



## Top 10 things

### you can do to leave a legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Leave a gift in your will for the charity that makes a difference in your life.
3. Leave a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your assets or your residual estate to a charity.
4. Consider using assets for your legacy gift.
5. Name a charity as a beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF or pension plan.
6. Name your favourite charity as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
7. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming your favourite charity as the beneficiary.
8. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.
9. Encourage family and friends to leave a gift for charities in their wills.
10. Ask your financial or estate planning advisor to include charitable giving as part of your estate plan.

"The things you do for yourself are gone when you are gone, but the things you do for others remain as your legacy."  
- Kalu Kalu

## About Bonny Lea Farm

Bonny Lea Farm is a charitable organization founded in 1973, located on 80 acres in Chester, Nova Scotia.

We provide residential, day and vocational programs and specialized services for adults living with various disabilities such as Down syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, acquired brain injury, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, visual and hearing impairments and other neurological and genetic disorders.

Our more than 45 participants come from across Nova Scotia and beyond. We are funded through government grants, private foundations and continuous fundraising.

Gifts may be made to Bonny Lea Farm or to the Bonny Lea Charitable Foundation, established in 2003 to support Bonny Lea Farm in delivering its mission.

## Our Mission

Bonny Lea Farm is committed to empowering special needs individuals, providing opportunities to experience faith, self-respect, love one for another, dignity, integrity, productivity, and responsible community living.

## Our Vision

Each person who comes to Bonny Lea Farm has the chance to learn, grow, and succeed.

"If it wasn't for Bonny Lea  
I don't know where I'd be."  
- Rose Deveau

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## Leaving Your Legacy

Planting the seeds for tomorrow



Making a legacy gift enables you to ensure your goals and values affect future generations.



Personal Dignity & Worth  
through Productive Living



## Why Make a Legacy Gift?

For most people, remembering family and friends in our will is an important part of our legacy. As we look to make an impact in our communities, we are increasingly thinking about organizations whose values matter to us and that are making a difference.

Bonny Lea Farm is the result of the vision of a few people and made possible through the generous support of many. Some support our annual fund drive. Others attend our events throughout the year or purchase the products made by one of our onsite social enterprises. But some of the truly transformative gifts have been by people who made a commitment through their will to leave a legacy gift – bequests, life insurance policies, retirement plans or other financial planning tools.

Leaving behind a philanthropic legacy can make a lasting impact, promoting the ideals and values that are important to you. It ensures that those ideals will continue to improve the quality of life for others long after you are gone.

Discover the joy of making a positive impact on the lives of others. Make a legacy gift today.

Every gift helps.

“As a donor I know that I am able to make a difference in the lives of people who thrive on the many experiences that are offered at Bonny Lea Farm.”

- Margo Hemming, donor

## How do I plan a Legacy Gift?

There are a number of tools you can use to leave a legacy gift. Below are some examples.

### Life Insurance

By making a charity the owner or beneficiary of your existing life insurance policy you will receive a tax receipt for any cash value in the policy and the resulting tax credit after your death could reduce the tax burden on your heirs.

Purchasing a new life insurance policy and naming a charity as the owner and beneficiary will not only give a transformative gift to a cause that matters to you, you will also receive tax receipts for your annual premiums. This allows you to make a substantial future gift at a reduced after-tax cost.

### Stocks & Securities

Signing over shares of stocks or securities that have gained value since their purchase, not only helps us deliver our mission but also offers you or your estate a tax benefit.

### Registered Funds

Registered Funds such as RRSPs and RRIFs have grown in a tax sheltered environment. Designating a charity as beneficiary may make sense. The resulting tax credit could offset the income tax due on your estate.

### Bequests

After ensuring that your family is taken care of, you may wish to make a bequest to a charity, such as Bonny Lea Farm, in your will thereby helping to ensure our sustainability into the future. Some people specify a certain dollar amount, while others leave a percentage of their estate or the residual amount after all other heirs have been provided for.

### Real Assets

Leaving real estate, art or other items of value is also an option. Your estate will receive a tax benefit for the assessed or sale value of the item.



## Next Steps

- Contact us to discuss your goals for your gift.
- Discuss your plans with your financial advisor and lawyer.
- Include your plans in your will.
- If your gift is designated for a particular purpose, it is recommended that you include a provision for the charity to use your gift to support its work in the event the original purpose is no longer possible.
- Communicate your plans with your family.
- Relax, knowing that you have made arrangements to provide for your family's and your community's future.

A legacy gift is an effective tool in estate planning.

Plan your Legacy Gift today.

To find out more about how you can help create the future at Bonny Lea Farm or to let us know about a legacy gift you have planned for us, call Liz at 902-275-5622 ext 241 or email [efinney@bonnyleafarm.ca](mailto:efinney@bonnyleafarm.ca).