

Leave a Lasting Impact with Tropicana Community Services



You can impact the lives of our community's children, youth, adults, and seniors long into the future. A gift in your will to Tropicana Community Services will help feed, clothe, teach, and employ thousands of vulnerable individuals from our communities, now and for years to come.

Our vision is one of communities in which all individuals have equal access to opportunities to reach their goals.

Make it Your Legacy to Change Lives

Founded in 1980 as a not-for-profit, Tropicana Community Services is a Toronto-based multi-service organization with a focus on assisting people of Black, African and Caribbean heritage, as well as newcomers and others in need, with opportunities and alternatives that lead to success and positive life choices.

In 2025, Tropicana celebrated 45 years of making an impact, creating a ripple effect for individuals and families who have come seeking assistance over the years. While our mission is achieved through culturally appropriate programs designed with the Black Community in mind, our counselling, childcare, youth development, educational, and employment services are available to people of all backgrounds.

Legacy Giving: Planning a Gift in Your Will

Making a planned legacy gift extends your philanthropy beyond your lifetime and even provides tax advantages to ease the tax burden on your loved ones. If we or any charity are written into your will, your estate receives a tax receipt, resulting in a tax credit on your final income tax return.

How to Leave a Gift to Tropicana in Your Will*

We recommend seeking legal counsel and financial advice when drafting your will, but here are a few helpful tips, should you be looking to leave a gift to Tropicana Community Services.

Including TCS in Your Will

A bequest is property (such as money, stock, or bonds) left to an individual or organization in your will. If you want to bequeath a gift to Tropicana, it is important to have the following information properly represented in your will:

- Our legal name: Tropicana Community Services
- Organization Charitable registration number: 11925 9885 RR0001
- Mailing address: 1385 Huntingwood Dr., Toronto, Ontario, M1S 3J1

To ensure your intentions are clear, use wording such as the following in your will to leave a lump sum gift to Tropicana:

I give Tropicana Community Services Organization, currently located at 1385 Huntingwood Dr., Toronto, Ontario, M1S 3J1, the sum of \$____ to be used at the discretion of the organization.

A residual gift is a unique kind of bequest, in which the remainder or a portion of the remainder of your estate is left to a charity. To ensure your intentions are clear, use wording such as the following in your will:

I give Tropicana Community Services Organization, currently of 1385 Huntingwood Dr, Toronto, Ontario, M1S 3J1, all (or ____%) of the residue of my estate, to be used at the discretion of the organization.

Using a Codicil to Make Minor Changes to Your Will:

Some changes might not require the expense of drafting a whole new will. A codicil is an amending document that supplements your existing will. It is especially important to seek legal advice to know when you can use a codicil or if you need to draft a new will. While it can be helpful, if unclear, a codicil could invalidate your will.

Here is a sample codicil to a will.

CODICIL TO WILL OF

Date of codicil _____
Location _____
This is a codicil to the Last Will and Testament of (Name), _____
of [Address], _____
to my will dated [Date of Will] _____.
I leave to the Tropicana Community Services Organization of Scarborough, currently of 1385 Huntingwood Dr., Toronto, Ontario, M1S 3J1. *[details of gift: specify whether sum of money, percentage, residual, or contingency.]*
I direct that the receipt of the treasurer for the time being, or other designated officer of The Tropicana Community Services Organization, be sufficient discharge for my trustees for the payment of said bequest.
All other terms in my will remain the same.
Your Signature

Our mission is to provide all youth, newcomers, people of Black and Caribbean heritage, and others in need with opportunities and alternatives that lead to success and positive life choices.

Thank You

If you do make the decision to leave a gift to Tropicana Community Services as part of your legacy, let us extend a heartfelt thank you. We appreciate every bit of support we receive that allows us to continue serving communities in need.

Locations

Head Office

1385 Huntingwood Drive, Scarborough, ON M1S 3J1
(416) 439-9009

Employment Centre

505 Consumers Road, Suite 102, North York, ON M2J 4V8
(416) 491-7000

Childcare Centre - Daycare

425 McCowan Road, Scarborough, ON M1J 1J1
(416) 269-7093

Childcare Centre- Before & After-School Care

John McCrae Public School, 431 McCowan Road, Scarborough, ON M1J 1J1
(416) 261-9893

You will need the signatures of two witnesses. Note, neither they nor their spouses can take benefit from the will.

For more information, email us at
info@tropicanacommunity.org

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