be more defined and magical with the people who share their values. So much can be said for the richness that comes when there is a healthy balance between all three motivators. The positive and healthy culture that is needed to role model for the youth served is deep and meaningful and when in balance, can create a legacy that is bigger than any one individual, staff or youth. It creates a legacy of stability, transparency, compassion and change.

## LIVE YOUR LEGACY

Each life is as unique as a personal signature: Bold and commanding; whimsical and artistic; expressive and energetic; straightforward and impactful; rounded and consistent.

A multiplicity of personalities that value decisiveness and clarity; approachability and trust; resiliency of spirit; inspired creativity; stability and resolve.

Follow along as YESS reflects on the transformative impact of living your legacy amidst cause, people and purpose.



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# DONATING SECURITIES TO A REGISTERED CHARITY THROUGH YOUR REGISTERED AND NON-REGISTERED ACCOUNTS

As long time supporters of YESS, we asked our friends at The Campbell Financial Advisory Group with CIBC Wood Gundy for some insights into the benefits of donating securities

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Donating publicly traded securities, or mutual funds, to a registered charity in Canada is a tax-efficient way to give back. If you hold investments such as stocks, mutual funds, or ETFs in a non-registered account or a registered account like a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF), or Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA), you can arrange to donate these assets either during your lifetime or on your death. This article explores how to structure these donations, the tax benefits, and key considerations when planning your charitable giving.

## Donating Securities from a Registered Account

Registered accounts like RRSPs, RRIFs, and TFSAs offer tax-sheltered growth, but withdrawals from certain accounts (such as RRSPs and RRIFs) are fully taxable as income. By naming a charity as the beneficiary of these accounts or donating securities from them through your will, you can reduce taxes while supporting a cause you care about.

### 1. Naming a Charity as a Beneficiary of Your RRSP, RRIF, or TFSA

One simple way to donate securities from a registered account is by naming a registered charity as a direct beneficiary, where permitted by provincial law. Upon your passing, the remaining assets in the account will transfer to the charity without passing through your estate, which has several advantages:

- **Avoids Probate Fees** – Since the assets pass directly to the charity, they are not subject to probate (estate administration) fees, which can be significant depending on the province.
- **Generates a Tax Credit** – The fair market value of the investments or cash that is transferred to the charity from an RRSP or RRIF will be included in your final tax return. The charitable donation tax credit can help offset the taxes owed on that final tax return, including taxes on other income you have in your final year.

- **Simple to Set Up** – Updating your beneficiary designation is straightforward and can be done through your financial institution.

### 2. Donating Securities from a Registered Account Through Your Will

If you prefer, you can donate securities from a registered account through your will instead of naming a charity as a direct beneficiary. This approach allows for greater flexibility in deciding how your assets will be distributed among family, friends, and charities.

- Your estate would withdraw and donate the securities or their cash equivalent to a registered charity. The fair market value of the securities, or cash, on your date of death would be included in your final tax return.
- Your estate would receive a charitable donation tax credit of up to 100% of net income in the year of death (or the prior year if not fully used).
- However, assets passing through your estate may be subject to probate fees and potential creditor claims.

To ensure your wishes are followed, work with an estate planner or lawyer to properly document your intentions in your will.

## Donating Securities from a Non-Registered Account

When you donate publicly traded stocks, mutual funds, or ETFs directly to a charity instead of selling them first, you avoid paying capital gains tax on any appreciation. Additionally, you receive a charitable donation tax receipt for the full fair market value of the securities at the time of transfer, which can help reduce your taxable income. This method allows both you and the charity to benefit—your tax burden is minimized, and the charity receives the full value of the assets.

## Advantages of Donating Securities from a Non-Registered Account:

- **Eliminates Capital Gains Tax** – Avoid paying tax on any appreciation of donated securities.
- **Maximizes Charitable Impact** – The charity receives the full value of the securities rather than the after-tax proceeds from a sale.
- **Charitable Donation Tax Credit** – Receive a tax receipt for the fair market value of the donated securities, reducing your taxes.
- **More Tax-Efficient Than Cash Donations** – Avoids liquidating investments and incurring taxes before making a donation.
- **Flexible Giving Strategy** – You can choose which securities to donate, optimizing tax benefits while maintaining your financial goals.
- **Potential to Offset Other Taxes** – If you have high taxable income in a given year, the donation credit can help reduce your overall tax liability.

