



Indspire

Seven Generations Legacy Circle

Honour the Future: Your Legacy
for Indigenous Education

*“Legacy is about
what we leave behind.”*

*Education preserves
stories, culture,
and knowledge for
generations to come.”*

— Elder Dr. Winston Wuttunee



Learn how your future gift can empower Indigenous students for generations to come.

About Indspire

Education is the Path Forward for Indigenous Communities

Indspire is an Indigenous national registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada.

Indspire has been a trusted leader in supporting Indigenous education for over 30 years, providing scholarships and bursaries that enable students to pursue educational opportunities. Recognized as a 5-star charity by Charity Intelligence Canada, Indspire demonstrates high impact and best practices in financial transparency, and is the largest funder of Indigenous post-secondary education outside of the federal government.

Beyond financial support, Indspire strengthens the ecosystem around Indigenous student success by equipping educators of Indigenous learners, advancing research, and celebrating Indigenous role models — all to increase graduation rates for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students, enabling them to pursue their chosen careers.

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING INCREDIBLE

You can remove barriers to Indigenous success and help ensure that, within a generation, every Indigenous student will graduate.

Leave a gift to Indspire in your Will and change the lives of Indigenous students and teachers — so they can make their families, communities, and Canada stronger.



Education is the common denominator that can address systemic issues of health, well-being, economic and social disparity and intergenerational trauma.

For Indigenous people in Canada, education is where it begins. Education builds capacity.

“Dad wanted to make a difference, he believed that education could change lives, that it could bring fairness and opportunity where it was needed most.”

— Steven Pearson, son of David Pearson and executor to his estate.



Your Legacy for Indigenous Education

Legacy giving is a meaningful way to ensure your values endure.

By including Indspire in your Will, you join a legacy of change: empowering Indigenous students to succeed as the leaders, educators, and changemakers of tomorrow.

Your gift will help ensure that, within a generation, every Indigenous student will graduate, thrive, and strengthen their community.

Leaving a Gift in Your Will to Indspire

Making a gift in your Will is a simple and powerful way to create lasting change while retaining full control of your assets during your lifetime.

You can choose to leave a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to Indspire. Your estate will receive a charitable tax receipt, which can help reduce or even eliminate estate taxes, leaving more for your loved ones while supporting the next generation of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students.

Flexible Giving Options



Gift in Your Will

Leave a percentage, specific amount, or the residue of your estate to Indspire. Your estate will receive a tax receipt, which may reduce final taxes owed.



Gifts of RRSPs, RRIFs or Securities

Name Indspire as a direct beneficiary to turn a taxable asset into a charitable gift, reducing your estate's tax burden.



Gifts of Life Insurance

Donate an existing policy or purchase a new one naming Indspire as the beneficiary. This is an affordable way to make a larger impact.

Create a Legacy That Grows: Endowment Giving through Your Will

A gift to an endowment fund is a powerful way to ensure your legacy lives on, supporting Indigenous education not just today, but for generations to come. Endowments are invested over the long term, with the annual income used to fund scholarships, programs, and resources for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students.

Endowment gifts can be held in perpetuity or for a defined term, such as 20 years. Both permanent and term endowment gifts become living legacies, fuelling Indigenous success and leadership for today and for generations to come.

You can choose to:

- Contribute to an existing Indspire endowment, helping to grow its long-term impact, or;
- Create your own named endowment through your Will or estate plan, in your name or in honour of a loved one.



“This donation reflects Ms. Hattem’s enduring commitment towards the education of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. Thank you for your tireless work and dedication. It brings peace to know that my dear friend Tina’s legacy will contribute to this exceptional endeavour.”

— Marie Ross, *Executor to Tina Hattem’s Estate*



Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) is a flexible, tax-smart way to support the causes you care about. You contribute assets like cash or securities, receive an immediate tax receipt, and recommend grants to charities like Indspire over time. You can also name Indspire as a successor beneficiary, extending your legacy of support for Indigenous education.

Your endowment gift will be a lasting investment in Indigenous achievement, helping students succeed and lead, year after year.

If you’d like to learn more about endowments—or if you already have a DAF and are interested in granting to Indspire—please contact:

Fiona Ghosh Bedlington

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Seven Generations Legacy Circle

The Seven Generations Legacy Circle honours a special group of visionary supporters who have chosen to leave a lasting impact by including Indspire in their Will or estate plans.

This circle is inspired by the Seventh Generation Principle: a guiding value rooted in Indigenous teachings that reminds us to consider the long-term effects of our decisions on the next seven generations. It speaks to the deep responsibility we all share in shaping a better future through thoughtful, sustainable action.

By being a part of the Seven Generations Legacy Circle, you become part of a movement: one that invests in the education and success of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students for generations to come.

As a member of the **Seven Generations Legacy Circle**, you will:

- Receive updates on the life-changing work your future gift will support.
- Be recognized for your generosity if you choose.
- Help Indspire plan with confidence, knowing that future support is on the way for Indigenous learners.

If you've already included Indspire in your Will, please let us know; we would love the opportunity to thank you and, if you're comfortable, celebrate your generosity.

Prefer to remain anonymous? Absolutely.
Your privacy and confidentiality will always be respected.

