



Hospitals save lives.  
At the MAB-Mackay,  
we give quality of life.

**LEGACY SOCIETY**



Fondation **MAB-MACKAY** Foundation



At the MAB-Mackay, we help hundreds of people with physical impairments to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

Every day, I am proud to watch as we transform the lives of real people and help them overcome the trauma of losing their vision or hearing. I witness the look of hope on the faces of distraught parents as they come to recognize the amazing real potential of their impaired child.

**I've seen so many triumphant moments of real success, such as:**

- a blind baby learning to crawl and use other senses to explore their environment
- a handicapped child sitting upright and joining their family at the supper table for the first time
- a deaf child learning sign language so they can communicate with the world around them
- a child in a wheelchair attaining new levels of confidence and empowerment through adapted sports
- an adult facing blindness as they safely cross the street alone for the first time
- a senior with hearing loss conversing with their spouse through lip-reading

**Leaving a gift in one's will to charity is a truly exceptional gesture. A gift of any size can make a real impact. Through careful planning, you can make the financial security of your loved ones a priority while providing hope to thousands in our community who need strength to face their vision or hearing loss, or motor handicap.**



Theodora Brinckman  
Executive Director, MAB-Mackay Foundation

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“I knew that I would never actually see my children grow up. As well, my career as a truck driver was obviously over. I was at a loss as to how to survive and provide for my family, and I sank into a depression.”

“About 20 years ago, my world went completely dark. At the time, I was a young husband and father of two children. The doctors tried to save my vision with a series of surgeries, but I ultimately succumbed to Acute Congenital Glaucoma. By the time my third child was born, I had lost my vision completely.

For the longest time, I stubbornly refused help from others until the day I was hit by a car while taking my seven-year-old son to the bus stop for school. That was my wake-up call and the moment I decided to contact the MAB-Mackay. I had no idea how my life was about to change.

There was so much to learn. They taught me to read and write braille. With no previous experience, I learned to type documents on the computer, send e-mails, and surf the web.

Mobility lessons were the most frightening and difficult. But after months of practice, I was able to cross the street and even use the bus independently.

Today, thanks to the MAB-Mackay’s support, I am able to do almost anything. But what matters most co-parenting with my wife, and doing everyday things like homework and sports with my kids.

The MAB-Mackay helped me discover that although blind, I am capable of so much. And for this, I am so grateful.”



Lucio D’Intino, client in Blind and Visually Impaired programs

**THANKS TO LEGACY GIFTS LIKE YOURS, WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE RENEWED QUALITY OF LIFE TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED.**

# THE POWER OF A PLANNED GIFT

When someone's world goes dark due to blindness, or silent due to deafness, hope can seem faint. For a parent raising a baby with motor impairment, the prospects for their child's future may appear bleak.

With more than 150 years of experience in our community, the MAB-Mackay provides support, life skills training and tools that promote personal autonomy to people with physical or sensory impairments. Each year, we assist more than 4,000 people of all ages. We are the only institution in Montreal serving children with vision, hearing, motor and communication impairments under one roof.

Yet we could not accomplish this life-transforming work without the compassion and generosity of our donors.

With careful estate planning, you can take care of the financial needs of your loved

ones after you are gone. You can also help build a better future for so many in our community who are blind, deaf, or are motor impaired by mentioning the MAB-Mackay Foundation in your will. Even a small percentage or residue of your estate can make a big difference.

The fiscal advantages of a legacy gift can dramatically reduce the taxes to be paid by the estate – and you'll be making a larger charitable gift than you thought possible during your lifetime. Furthermore, you retain control of your assets during your lifetime. You can also designate your gift to a specific area within the MAB-Mackay's mission that is close to your heart.

**Remembering the MAB-Mackay Foundation in your estate planning is a profound philanthropic gesture that will have a real and lasting impact – a true gift of a lifetime.**





OUR PROMISE  
TO YOU

**1.** We recognize that making a gift in your will is a personal decision, and we are committed to respecting your privacy.

**2.** We recognize that your own family and friends come first in your will.

**3.** Should you advise us you've left the MAB-Mackay Foundation in your will, we will never ask the size or type of legacy. We will give you the choice about how you would like us to communicate with you in the future, so you can see the impact of gifts like yours.

**4.** We fully understand that personal circumstances change and there might be a time when you must take us out of your will. At any time in the future, you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your will to the MAB-Mackay Foundation.

**5.** We promise to use your gift wisely and respectfully, so that it will have the greatest impact for people living with physical or sensory impairments

**WE BELIEVE THESE  
PROMISES ARE FAIR.  
WE HOPE YOU DO TOO.**





THANKS TO LEGACY GIFTS LIKE YOURS, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE

“Born 12 weeks premature, our twin daughters struggled for their lives as they suffered severe brain damage. Although our girls were fighters, Elizabeth endured additional complications and left us after several weeks.

In the days that followed, the doctors became more certain of the problems Ava could potentially face. They told us she would have “little to no quality of life” and recommended a do not resuscitate order on her. Despite the odds against her, Ava made it past the hurdles.

As parents, we were simply overwhelmed, but determined to give Ava what the doctors said she would never have – quality of life. It was with this firm resolve that we found the MAB-Mackay.

Today, Ava is a vibrant 8 year-old with the world at her doorstep. Once a timid girl, now Ava returns home at the end of her day full of exciting stories, using the few words that she knows, sings songs she learned in music therapy, and counts to numbers we thought were beyond her grasp. Ava is connecting with her friends and family on a whole new level, expressing her desire to help in the kitchen or join her big brother Matthew for play time. She is even learning to control her own motorized wheelchair that they built for her all by herself, a skill that will give her a sense of freedom we could only have imagined for her.

We are so proud of how far Ava has come, and hopeful for what her future holds, thanks to the support of the team at the MAB-Mackay.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Susan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Richard and Susan, Ava's proud parents

A BETTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS.



THANK YOU  
FOR CONSIDERING  
THE MAB-MACKAY  
FOUNDATION  
IN PREPARING  
YOUR WILL.

**Please know that your thoughtful support will leave a real mark in the lives of so many people who are blind, deaf, have a motor impairment or a communication disorder.**

Should you choose to leave a gift in your will to the MAB-Mackay, we recommend you consult your notary about making the necessary changes. You may also contact a member of our Advisory Committee in full confidence.

If you require any additional information on our Legacy Society, please feel free to contact Sean Zikman, Director of Philanthropy, at any time, at (514) 488-0043 ext. 1410 or [szikman@mabmackay.ca](mailto:szikman@mabmackay.ca).





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