### The Campbell Financial Advisory Group

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## Overview

Method	Process	Tax Benefits	Probate Impact	Flexibility & Control	Additional Considerations
<b>Registered Accounts by Beneficiary Designation</b>	Where permitted by provincial law, name a charity as the direct beneficiary on your RRSP, RRIF, or TFSA so the assets transfer automatically upon death.	Generates a donation tax credit based on the securities' fair market value.	Assets bypass probate, reducing fees and administrative delays.	Less flexible post-designation; the transfer is automatic once set.	Beneficiary designations should be reviewed periodically to reflect changing wishes.
<b>Registered Accounts Through Your Will</b>	Instruct in your will that securities from your registered accounts be donated to the charity at estate settlement.	Similar tax advantages as a beneficiary designation, with the estate able to claim a charitable donation tax credit.	Assets pass through probate, potentially incurring fees.	Offers more flexibility in how assets are allocated among heirs and charities.	Requires detailed estate planning and legal guidance to manage probate and creditor claims.
<b>Non-Registered Accounts</b>	Donate securities held in non-registered investment accounts directly to the charity during your lifetime.	Eliminates capital gains tax on donated securities; you receive a tax receipt for the full fair market value.	Typically, direct donations avoid probate	Greater control over timing and selection of assets to donate.	Consider liquidity needs and timing; professional advice can help maximize tax benefits.

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## The Role of Financial Planning in Charitable Giving

A well-structured financial plan helps uncover a client's values and long-term goals, including their desire to support charitable causes. Through conversations about estate planning, tax efficiency, and legacy wishes, financial advisors can identify opportunities to incorporate charitable giving into a client's overall wealth strategy. Many individuals may not initially consider donating securities or naming a charity as a beneficiary of their registered accounts, but with proper guidance, they can see how these strategies align with their financial well-being and philanthropic intentions. By integrating charitable giving into financial planning, clients can make informed decisions that maximize both the impact of their donations and the benefits to their estate.

## Conclusion

Whether donated during your lifetime or on your death, securities gifts provide vital funding for the Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) programs, ensuring that vulnerable youth receive the support they need. By choosing to donate securities, you not only maximize your tax benefits but also create meaningful, long-term change in the lives of young people. Your generosity helps YESS provide safety, stability, and opportunities for youth to build a brighter future. ■

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### DID YOU KNOW

Donating publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds, and mutual funds) can be done at any time of the year. Starting early is a perfect way to avoid that last minute crunch.

When donating securities from a non-registered account during your lifetime, it is important to know that the ownership of the shares must be transferred in-kind to realize a tax benefit.

Have your broker transfer your shares in-kind directly to YESS through our CIBC Investor's Edge account using a **Letter of Authorization/Direction to Transfer Securities**.

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# BUILDING A FUTURE THAT REFLECTS THE VERY BEST OF OUR COMMUNITY

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Serving on the Board of Directors for Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS) in Edmonton has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. YESS is more than just a place for vulnerable youth to seek shelter; it's a hub of hope, transformation, and opportunity. Our mission is to walk beside youth on their journey towards healing and independence, and it's a cause I deeply believe in—so much so that I'm also a proud monthly donor.

Monthly contributions are just one of the many ways people support YESS, but they are part of a much broader network of giving that sustains this critical organization. From individual

we provide to youth today will still be available for generations to come. It's a testament to your belief in the work we do and your commitment to shaping a better future for our community.

At YESS, we are incredibly grateful for those who consider legacy giving as part of their philanthropic plans. These gifts provide a crucial foundation for our long-term sustainability. They allow us to plan ahead, weather financial uncertainties, and invest in initiatives that yield lasting change. When a legacy donor makes an unrestricted gift to YESS, it allows the organization to use the funds where they are needed most within YESS's overall mission - whether to contribute

mission will continue to make an impact long after they're gone. That's why we've developed a comprehensive five-year strategic plan focused on growth, innovation, and financial stability.

