

A circular frame containing a photograph of two young girls of South Asian descent hugging in a field of tall grass. The girl on the left is wearing a red t-shirt with a butterfly graphic and has her mouth open in a joyful shout. The girl on the right is wearing a dark blue t-shirt and is smiling broadly. The background is a soft-focus field of tall grass under a warm, golden sunset sky.

Your Legacy is Their Vision

Leaving a gift to
Seva Canada in your Will





I have been active with Seva Canada as a volunteer and board member for half my life, doing and teaching cataract surgery in more than a dozen of the countries in which Seva has programs.

I've seen the heartbreaking impact of blindness and vision loss—especially in low-income countries. I've also been deeply moved by the incredible joy of restored sight, such as a mother seeing her two-year-old child for the first time.

As Sir John Wilson said, "People don't go blind by the millions—they go blind one personal tragedy at a time." That truth stays with me. So does the knowledge that millions more are needlessly blind or visually impaired.

That's why I'm leaving Seva Canada Society a gift in my Will. It's a way for my commitment to carry on.

I hope you'll join me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Spencer".



Dr. Martin Spencer

Board Member and Ophthalmologist





Why Leave a Gift in Your Will?

Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most powerful and meaningful ways to create a lasting legacy—one that continues to transform lives for generations.

Your gift will help bring life-changing eye care to people living with treatable blindness and vision loss in some of the world's most underserved communities.

By including Seva Canada in your estate plans, you'll help restore hope, dignity, and opportunity through the power of sight.

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Every gift in a Will, no matter the size, helps bring light to someone's world.

It can mean:

- A grandmother can read to her grandchildren again
- A parent can return to work, earn an income and support their family
- A child can see and succeed in school and chase their dreams
- A person can see the smiles of loved ones—and enjoy life to the fullest





Your Legacy Through The Eyes of a Child: **Pranish's Story**

Pranish is a bright and cheerful 7-year-old boy living in Nepal. Although he appeared to see normally as a toddler, he often blinked excessively, puzzling his parents. As he grew older, it became evident that he had vision problems, struggling to see the blackboard at school, even from the front row.

At a Community Eye Centre run by Seva Canada's local partners, Pranish received a diagnosis of cataracts. The staff recommended surgery to restore his sight. Pranish's family, especially his mother, worried about him undergoing treatment.

Despite their fears, a year and three surgeries later, Pranish's vision was significantly improved, opening a whole new world for him.

Wearing glasses for the first time, Pranish returned to school and is now ranked second in his class. He loves to draw and play games at recess with his classmates.

An Inter-Generational Story

Pranish's story doesn't end there, he also became an inspiration to his grandmother. When she developed age-related cataracts Pranish reassured and encouraged her to get surgery.

Today, both Pranish and his grandmother have clearer vision, and together, they continue to tell others in their community that treatment is safe, accessible, and life-changing.



Your gift restores the sight of a person in need.



The patient and their caregiver can return to a life of joy, independence and work or school.



The Power of Your Legacy

Through our unique partnerships, your generous gift will help build locally-led and managed eye care programs that empower communities to sustain eye care services for generations.



They can care for themselves and their family, and together have greater income potential to lift themselves out of poverty.

What a Legacy Gift Can Do:

\$1000

can provide surgery, glasses and medicine for hundreds of people in need, regardless of income, age, gender, or location.

\$10,000

can provide life-changing cataract surgery, medicine, glasses and transportation to and from a medical facility to hundreds of people with no other access to care.

\$25,000 - \$50,000

can establish a permanent Community Eye Centre in a remote community including training staff, providing equipment, and access to basic eye care services year-round.



The family has more money to spend in their community.



When more people can see and are able to lead healthy and productive lives, entire communities benefit.

A Legacy of Sight

Imagine slowly losing your sight, unable to read, work, or recognize the faces of your loved ones.

That's the reality for almost a billion people around the world.

Yet, for many, access to even the simplest eye care solutions, like glasses, medicine, or cataract surgery, is out of reach.



A Legacy of Hope

Vision loss is one of the most overlooked drivers of poverty, gender inequity, and lost opportunity globally. **Yet 90% of vision loss is treatable or preventable.**

In fact, restoring sight is one of the most cost-effective health interventions, as recognized by the World Bank.

Since 1982, Seva Canada has collaborated with regional partners to build sustainable programs grounded in dignity and long-term impact, delivering accessible, high-quality eye care programs for all—regardless of income, age, gender, or location.

Including Seva Canada in your Will helps create a world where your values live on in the form of healthy vision, brighter futures, and human dignity.

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The impact of vision loss extends far beyond eyesight. It's a global development challenge—and one we can solve.

Liz Brant, Executive Director

How to Leave Your Gift

Leaving a bequest to Seva Canada Society in your Will is the simplest way to leave a legacy of sight.

We recommend speaking with a legal or financial advisor to ensure you have a valid Will, your wishes are properly carried out, and your estate receives the maximum tax benefit.

For your Lawyer, Estate Planner or Financial Advisor

It is essential that you provide your legal professional our full legal name and address which is:

Legal Name: **Seva Canada Society**

Address: **Suite 100 – 2000 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, BC V6J 2G2**

Registered

Charity #: **13072 4941 RR 0001**

Three Sample Clauses for Undesignated Gifts:

Sharing the residue of my estate:

I give to Seva Canada Society, 100 – 2000 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2G2, _____ percent of the residue of my Estate for its charitable purposes.

Giving the residue of my estate:

I give to Seva Canada Society, 100 – 2000 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2G2, the residue of my Estate for its charitable purposes.

A direct gift from my estate:

I give to Seva Canada Society, 100 – 2000 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2G2, the sum of \$ _____ (or a description of the property or asset) for its charitable purposes.

How Will Seva Canada Treat My Planned Gift?

25% of each undesignated bequest will be contributed to our Endowment Fund, creating a reliable income stream to ensure the long-term sustainability of our work.

75% of each undesignated bequest will support Seva Canada's mission today: to restore sight and prevent blindness in low- and middle-income countries.

You Can Also Leave a Legacy Through:

- A life insurance policy gift
- A retirement plan (RRSP, RRIF, TFSA)
- A specific item of property (stocks, bonds, real estate)

If you would like to leave a designated gift in your Will, or another type of legacy gift please contact Erika for more information at erikakinast@seva.ca

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing black sunglasses and a red shawl. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is blurred, showing other people in a public setting. A large red quote icon is on the left side of the image.

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My Mum believed strongly in lifting up the lives of others, and we hope that through her legacy gift to Seva Canada, that work will continue.

Jon Tennant, son of Seva Canada legacy donor, Susan.



We're so grateful to everyone who chooses to leave a legacy gift —thank you.

When you include a gift in your Will, we want you to feel confident and informed every step of the way. We understand that your loved ones come first, and we'll always respect your wishes and your privacy.

You can trust that your gift will be used with care, integrity, and a deep sense of responsibility. We'll keep you up to date on our work, and of course, you're free to change your Will at any time. If you'd like to share your plans with us, we'd love to hear from you—but there's absolutely no obligation.

Most of all, please know that your generosity will leave a lasting legacy of hope and access to the power of sight for generations to come.

Leave a Legacy of Sight — Include a Gift in Your Will Today

Your gift can restore vision, prevent blindness, and change lives for generations.

One decision now can light the way for someone's future.

Contact erikakinast@seva.ca to learn how you can leave a gift in your Will.

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