



**YWCA**  
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**Your Legacy:**

Nurturing the well-being of  
women, girls, and their families



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YWCA Saskatoon is a welcoming and vibrant community-based organization that provides preventative and emergent services to women and their families.

Since 1910, we have been a place for people to find stability, grow together, overcome personal obstacles, and gain a new respect for their abilities and passion.

We are a member of YWCA Canada and our funding comes from government, granting agencies, charitable donations, and fee-for-service.

We currently employ more than 120 people and serve thousands of women, men, youth, and children annually.



**Vision:**

Women, girls and their families are empowered in a safe, equitable community.

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**Mission:**

Honouring our commitment to women's issues, we provide services, programs and advocacy to advance reconciliation, independence, wellness and equal opportunities.



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“The shelter at the YWCA exceeds anything else in the city when it comes to helping women in poverty and fleeing abuse. I think this is one of its great strengths. It always has been historically. **It provides the residents a great opportunity to turn their lives around.**”

When I received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** in 2017 I was very touched. I saw this gesture as bringing me full circle because the YWCA was where my volunteer efforts involved the construction in 1984 of the present building. My then role as President of the YWCA, at the ripe age of 31, gave me leadership skills and the confidence to pursue other volunteer experiences in the community for 40 more years.

Because of my personal involvement as the President of the board of the YWCA I knew the need was great. **It’s for this reason that I have left a gift in my will.**

Thank you, YWCA Saskatoon for the impactful part you have had in my life and in the lives of so many others.”

– Kathryn Ford, K.C.  
Honourary Chair,  
YWCA's Shine a Light Forever Circle

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the YWCA.

When I came into the Turning Points Program I just had enough. I had enough of accepting my ex's calls from jail. I had enough of letting men use me. I had enough of the drugs. I had enough of pain. I was completely broken.

I first came to the YWCA in 2017 through their Crisis Shelter & Residence for a 30-day stay. I was then admitted into the YWCA Turning Points Program in 2018, where my life slowly started to change for the better. The staff welcomed me and made me feel as if I would never be forgotten or abandoned again. It was a genuine sense of support and love. I am living proof that the YWCA's Turning Points Program is a life-changing opportunity for women who are in situations like my own.


### **I have grown so much from this place.**

The YWCA directly contributed to the woman I am today, and the reason I am able to share my story. If you had asked me four years ago where I thought I'd be today, I would never have envisioned my current life for myself. **I want to start being a role model to help and work with youth.** And I want to do something involving law and helping women.

Today, I am four years sober, and nearing the completion of my Grade 12 certificate. I am just getting started.

The YWCA was a safe place for me."

– Heaven Leigh,  
Past Resident in YWCA Turning  
Points Program

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is leaning against the thick, textured trunk of a large tree. She is wearing a white ribbed tank top under a dark purple cardigan and blue jeans. She is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. The background is a soft-focus park scene with green grass, trees, and a paved path. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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## Shine A Light Forever Circle

By joining our **Shine A Light Forever Circle**, you will provide future support to ensure that the well-being of women, girls, and their families continues far into the future.

The **Shine A Light Forever Circle** is open to all who leave a planned gift to the YWCA. There is no minimum level of giving and there are no obligations of any kind.

Those arranging for a legacy gift are eligible for recognition in our **Shine A Light Forever Circle**, by informing the YWCA that you have included us in your estate plans.

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## How to become a member of our Shine A Light Forever Circle

**Step 1.** Consult your lawyer and designate the YWCA Saskatoon Inc. (our legal name) as a beneficiary of your estate plans.

**Step 2.** Please let us know of your intentions by downloading and sending us the **Legacy Gift Notification Form**. Most information on the form is optional and all will be kept in strictest confidence.

[ywcasaskatoon.com/support](http://ywcasaskatoon.com/support)

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## What are the benefits of a **Shine A Light Forever Circle** membership?

