

Leave a Gift to Sunshine

Your Legacy will Make Dreams Come True



Dreams Forever

Making a bequest to The Sunshine Foundation of Canada as part of your estate planning is an easy way to ensure continued opportunities for children living with severe physical disabilities or life-threatening illnesses. By making this gift, you will be leaving a **legacy of life-long impact**, ensuring that more children can dream big and dream bold.

With careful consideration of your personal and family needs, a bequest can be tailored to fit your particular circumstances and financial priorities. Leave your own legacy or memorialize someone who is especially important in your life by making a bequest to Sunshine in their name.

The Power of a Sunshine Dream

Sunshine believes that every child should be able to realize their dreams. As a national Canadian charity, Sunshine Dream Programs give children across Canada the opportunity to experience freedom from their daily regimens and challenges by having their dreams transformed into reality, impacting them with a sense of independence, confidence, and empowerment that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Sunshine Dream Programs are **once-in-a-lifetime experiences** for kids that ignite a sense of newfound independence, build confidence, and create joyful memories. Without government or United Way funding, we depend on the generosity of individual donors, business supporters and volunteers across the country to help us make these dreams come true.

Kaydence's Sunshine Dream

Five-year-old Kaydence from St. Thomas, Ontario, is one of Disney's biggest fans—she has always fancied herself a Disney princess. Born with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy, she's had to undergo intensive surgery and endless hours of physiotherapy.

Her Sunshine Dream was to meet the Disney princesses and get her own princess makeover. Thanks to the generosity of Sunshine's supporters, Kaydence's dream came true, leaving her in complete awe. At Disney, she wanted to go everywhere and see everything, and she never stopped smiling.



Having her Sunshine Dream fulfilled gave her a terrific boost of confidence and motivation. She started using her canes more often rather than her walker and was able to increase the distance she walked on her own. Her dream showed her that she can conquer anything she puts her mind to.

Become a Dream Guardian

Consider making a planned gift to Sunshine through your will or other options, such as gifts of life insurance and gifts of securities. No matter the size, your gift will help continue to spread hope and optimism for kids, encouraging them to dream big and dream bold.

Bequest Types

- **Will**—you can allocate to Sunshine of a specific dollar amount from your estate, the residual amount or a percentage of your estate, and/or a specific asset or items from your estate, such as a piece of property or a vehicle.
- **Life Insurance**— you can make a large gift in the future by paying relatively small life insurance premiums now. Naming Sunshine as the owner or beneficiary of a life insurance policy (new or existing) will also entitle you to tax advantages.
- **Securities**— reduce capital gains by donating securities (stocks, bonds, GICs) directly to Sunshine. A donation receipt is issued for the market value of the security, net of fees at the date the transfer is received by Sunshine.

Advantages of Bequests

- **Reduced taxes**— your estate will receive a valuable tax credit, which can be applied up to 100% of your net income in the year of death as well as the preceding year, according to Canadian tax laws.
- **It's flexible**— there is a wide range of options available to fit your needs.
- Your will can **be amended or revoked** by you at any time
- **It's easy to do** by contacting your lawyer

We recommend consulting with your own tax or legal advisor prior to making a planned gift. We are available to assist you and your legal counsel with sample bequest wording to ensure your wishes are fully realized. If including Sunshine in your will, let us know so we may thank you for your gift.

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