Our strategic plan is more than just a roadmap—it's a commitment to excellence and sustainability. We are focusing on expanding access to trauma-informed care, strengthening community partnerships, enhancing staff training, and, most importantly, securing the financial resources needed to support these priorities. Financial stability isn't just an internal goal; it's a public promise that YESS will be here tomorrow, next year, and decades into the future.

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donations and corporate sponsorships to government support and fundraising events, YESS relies on a diverse and resilient stream of funding to carry out its work. One of the most powerful and underestimated forms of giving, however, is legacy giving.

Legacy giving is about more than just writing a cheque. It's a deeply personal way to make a lasting impact. By including YESS in your will or estate plans, you help ensure that the support

to general operations, to support specific programs, or fund capital projects. This flexibility ensures that every gift is aligned with the donor's personal values and the strategic needs of the organization.

As a board, we understand that the confidence of our supporters is key. People want to know that the organizations they invest in will be around for the long haul, that their money will be used wisely, and that the

One exciting initiative tied to our long-term vision is the YESS Director's Fund with the Edmonton Community Foundation (ECF). This fund was established as a dedicated channel for individuals who want to contribute to YESS's legacy in a meaningful and structured way. Contributions to the YESS Director's Fund support long-term initiatives and help build an endowment that can generate income year after year. It's a tangible way to turn today's generosity into tomorrow's opportunity.

Legacy giving isn't just for the wealthy. Anyone can make a meaningful contribution. Whether it's a bequest in a will, a gift of life insurance, or a donation of securities, there are many ways to leave a lasting impact. The key is intention: choosing to make a difference, to stand for something, and to believe

in a future where youth are empowered, supported, and equipped to thrive.

Being part of YESS has shown me the incredible resilience and strength of the youth we serve. It's also shown me the power of a community that comes together to lift them up. Legacy giving is one of the most profound ways to be

part of that story—to plant seeds today that will grow into support, healing, and transformation for generations to come.

If you believe in the work YESS does and want to ensure it continues into the future, I encourage you to consider becoming a donor in any fashion, to consider making a legacy gift. Together,

we can build a future that reflects the very best of our community: compassion, resilience, and unwavering support for our youth.

With thanks,  
Steven Ewaskiw  
YESS Board Chair



Steven Ewaskiw, YESS Board Chair

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# WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN PREPARING TO MAKE A WILL IN ALBERTA

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**Creating a will is an important step to ensure that your wishes are honoured after your passing. For residents of Alberta, preparing to draft a will requires careful consideration of several factors to make it legally valid, reflective of personal intentions and capable of minimizing conflicts. In this article, we will explore the key elements to think about before creating a will and why they are important.**

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## Selecting a personal representative

In Alberta, the term “personal representative” is used instead of “executor,” and this person serves as the cornerstone between your wishes, as outlined in your will, and the distribution of your assets and settling of affairs. Multiple personal representatives can be appointed, but they must act unanimously unless your will states otherwise. When selecting a personal representative, keep in mind factors such as age, health, location, organizational skills, financial literacy, and trustworthiness. Furthermore, selecting a Canadian resident, and specifically an Albertan resident, is preferable in order to avoid your personal representative being required to provide a financial bond to administer your estate and to avoid potential tax residency issues for your estate.

## Designating guardians for minor children

If you have children under the age of 18, naming a guardian for them in your will is critical. This person will assume care of your children if you pass away before they reach adulthood. In Alberta, this nomination in your will is subject to court approval, though courts typically honour the stated preference. You

should discuss this with the potential guardian before preparing your will to ensure their willingness and suitability, providing you with the peace of mind that your children will be well taken care of.

## Identifying assets and liabilities

When preparing your will, it’s crucial to understand your assets—land, belongings, investments, bank accounts, business interests, and outstanding debts. This is because not all assets pass through your estate. Some assets, like jointly owned property or life insurance with a designated beneficiary, transfer directly to certain individuals, bypassing probate, and may not be affected by the terms of your will. Only assets in your sole name or without a beneficiary designation, along with any personal debts, form part of your estate. Misunderstanding which assets pass outside of your estate and which do not can lead to unintended consequences and family disputes.

