



## Our Commitment to You

### Our 10 promises to those who leave a legacy gift to the McDowell Foundation in their will

We know this is a big decision to make, and we want you to feel comfortable about considering your gift. These are our commitments to you.

- ▶ We will always respect your privacy. We recognize and appreciate that your will is completely personal to you.
- ▶ We also realize that your family and loved ones will always come first.
- ