

# A Gift in Your Will



Including a gift to United Way Simcoe Muskoka in your will is an act that is generous, powerful and surprisingly simple. Some donors have chosen to provide a future gift to continue to support United Way's work to reduce poverty across Simcoe Muskoka.

Through your will, you can gift securities, a sum of money or a percentage of your estate. It allows you to leave a larger gift than you might be able to afford now or in the future, while still remaining in control of your assets.

Every gift in every will makes a difference.

## The Advantages of Including a Gift in Your Will

1. Satisfaction of providing a future gift while retaining control of your assets.
2. A gift in your will allows you to leave a larger gift to United Way Simcoe Muskoka than might be possible during your lifetime.
3. A charitable tax receipt for your estate.
4. Reduction or elimination of estate taxes through careful planning.



## Next Steps

1. **Speak to your family and loved ones.**
2. **Speak to your lawyer about drafting or revising your will, an essential step to protect your family's future and to ensure that your assets are distributed according to your intentions.**
3. **Include the appropriate wording in your will. This could be, "I bequeath to United Way Simcoe Muskoka \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate of \$\_\_\_\_\_."**
4. **Contact us to let us know about your gift. It will give us the opportunity to thank you and, more importantly, to discuss what you hope your gift will accomplish. Of course, we will respect your privacy and confidentiality.**

# Why United Way Simcoe Muskoka?

Poverty is an everyday reality for more than 60,000 Simcoe Muskoka residents. That's a reality that forces people to make the daily choice between going to work or staying home to watch their children, without pay. It's a reality that stops youth from attending a higher education. Its a reality that increases the likelihood of mental and physical health problems.

We want to change that reality, and you can help.

By supporting United Way Simcoe Muskoka, you are giving hope to someone that has to deal with the daily hardships of poverty.

Hope that their house will stay warm for the winter.

Hope that their children will grow up to be the best that they can be.

Hope for a better life.

## Contact Us!

**United Way Simcoe Muskoka offers simple, flexible and thoughtful options that can help you attain financial benefits while amplifying the impact your gift has and the legacy of generosity you will leave.**

**To discuss a gift in your will, please contact:**

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