You may choose to have your name listed in the roster of **Shine A Light Forever Circle** members, or you may choose to be an anonymous member. To commemorate those joining now as Founding members and to acknowledge your lasting impact on the YWCA, you will receive a special Founder donor pin.

### **Other benefits include:**

- Welcome letter from the YWCA Saskatoon Board Chair
- Certificate of membership
- Recognized as a member of the **Shine A Light Forever Circle** in the foyer of the YWCA Saskatoon Building
- Recognized as a member of **Shine A Light Forever Circle** in the YWCA's Annual Report and newsletter
- Founders' pinning ceremony at Women of Distinction dinner
- Invitations to the annual Donor Event

The satisfaction of making a gift will ensure the work of the YWCA Saskatoon will continue far into the future!

*Your generosity will  
shine a light of hope  
for women, children  
and families.*

# Ways To Leave a Legacy Gift

## Gift in will

By far the simplest way to leave a gift is to include the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** (our legal name) as a beneficiary of your will. A gift in your will ensures your legacy lives on and by doing this you can also reduce tax payable by your estate. We can provide sample will clauses for your convenience.

## Gift of shares or mutual funds

Transferring publicly traded securities or mutual funds from your brokerage account to the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** eliminates your capital gains tax. This generates greater tax saving than if you sold the securities and then donated the cash proceeds.

## Gift of life insurance

Consider transferring ownership of an existing life insurance policy that is no longer required for your family's financial security to the YWCA. Donating an existing life insurance policy involves designating the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** as the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy that you no longer need. You can also purchase a new policy and donate the policy to the YWCA by making the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** as the owner and beneficiary. You will benefit from receiving a charitable tax receipt for the value of the policy.

If you wish to remain the owner of the policy, your estate will receive a charitable tax receipt by naming the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** the beneficiary of the policy.

## Gift of a RRSP, RRIF, TFSA

You can name the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** as the beneficiary of your RRSP, RRIF, or TFSA. Your estate will receive a charitable donation receipt for the funds received when you name the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.** as the direct beneficiary of a RRSP, RRIF or TFSA.

Setting up such a donation is as simple as asking your financial advisor or financial institution to change the beneficiary to the **YWCA Saskatoon Inc.**

# Our Commitment To You

Our **10 promises** to those who leave a legacy gift to the YWCA in your will.

We know this is a big decision to make, which is why we want you to feel comfortable about considering it.

## These are our commitments to you:

- 1** We will always respect your privacy. We recognize and appreciate that your will is completely personal to you.
- 2** We also realize that your family and loved ones will always come first.
- 3** Because we are committed to making a difference that will benefit women and girls, we always encourage people to leave something to the YWCA, but we recognize that it's your decision and you need to make it in your own time.
- 4** You can tell us that you left a gift if you want to, and we'd love to hear, but you don't need to tell us and we won't keep asking you.
- 5** If you do choose to tell us, we will give you the choice about how we talk to you in the future about our work at the YWCA.
- 6** We will give you and your family as much choice as we can about how and where your gift will be used to benefit women and girls.
- 7** We will use your gift carefully and cost-effectively so it has the greatest impact in our work and for those we serve.
- 8** We will give you the opportunity to be connected with the work we do that is made possible by gifts like yours.
- 9** At any time in the future you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your will to the YWCA.
- 10** We will handle whatever gift you leave us efficiently and with care, sensitivity and respect.

The YWCA encourages you to have open conversations with your family about your decision and to always seek the advice of a financial advisor and lawyer.

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For sample will language please call the YWCA Saskatoon at (306)-986-2870.



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## Understanding Legacy Giving

If you are not sure where to begin, check out our website for additional information. Or call us, we would love to have a conversation with you.

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If you are ready to join, or have any questions about joining the **Shine A Light Forever Circle** contact Carla at **(306)-986-2870** or **[cdelgado@ywcaskatoon.com](mailto:cdelgado@ywcaskatoon.com)**

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