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This university was established as a living memorial to the Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who lost their lives during active service in the First and Second World Wars. Memorial University draws inspiration from these sacrifices of our past as we help build a better future for our province, our country and our world.

Through estate gifts, it is possible to make a contribution that will affect generations well into the future. **A gift to Memorial University has an exponential effect, one that creates opportunities for learning and innovation that are ultimately paid forward in the communities we share.**

Legacy gifts nurture tomorrow's leaders, creators, helpers, innovators and healers.



“I’ve designated a gift to Memorial in memory of my parents, to support a scholarship for a student of Innu or Inuit heritage. This award is about recovering tradition and giving consideration to a young person who wants to make a difference in their community. I’ve been very impressed with the helpful role the university has played in linking my interests as a donor with an area of need at Memorial.”

Dr. Margot Duley

Memorial graduate and legacy donor



“To know that someone is generous enough to leave this kind of legacy is overwhelming. This bursary has helped me finance my education substantially. When something like this comes your way, it’s inspiring.”

Joseph Otto

Undergraduate student at Memorial University’s Faculty of Medicine and recipient of the Evelyn Roach Memorial Bursary

Support what’s meaningful to you

There are many ways your gift can make an impact at Memorial University. Below are just a few areas that may help you with planning your legacy gift. There are numerous options to personalize a gift and make it specific to your interests.



Student support

You can help a student fulfill their dream through higher education. Scholarships, bursaries and awards can be named after the donor, or in honour or memory of a special person in your life. Student support can benefit undergraduate or graduate students, or both.



Equipment and facilities

High quality teaching and learning requires modern teaching and research spaces. Gifts designated to classroom technology, library resources, varsity sports, laboratory upgrades and building expansions are but a few examples of how your support can keep our university modern and world class.



Teaching and research

The foundation of exceptional learning is exceptional teaching and research. Gifts to establish chairs and professorships, lectureships and assist student and faculty research are ways to help attract and retain top faculty members and researchers.



Unrestricted

Some of the most valuable gifts to the university are unrestricted funds that enable us to direct funding to the areas of greatest need.

If you wish to direct your gift to a specific campus, academic unit or purpose, we encourage you to speak with us to ensure your wishes can be met and appropriate recognition is given. Depending on the amount, your gift can also be used to establish an endowment fund, the income of which is used to support a particular purpose in perpetuity. Please ask us for details.

Legacy Giving options

There are several ways you can make a legacy gift to Memorial University.



Bequest: A gift through your will (we can provide sample bequest language).



Life insurance: A gift through a life insurance policy.



RRSP-RRIF: Designate Memorial University as the beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF.



Appreciated securities: A gift through publicly traded stocks, bonds or mutual funds.



Gifts in kind: A gift of property such as historical documents and photos, real estate or rare books.

Wise estate planning can reduce taxes payable and maximize the impact of your estate, allowing you to help your heirs and fulfill your charitable wishes. Please consult your lawyer, accountant and/or financial advisor when planning a legacy gift.

U.S. & U.K. donors

There are several ways to receive tax benefits for estate gifts received by donors from the United States and the United Kingdom. Please contact us for information.

Legacy Society

Donors who inform Memorial University when they have arranged for an estate gift are invited to become members of our Legacy Society and are invited to special university events.

Whether you prefer to remain anonymous during your lifetime, or are comfortable receiving recognition from us, we will respect your wishes.

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“We wanted to leave our legacy at a university we had a connection with,” says Michael.

“If we can help students pursue their education further, that’s a silver lining to making this gift,” adds Olivia.

Michael Lonardo and Olivia Lewis

With their legacy gift, Michael and Olivia will create the Olivia Lewis and Michael Lonardo Scholarship for graduate students studying issues of social justice.