

**WAYS TO GIVE** 

## **ESTATE GIFTS (BY WILL)**

## A Step By Step Guide To Leaving A Bequest In Your Will

Thank you for considering a gift by will in your estate planning. Having an up to date will with your most current requests as they pertain to the management of your estate is an important task; and deciding how to distribute assets accumulated during your lifetime is a decision not to be taken lightly. Whistler Community Services Society is honoured that you are considering a gift by will in your planning. Should you come to the decision to leave a bequest in your will to our organization, it is important to ensure your wishes are clearly stated for those who will handle the distribution of your estate.

To simplify this process for you, Whistler Community Services Society recommends these steps to ensure your intentions are clearly outlined:

- 1) Contact your Lawyer or Notary who has managed your will in the past.
- 2) Make an appointment to update your will.
- 3) Instruct your legal representative to update your will by adding an estate gift using this sample paragraph:

"I give and bequeath to Whistler Community Services Society, with an address of 8000 Nesters Road, Whistler, BC, Canada, and charitable registration number 13820-3906 RR\_0001, the sum (or % of residual estate) of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to support the ongoing work of the organization."

- 4) Should you wish to restrict the funds to a particular purpose or objective please contact Whistler Community Services Society (WCSS) to discuss language to be used in the bequest to ensure it aligns with the operations and strategic goals of WCSS.
- 5) Once this is updated in your will and has been filed with the Province or Territory you reside in, please inform Whistler Community Services Society of your intent so we can ensure to thank you for your support. Please advise us via email at <a href="mailto:finance@mywcss.org">finance@mywcss.org</a>.

Thank you once again for considering a bequest to Whistler Community Services Society, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

