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WEIZMANN CANADA





**A GIFT FOR A
BETTER FUTURE**

Imagine a future where more people have access to science education and where personalized medicine is changing how disease is treated. Imagine a world where we have a better understanding of how our brain and memory work and new ways to combat food insecurity. Now imagine how a gift in your will can make it all a reality.

By choosing to leave a legacy gift to Weizmann Canada, you choose how you will be remembered and what your legacy will be. Planning your estate to include a bequest for Weizmann Canada means being assured that no matter what happens, you will be part of research that will change the world.

For more than 70 years the Weizmann Institute of Science has been supported by donors like yourself, as they change the world through science for the benefit of humanity. By including Weizmann Canada in your will, you are ensuring that our scientists can continue to work towards the breakthroughs and discoveries that will create a brighter future for all of humanity.

“It’s important to me to invest in something that is working towards a tangible outcome to make a difference for people in a practical way. Investing in something that is going to help initiate collaborations and dialogues that will be a spark leading to even bigger things.”



A hundred years ago, the idea of treating someone based on their genetic makeup was a far-fetched dream more often reserved for science-fiction writing. Now, thanks to new technologies and a better understanding of the human genome, personalized medicine is fast becoming reality.

From the first engineering of T-cells (a type of white blood cell key to the immune system) as a method to fight cancer in 1989 by Prof. Zelig Eshhar, Weizmann Institute scientists have made significant discoveries in the field of personalized medicine thanks to the support of donors. Scientists at the Institute are collecting data to not only predict disease, but also to treat, and eventually, eliminate it.

For Dr. Dan Andraea, choosing to leave a legacy gift to Weizmann Canada was about investing in something that would not only enhance care, but also improve quality of life.

Gifts like those of Dr. Andraea’s, help support scientists like Dr. Leeat Keren, whose research to understand the relationship between tumours and the immune system will lead to improved cancer treatments. Leaving a bequest to Weizmann will also help scientists like Prof. Idit Shachar, whose research on the messages sent by multiple myeloma cells may lead to new, and less toxic, therapies for patients.

A photograph of two young children sitting on a grey carpet in a classroom. The child on the left is a girl with long dark hair, wearing a pink fuzzy sweater, looking down at a small object in her hands. The child on the right is a girl with curly dark hair, wearing a yellow dress with white polka dots, sitting on a blue ring and playing with a black ball. In the background, there are educational cards on the wall with letters and animal illustrations. The text "INVEST IN A HEALTHIER FUTURE" is overlaid in large white letters on the left side of the image.

**INVEST IN A
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**LEAVE A
LEGACY TO
REMEMBER**





“I felt that donating to dementia research at the Weizmann Institute would be the very best place to leave my mother’s legacy gift, helping our family honour our mother’s memory this way.”

According to the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada, more than half a million Canadians are currently living with dementia, and the number is growing. Despite the widespread impact and decades of research, the disease is not yet well understood, but scientists at the Weizmann Institute are working to change that.

Due in part to the support of donors, scientists like Prof. Joel Sussman and Prof. Israel Silman are working to better understand how Alzheimer’s and other neurological diseases function, and the systems involved. Their research has helped create improved drug treatments for the disease, and new drugs with fewer side effects.

Rachel Eisenberg lived the last 10 years of her life with dementia. When she passed, her daughter Linda Zaarur researched organizations doing work with Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, which resulted in learning more about Weizmann Canada.

A commitment to leaving a legacy gift in your will allows vital research into dementia to continue. Helping to fund individuals like Prof. Ido Amit and Prof. Michal Schwartz who are working towards a vaccine to slow the aging of the brain and prevent dementia. It also supports research that is developing new techniques to diagnose and treat dementia earlier, like the work of Prof. Noam Sobel.

What would the world look like if everyone had enough food to eat and clean water to drink? If we had a way to fight climate change, and alternative fuels that were better for our planet? Research projects at the Weizmann Institute of Science are working towards a brighter future and a better world.

The research of Prof. Brian Berkowitz has helped engineers and regulatory agencies around the world predict how contaminants will spread, helping keep our water clean.

Other research, like that of Prof. Jonathan Gressel, supported through generous donors is helping to ease food insecurity by finding ways to save crops by getting rid of parasitic weeds.

When Gabrielle Schmidt planned for the future, she wanted her legacy to include Weizmann Canada. Gabrielle had been introduced to the Weizmann Institute in the 1960s, and had remained a supporter throughout the years. Knowing that her gift would make an impact was important to her.

Without gifts like Gabrielle's, researchers like Prof. Ron Milo and Dr. Shmuel Gleizer wouldn't be able to continue their research to create CO2 eating bacteria that could help us fight global warming. Leaving a legacy gift to Weizmann Canada also means supporting the work of researchers like Prof. Yuval Eshed, whose work could help adapt crops to changing climate conditions.



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“Their gift is lifesaving. I have no idea how I would be able to pay my rent without this award. I had zero help from my family, and I moved to the U.S. without family or a partner, so this award allows me to go back to Israel twice a year to visit my family and the people I love most.”

Access to scientific education is a gift that we may take for granted, but for some children education is just a dream. Even in higher levels of academia, sometimes the cost of furthering scientific education is too great or requires too much travel. Through programs aimed at a variety of age groups and knowledge levels, the Weizmann Institute is helping to increase access to science education, fueling the curiosity of budding researchers who will help to change our world.

Weizmann’s Davidson Institute of Science Education runs more than 70 programs that inspire young people to get involved with science. The donor-supported program Perach has benefitted more than 50,000 disadvantaged children in Israel by connecting them with science through mentors and tutors. The Dr. Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute has hosted more than 3,400 students from around the world, inspiring them to continue in their post-secondary science pursuits.

For Dr. Elena Meirzadeh, her ability to pursue post-doctoral research abroad was due to a generous gift from the Sherman Foundation. The gift, which funded a Postdoctoral Award for Advancing Women in Science, allowed her to pursue her academic dreams at Columbia University.

Leaving a legacy gift is more than just investing in future research, it’s also investing in the people behind that research. People who with your help could cure the common flu, discover the next generation of intelligent materials, colonize another planet or end world hunger.

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