



When You Give to ReForest London

Your gift will help us:

- Expand tree planting across London
- Nurture a thriving urban forest
- Promote community education and stewardship
- Protect natural spaces for future generations



Giving to Remain a Faithful Steward

I believe we were entrusted with the care of the earth - not as its owners, but as its stewards. That conviction shapes how I live, and it's why I chose to leave a legacy gift to ReForest London. Planting trees, restoring land, and protecting creation are part of a sacred duty. This gift is my way of remaining faithful to that calling, even after I'm gone.

– Anonymous, ReForest London Legacy Donor



At ReForest London, we believe in the power of trees to transform our community and our planet. By including ReForest London in your estate plans, you can ensure that your commitment to a greener, healthier world lives on for generations to come.



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Charitable Number: 845793991RR0001



What About My Loved Ones?

Making a gift in your will is a very personal choice, we understand this is not for everyone. Many people do come to realize that they have enough in their estate to care for family members and allocate a share to causes that are most important to them. That's why we also recommend Residual or Flexible Bequests where you give a percentage of your estate.

What is Legacy Giving?

Legacy giving (also called planned giving) is a way to make a charitable contribution as part of your long-term financial or estate plan. These gifts are often arranged during your lifetime but come into effect in the future, typically after your passing.

What if I need to Change My Will?

We understand that circumstances can change. A gift in your will is revocable, meaning you can update or modify it at any time. Your will remains fully under your control. Keeping it current ensures it reflects your wishes and gives you peace of mind that the people and causes you care about will be taken care of.



What if I Want to Help More than One Charity?

If you have multiple causes close to your heart, you can absolutely include more than one charity in your will. We recommend speaking with your lawyer to ensure your will is structured in a way that accurately reflects your wishes and supports all the organizations you care about.

Have More Questions?

Let's
talk:



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Statement from the Executive Director

Legacy giving is, at its heart, an act of responsibility.

We are each called to care for this world not only as it is, but also as what it could be - better cared for, more abundant, and enduring for generations to come. The trees we plant today are a gift we pass forward, a quiet promise that we will leave this place better than we found it.

A legacy gift extends that promise. It is how we leave behind more than memories. A legacy gift says: I was here, and I cared enough to act. And in that final act of care, the world is left a little better than before.

– **Rodger Moran**

Executive Director, Finance & Business Development



Must I Inform You About My Plans?

While it is not required, we would be grateful to know about your intentions. It allows us to recognize your generosity (if you wish), plan for the future, and ensure your gift is used as you envision.

How Can I Choose Where My Gift Goes?

While we encourage gifts to our Area of Highest Need to allow the greatest flexibility in addressing emerging priorities, we do understand that you might be more passionate about supporting a specific program. To explore the various programs you can contribute to, please visit: reforestlondon.ca/programs



How Much Do I Give?

Every gift—large or small—makes a difference. We recommend speaking with your legal or financial advisor to explore the best option for your situation.

How Do I Give?

- Include ReForest London in your will or trust
- Name ReForest London as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or RRSP/RRIF
- Set up a charitable bequest or donor-advised fund through a community foundation
- Through publicly traded shares

What About Taxes?

When you leave a gift to charity in your will, your estate can claim it as a tax deduction. This will help lower the amount of income tax your estate has to pay. If you choose to donate stocks or other investments, your estate won't have to pay tax on any increase in their value—so your gift goes even further.

I have decided to leave a gift in my will to one of ReForest London's Programs. What should I do?

Thank you for considering a legacy gift to ReForest London. You can choose to leave a specific amount, a residual gift (a percentage of your estate), or a flexible gift. To make the process easier, we are providing you with the information you will need to include in your will. Simply bring this with you to your appointment with your lawyer.



Sample Wording for a Bequest in a Will to Our Programs

Set amount:

I give (Insert % of estate or dollar value or shares) to ReForest London, Registered Charity Number: 845793991RR0001. I would like the donation to be directed to ReForest London's_____.

Flexible Bequest:

My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate, whichever is the greater/lesser (or transfer assets with an equal value) to ReForest London, Registered Charity Number: 845793991RR0001. I would like the donation to be directed to ReForest London's_____.

Donors may direct their gifts to one or more of the following: *Community Tree Nursery, Environmental Education Programs, Parks & Naturalization, the Development of the Westminster Ponds Centre*, or simply to our *Area of Highest Need*.

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Bequest Directly to ReForest London Endowment Fund

You can also leave a bequest to us through our partners at the London Community Foundation (LCF). They will ensure your gift is directed to ReForest London via our dedicated endowment fund.

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Leave a legacy of trees



Help grow a forest



Inspire the future

Sample Wording for a Bequest in a Will to Our Endowment Fund at LCF

Set amount:

I give and bequeath (Insert % of estate or dollar value or shares) to the London Community Foundation, Registered Charity # 10764 1953 RR0001. The Foundation, upon receipt of this bequest, shall direct the bequest to the capital of the ReForest London Endowment Fund - The Community and Corporate Stewardship Fund.

Residual Bequest:

I give and bequeath % of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to the London Community Foundation, Registered Charity # 10764 1953 RR0001. The Foundation, upon receipt of this bequest, shall direct the bequest to the capital of the ReForest London Endowment Fund - The Community and Corporate Stewardship Fund.

Flexible Bequest:

My estate trustees shall pay the sum of \$_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate, whichever is the greater/lesser (or transfer assets with an equal value) to the London Community Foundation, Registered Charity # 10764 1953 RR0001. The Foundation, upon receipt of this bequest, shall direct the bequest to the capital of the ReForest London Endowment Fund - The Community and Corporate Stewardship Fund.