“Putting Indspire in your will is a wonderful way to pay forward all the gifts we have received in our lives. To be part of helping Indigenous students to further their education and attain their dreams is so rewarding.”

— Amy Posner, *Bequest Donor*

“My Aunt, Nan Goossens, was very passionate about helping those organizations that provided people with hope and opportunities to better navigate what is increasingly a complex and challenging world. I think she had been touched by the efforts being made [by Indspire] to build reconciliation with Canada’s Indigenous peoples by providing support in such a critical area as education.”

— Mark Goossens, Executor to Nan Goossens’s Estate

Start Your Legacy in Four Simple Steps



Talk with your loved ones about your *intentions*



Consult a financial or legal advisor



Choose the gift type that *fits your goals*



Connect with *Indspire* to let us know your plans or ask questions

We have included some information below that can be used to draft or update your Will. As the information below is general in nature, we encourage you to speak with your own tax and legal advisors for professional advice.

Sample of non-binding bequest language to include in your Will:

I give, devise and bequeath to **Indspire**, charitable registration #118834696RR0001, ___% (or \$___) of my total estate to be used for the purpose of supporting the highest priority needs as determined by the Board of Directors of Indspire.

Official Name: Indspire

Address: 50 Generations Dr, Six Nations of the
Grand River, Ohsweken, ON, N0A 1M0

Canadian Registered Charitable #: 118834696RR0001



“I think of my grandma who never had these opportunities. When you support one person your impact is exponential. *To me that means that when you support a student, you strengthen their family, their community, other communities, and the future of Canada.* Indigenous students live in two worlds, dealing with complexities on top of the difficulties that all students face. That’s why Indspire’s help means everything. When you support Indspire you are sending a very powerful message to our young people. A message to not give up!”

Tracie Léost

Métis from Manitoba

Athlete, Coach & Activist

Indspire Youth Laureate (2018)

Welcome to the Circle

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to support the education of the next generation of Indigenous leaders. We encourage you to speak openly with loved ones and to consult legal and financial advisors about your intentions and the best way to make this meaningful contribution.

We would be honoured to welcome you into the **Seven Generations Legacy Circle** – and to walk beside you as your legacy changes lives for generations to come.



To learn more, contact Fiona Ghosh Bedlington

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You are empowering a new generation of Indigenous students to shape the future as tomorrow's leaders. We look forward to continuing this journey alongside you!

Impact at a Glance

5-stars



Charity Intelligence Canada recognized Indspire with their **five-star rating** and named us a **Top 10 Canadian Impact Charity** 9 years in a row!

84,000+

Indigenous students funded since 1996

\$280+ million

provided to Indigenous students since 1996

~10%



of registered Indigenous post-secondary enrolments are **supported by Indspire** (*Research & Impact, 2025*)

~40%



of Indigenous students in Canada have obtained a post-secondary credential (includes college, university, and CEGEP) **compared to 58% of non-Indigenous students** (*Statistics Canada, 2021*).

~89%



of employed Building Brighter Futures (BBF) **graduates work in fields that support Indigenous communities**

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) has identified **103 occupations** that are at risk of labour shortages.

88 of them require post-secondary education.

88/103



Will Preparation Checklist

Things to consider and gather before meeting with your lawyer or drafting your Will.

1. Personal Information

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Current address
- Marital status
- Names and contact information for spouse/partner and dependents

2. Assets & Liabilities

Make a list and note where each document or account is held

Assets

- Home(s) and other real estate (Address(es) and location of deed/title)
- Bank accounts
- Investments
- Life insurance policies
- Business interests
- Vehicles, valuables, or collections
- Digital assets (online accounts, crypto, subscriptions)

Liabilities

- Mortgage(s)
- Loans or lines of credit
- Credit cards
- Other outstanding debts

3. People & Organizations to Include

- Names of family members or friends you wish to provide for
- Charities or organizations you wish to support

- Notes on how you would like your gifts distributed

4. Types of Gifts to Consider

- Specific gift (cash amount or particular asset)
- Residual gift (percentage of your estate)
- Contingent gift (if another beneficiary predeceases you)

5. Executor & Trustee

- Name of executor (and alternate, if applicable)
- Contact information
- Confirmation they are willing to act

6. Guardianship (if applicable)

- Name of guardian(s) for minor children or dependents
- Alternate guardian(s)
- Any special instructions

7. Special Instructions

- Care plans for pets
- Digital legacy instructions (passwords, access, online accounts)
- Funeral or memorial wishes
- Any cultural, personal, or spiritual considerations

8. Important Documents

– Where Are They?

- Existing Will or estate documents
- Power of Attorney (property and personal care)

- Insurance policies
- Investment and bank statements
- Property deeds and titles
- Birth certificates, marriage certificates, or divorce papers

9. Next Steps

- Choose a lawyer or online Will-writing service
- Book an appointment
- Bring this checklist and supporting documents
- Review and update your Will as life changes

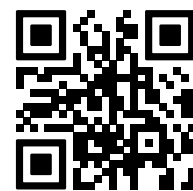
Create Your Will for Free

You can write your Will quickly and securely using Indspire's Willfora page.

Willfora is a free Will writing platform.

- Easy online process – takes about 20 minutes
- You can update or download it anytime
- There's no cost to you

give.willfora.com/charities/indspire





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Learn how your future gift can empower Indigenous students for generations to come.