

Gift of life insurance

This type of donation allows you to leave a meaningful legacy, one that reflects your values and is cost-effective. Regardless of the option you choose, the decision you make today will give you the chance to leave your mark and offer a future to hearts in need.

Possible scenarios

Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary

- By designating the Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, we will receive, in whole or in part, the proceeds of your policy at the time of your death.
- Your heirs will receive a tax receipt for the value of the donation, which may reduce the tax burden on your estate.

- In most cases, this scenario will allow you to leave a donation at the time of your death without having to change your will.
- No tax receipt will be issued to you during your lifetime, as your estate will receive the tax benefits.

Purchasing and transferring the ownership of a new policy

- When you purchase a new life insurance policy and transfer its ownership to the Foundation, we also become the beneficiary of the policy and will receive the insured amount upon your death.
- You'll receive an annual tax receipt for the value of the premiums paid over the course of the year.

- You have the option of paying the policy's premiums over several years (for example, over 10 years).
- No tax receipt will be given to your estate, since you'll have enjoyed the tax benefits during your lifetime.
- This scenario can be a worthwhile way to complement your annual gift and thereby increase the value of your donation.

*The transfer may generate a taxable capital gain if the buyback value exceeds the adjusted cost base of the policy. Speak to your financial advisor to ensure that this is a tax-effective option for you.

Transferring the ownership of an existing policy*

- When you transfer the ownership of an existing policy to the Foundation, we become both owner and beneficiary of the policy, and will receive the insured amount upon your death.
- At the time of ownership transfer, you'll receive a tax receipt for the market value of the policy.

- You'll also receive an annual tax receipt for the value of the premiums paid over the course of the year, if applicable.
- No tax receipt will be given to your estate, since you'll have enjoyed the tax benefits during your lifetime.
- This may be a worthwhile option if you currently own a policy that you no longer need and wish to take advantage of the tax benefits of the donation right away.

Next steps

1

Speak to your insurance broker to determine the terms of your existing life insurance policy or the possibility of purchasing a new one.

2

Contact the Foundation so we can support you through the steps leading up to your donation.

Donation example

Naming the Foundation as beneficiary

- Ms. Heartgrove is 33 and in excellent health. She has a life insurance policy with a death benefit of \$100,000 and annual premiums of \$2,000 payable over a period of 10 years.
- She names the Foundation as the sole beneficiary of this policy, but retains ownership.

- In 10 years, Ms. Heartgrove will have paid her premiums in full, for a total of \$20,000.
- Upon her death, a donation of \$100,000 will be made to the Foundation and a tax receipt for \$50,000 will be issued to her estate, which may reduce its tax burden.





«Every day, I see how much we mean to Quebecers. At the Montreal Heart Institute, we don't treat the disease, we treat the person. When people come here, they know that their heart is in the very best hands. Life has been kind to me. I'm healthy. Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of my life insurance policy is my way of saying thank you.»

Catherine S.

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Employee at the
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**Call us to
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