## Specific gifts

Consider whether you would like to leave specific bequests to individuals or charities. A specific bequest is a designated gift of a particular asset or sum of money. Examples include leaving a family heirloom to a relative, a

set dollar amount to a close friend or a charitable donation to an organization that is important to you. If you intend to make charitable bequests, consider whether the charity prefers direct gifts, endowments or donations of appreciated assets (such as securities) to ensure optimal tax treatment. Clearly identifying specific bequests in your will ensures that these gifts are honoured before the remainder of your estate, known as the “residue,” is distributed.

## Recognizing legal obligations

Alberta’s Wills and Succession Act requires that you make adequate provision for certain individuals in your will, such as a spouse, minor children or dependents with disabilities, among others. If you fail to make adequate provisions for these certain individuals, they may have grounds to make a Family Maintenance and Support (FMS) claim against your estate. This means that even if you intentionally exclude a family member who must be adequately provided for, they could still receive a portion of your estate through a court order. To reduce the risk of disputes or legal challenges, it is important to carefully consider your obligations and seek legal advice when making decisions about asset distributions in your will.

## Addressing digital assets and funeral preferences

Digital assets, such as online accounts, loyalty programs and cryptocurrency should not be overlooked, and their management instructions can be included in your will. You should also specify your funeral or burial wishes in

your will, even though they aren't legally enforceable, as this provides guidance to your personal representative and helps ensure your wishes are respected.

### Evaluating tax implications

On your death, all of your capital property and inventory are deemed to be disposed of at fair market value, and the resulting income and capital gains will need to be reported in your terminal tax return. One of the most important tax planning considerations to think

about when preparing your will is to ensure that the tax liability on your death does not interfere with your plan to make distributions to beneficiaries. Will there be sufficient assets in your estate to pay the taxes and also pass specific assets to your beneficiaries? Meeting with an estate planning lawyer while drafting your will can help structure your estate effectively, reduce tax burdens and ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes.

### Conclusion

Preparing a will goes beyond asset distribution—it offers clarity and peace of mind for families. Taking the time to reflect on your wishes, compile necessary details and seek expert advice will result in a well-prepared will that withstands scrutiny and ensures your legacy is preserved as intended. Starting this process promptly, with attention to both legal and personal considerations, is a proactive step toward securing that outcome. ■



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## What you need to know if you wish to leave a gift to YESS in your Will

### YESS's legal name:

Y.E.S.S.: Youth Emergency Shelter Society of Edmonton  
o/a (YESS) Youth Empowerment and Support Services

### Full mailing address:

9310 82 Avenue NW  
Edmonton AB T6C 0Z6

### CRA Registered Charitable No.:

12953-7437 RR 0001

### Sample wording for a Specific gift in your Will:

"I give to Y.E.S.S.: Youth Emergency Shelter Society of Edmonton o/a (YESS) Youth Empowerment and Support Services currently of 9310 82 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T6C 0Z6, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used at the discretion of the organization."

### Sample wording for a Residual gift in your Will:

"I give to Y.E.S.S.: Youth Emergency Shelter Society of Edmonton o/a (YESS) Youth Empowerment and Support Services currently of 9310 82 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB, T6C 0Z6, all (or \_\_\_\_\_%) of the residue of my estate, to be used at the discretion of the organization."

# DOES THE WORK OF YESS ALIGN WITH YOUR PERSONAL VALUES AND LONG-TERM PHILANTHROPIC GOALS?

We strive to do all we can to ensure that YESS will always be here for kids who needs us. Gifts made through wills or other estate planning methods, will ensure a profound and lasting impact on young people's lives by providing ongoing support for our organization to empower youth as they heal and build brighter futures.

Will you consider including YESS in your estate plans? Every legacy gift to YESS is an intentional step with purpose and meaning, and a way to help YESS thrive in its commitment to champion youth who reach out in their need for healing, relief, and guidance.

We'd be happy to work with you, your family, and your advisors on a confidential basis to ensure that your gift meets your philanthropic goals.

If you have already provided for a legacy gift to YESS in your estate plans, we'd be delighted to learn in confidence about your future plans. Thank you for your life-changing gift! It will surely help to enable struggling young people to heal, improve their well-being, find connection, stability – and to realize healthy futures.

To learn more about making a legacy gift, please contact Eileen Papulkas  
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