

Make a transformational gift  
and help empower women and girls –

## MAKE YOUR VALUES YOUR LEGACY



**YWCA Toronto's Monarch Society is a special group of supporters who, through a legacy gift today, will transform the lives of women and girls tomorrow.**

There are many ways to support YWCA Toronto, and a legacy gift in your will can be a simple but profound way to help.

After your estate planning has looked after your family and loved ones, if you can, please consider a gift to YWCA Toronto.

When you prepare your will, trust, or estate to include YWCA Toronto, you may:

- gain charitable deductions now – even for future gifts;
- optimize strategic tax planning including reduction or avoidance of capital gains tax;
- continue to support YWCA Toronto through a gift that can live on perpetually to help women and children who face marginalization in our community.

With your legacy gift, we can accomplish our vision of being a strong advocate for women and girls through transformative services in the areas of employment support and training, housing and shelters, leadership development programs for girls, and key supports for women and children who have experienced violence.

It is easy to get started, simply call the Planned Giving team at YWCA Toronto at 416.961.8101 x327. We are happy to discuss the options and opportunities to help you create a transformational gift. Or just tell your lawyer to include “Young Women’s Christian Association of Greater Toronto” (our legal name) in your will.



### What is a legacy gift?

Legacy gifts are a powerful and meaningful way to create a philanthropic legacy and to support the causes you care about the most. Some ways to make a legacy gift are:

- through your will (a bequest);
- giving life insurance; and
- assigning benefits from your RRSP or RRIIF.

To learn more about planning your legacy gift, contact Sasha Manes, *Head of Major Gifts & Stewardship* at [SManes@ywcatoronto.org](mailto:SManes@ywcatoronto.org) or 416.961.8101 x365.



# TRANSFORMING LIVES

When I was seventeen, I became homeless. My home life had deteriorated to the point where my safety and support were no longer possible. My family was in crisis. I had to leave.

I was desperate, alone, scared and vulnerable. A friend helped me find a shelter that would take me in. We searched the yellow pages and found a YWCA Toronto women's shelter, and I called. It was 11p.m. and they had room. That was the beginning of hope for me.

For many years I wanted to have the opportunity to help teenage girls faced with homelessness, in the same way that I was helped years before. When I began to think about my legacy, I realized that leaving a bequest to YWCA Toronto would be my opportunity to do exactly that.



Dr. Vera Tarman,  
*YWCA Toronto Monarch Society*

Legacy Giving creates change for women and girls in our community –  
contact us at [SManes@ywcatoronto.org](mailto:SManes@ywcatoronto.org) or **416.961.8101 x365**

YWCA Toronto transforms lives. As the city's largest multi-service women's organization, we help women escape violence, move out of poverty and access safe, affordable housing. We work tenaciously to break down barriers that hold women and girls back from achieving equality. Annually, our Association serves over 13,000 people including trans and non-binary community members.



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