**“When women have power, girls can dream!” – Ann Southam**

**Including the Canadian Women’s Foundation in your Estate Plan**

Leaving a bequest in your will is one of the easiest ways to support the initiatives funded by the Canadian Women’s Foundation. Bequests and other estate gifts made to the Canadian Women’s Foundation are a significant source of our financial support.

You can make a specific gift of cash, securities, real estate or other property through your will, codicil or trust instrument. You can also designate the Foundation as the beneficiary of all or part of the remainder of your estate or trust after the payment of estate-related expenses, other bequests, or following the death of a spouse or other primary beneficiaries.

You may also consider including Canadian Women’s Foundation in your estate plan by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Undesignated bequests allow the flexibility to fund programs that are currently in need of support. Bequests made as an endowed contribution, whether designated to a specific area of our work or not, generate annual earnings to support our ongoing operations and programs and protect the long-term financial security of the Foundation.

**How to make a bequest**

There are two ways of leaving a bequest to the Canadian Women’s Foundation (the “Foundation”)

1. **Direct assistance to meet our current priorities**

Your gift will provide us with direct assistance to meet our current priorities. You may leave the Foundation with the flexibility to determine how your gift can best be used to support our work (*undesignated)* or you may direct your gift for a specific purpose *(designated).*

1. **Endowment for long-term purposes**

Your gift will be permanently endowed and invested. The investment is administered by the Foundation in accordance with its investment policies. Again, you may leave the Foundation with flexibility to determine how the income can best support the Foundation from year to year (*undesignated)* or be used for specific purposes (*designated*).

**Sample Will Wording for Bequests**

In gifting by bequest, you will need to include specific wording in your will. While your legal counsel is responsible for the legal aspects of your planning, we are pleased to provide the following examples for your reference. We strongly encourage you to seek advice from your lawyer, tax or investment professional to help find the right option for you.

Also, although it is not required, we appreciate having a copy of your will, trust, or life insurance policy for our reference.

* **Undesignated Bequests**
1. **Direct Assistance Sample:**

I give and bequeath **The Canadian Women’s Foundation**,located at 1920 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada with the charitable registration number 12985-5607-RR0001, the sum of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars (or designated property or portion of estate or residue of estate) to be used as the Foundation may deem appropriate.

1. **Endowment Sample:**

I give and bequeath **The Canadian Women’s Foundation** located at 1920 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada with the charitable registration number 12985-5607-RR0001, the sum

of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars (or designated property or portion of estate or the residue of estate) to be held as an endowment fund, the income of which is to be used as the Foundation may deem appropriate.

* **Designated Bequests.**

Bequests may be directed to a specific area of support, including:

* ***Out of Violence***
* ***Out of Poverty***
* ***Girls Empowerment***
* ***Inclusive Leadership***
* ***Policy and research***
* ***Capital (e.g. equipment)***
* ***Operations***
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***Thank you for investing in the strength of women and the dreams of girls.***