

## Your legacy to end MS:

# Bequests

*“I’ve made a gift in my will to achieve the immediate and the long term; the local and the global.”* Kathleen Murphy

### What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift made through your will, and is the most common form of legacy gift for Canadians. There are different ways to make a bequest to the MS Society:

1. Specific Bequest: a gift of a fixed amount of cash or a particular asset.
2. Percentage share: a gift of a percentage of the whole estate.
3. Contingent bequest: a gift that will take effect only in the event of the prior death of other named beneficiaries.

### What are the benefits?

You can establish a bequest for the MS Society by contacting your lawyer. It’s very easy – and that’s a benefit to you. Another benefit is flexibility – you can choose a specific amount or a percentage of your estate, and you can amend or revoke your will at any time. You choose what’s best for you. Additionally, you benefit from reduced taxes payable on your estate, as your estate receives a charitable tax receipt for your gift. Finally, there is a tremendous benefit to our cause. You help the MS Society invest in research and services without impacting funds you need for your daily life.



### What are my next steps?

1. Make an appointment with your lawyer. Your lawyer will help you with the key information and details. And to start the conversation you can use this as sample language for discussion:

*“I direct my Estate Trustee to pay the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate) to be used for such purposes as the Society and its Board of Directors may from time to time determine.”*

2. Create a will that reflects your wishes.
3. Contact the MS Society to inform us of your gift.

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## Who can I talk to?

You can connect with us at any time to discuss your legacy options. Please contact your local MS legacy expert at 1-800-268-7582 or [MSlegacy@mssociety.ca](mailto:MSlegacy@mssociety.ca). Your questions will be kept confidential and no commitment is required.

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