How to take part in Free Wills Month

Free Wills Month runs from Friday October 1 to Friday October 29 2021

It is helpful to the lawyer if you have thought about your intentions before your appointment. You can download the Will Planner from our website to help you plan ahead.

To find a participating lawyer please:

- visit our website www.freewillsmonth.ca
- Call 888 337 2884
- Look for our advertisements in your local paper

The charities sponsoring this opportunity are:
Children Believe
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Coast Mental Health Foundation
Greater Vancouver Food Bank
Vancouver Humane Society

On behalf of the charities that will benefit from your kindness – a heartfelt ‘thank you’

Free Wills Month
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Free Wills Month is organized by Capacity Marketing For Charities on behalf of Children Believe, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Coast Mental Health Foundation, Greater Vancouver Food Bank, Vancouver Humane Society.

Aged 55 or over? Make your Will for FREE

www.freewillsmonth.ca

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Charities are paying for people aged 55 and over to have simple Wills written or updated during Free Wills Month.

If you’re making your Will as a couple, only one of you needs to be 55.

This is your opportunity to leave:
- A share or percentage of your estate; half of all gifts left to charities in Wills are a share of the person’s estate after family and friends have been remembered. These gifts save you deciding on precise amounts to leave.
- A sum of money, say $500 or $5000.
- Specific gifts, such as jewellery, furniture, or shares.

A gift in your Will costs you nothing in your lifetime but makes a difference for years to come.

Can you picture a land that is home to vast herds of caribou and abundant wild salmon? A place where ancient trees root the earth to the sky, where orcas swim coastal waters, and where people and communities thrive on and alongside lands and waters?

Be a part of this shared vision for our future. Your gift will protect habitat in the Salish Sea, in BC’s forests, mountains, grasslands, and rivers. Honour your love of nature by making wilderness protection a part of your legacy. Nature is BC’s best hope.

www.cpawsbc.org/fwm

Children Believe works globally to empower children to dream fearlessly; stand up for what they believe in - and be heard. For over 60 years, we’ve brought together brave young dreamers, caring supporters and partners, and unabashed idealists. Together, we’ve driven by a common belief: creating access to education - inside and outside of classrooms - is the most powerful tool children can use to change their world.

By providing a legacy gift to Children Believe, you’re helping vulnerable children overcome poverty and injustice to become the engineers, entrepreneurs and teachers they were born to be.

www.childrenbelieve.ca

People living with mental illness can thrive in our communities if they have access to the right resources: housing, support services and employment and education opportunities.

Your thoughtful gift will ensure that those in need can stay connected to crucial services and programs: everything from a healthy meal to employment training and art therapy. Your kindness can provide care to thousands of people and help them to imagine life beyond mental illness.

Your gift to Coast Mental Health Foundation will help ensure that no matter what the landscape of mental health is like in 20 years, 30 years and beyond, Coast will be here to respond, improve and save lives.

www.coastmentalhealth.com/leavelegacy

Since 1984, the Vancouver Humane Society has been supporting individuals, organizations, and governments to take action for the welfare and rights of animals influenced by human activities. Whether advocating against rodeo cruelty, providing emergency vet funds for companion animals in low income homes, offering resources to help people and businesses choose plant-based options, or lobbying for policies that minimize harm to animals, VHS is dedicated to ending animal suffering in all forms.

Your thoughtful gift to VHS will have a meaningful impact on the lives of animals for years to come. Together, we can create a kinder world where humans and animals can thrive together.

www.vancouverhumane.ca

Your gift to the Greater Vancouver Food Bank will provide healthy food to those who need it the most in our community - more than 8,500 individuals each month and 115 community organizations, including homeless shelters, transition houses and more. You are helping people who are struggling by providing healthy and fresh food for their meals. Three specialized children’s programs are provided for children under age 12 - invest in us to ensure full tummies and healthy growth of our children today and tomorrow.

For every $1 you donate, the Greater Vancouver Food Bank can double each dollar to purchase nutritious, wholesome food, thanks to our relationships with local businesses.

www.foodbank.bc.ca

Many people want to include a charitable gift in their Will but feel uncertain about what they can afford. One answer is to leave a residual gift – the portion of your estate that remains after all specific gifts have been made and all expenses have been paid. You can leave all of the residue or a percentage without having to specify a particular sum. The added advantages to leaving a gift in your Will are the tax credit that can be used to minimize tax liability – and the knowledge that you are supporting a worthy cause. Bearing in mind that COVID-19 might still require social distancing measures, each lawyer taking part in Free Wills Month has their own arrangements in hand to ensure that interviews with clients are held safely.

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