

# YOUR LEGACY: BUILDING ARTS & COMMUNITY

Do you believe that the arts inspire positive transformation for people and communities? Leaving a bequest to **Guelph Arts Council** (11894 9098 RR0001) will establish your legacy of support for the arts in Guelph and change lives for years to come!

## WHY LEAVE A BEQUEST TO GUELPH ARTS COUNCIL?

Making a bequest as part of your will is a relatively simple matter. As a form of giving, properly worded charitable bequests provide flexibility and can be modified at any time during your lifetime.

**BEQUESTS** are legacies left to charitable organizations like Guelph Arts Council that comes from settling an estate and can be: a fixed dollar amount, a fixed percentage of the estate or a particular asset, such as security or life insurance\*.

**RESIDUARY BEQUESTS** are legacies left to charitable organizations like Guelph Arts Council after all other terms of a will have been satisfied.

**ENDOWMENTS** are legacies left to charitable organizations like Guelph Arts Council to support one of their programs, such as workshops or grants for artists, or their annual operating fund. Guelph Arts Council holds **three endowment funds** at **The Guelph Community Foundation** (86 727 8350 RR0001): **the Jane Graham Memorial Fund**, which supports awards for visual artists' artistic development; **the Youth Opportunities Fund**, which supports awards for youth arts programs; and the Legacy Fund, which supports all programs and operations. A fourth endowment fund, the **Guelph Arts Council Arts Endowment Fund**, held at **the Ontario Arts Foundation** (89085 6370 RR0001), also supports the annual operating fund. Guelph Arts Council is grateful for all contributions to new or established endowment funds.

## IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!

As one of Ontario's first community arts councils, Guelph Arts Council has supported the arts in Guelph as a not-for-profit, charitable organization since 1975. Our vision is to cultivate a vibrant city that integrates the arts into all community building.

Over the years, the Council has been a voice for the arts, championing and growing opportunities for Guelph's creative community through communications, resources for learning, and cultural programs and partnerships.

Guelph Arts Council offers several ways for individuals, families, corporations and organizations to create a plan fulfilling your charitable vision.

- To find out more about estate planning, please speak with your lawyer, visit [guelpharts.ca](http://guelpharts.ca) or call **519 836 3280**.
- Questions about Guelph Arts Council or how you can support the arts in Guelph?  
Email [executivedirector@guelpharts.ca](mailto:executivedirector@guelpharts.ca) or call **519 836 3280**.

"When I sat down to plan my will, I wanted to include organizations that have made this town my home. Guelph Arts Council plays a pivotal role in our local arts community. I want my investment in GAC's endowment fund to allow them to count on annual interest income in making their own plans." – Anne MacKay



\*Please contact us if you are considering a bequest of a particular asset.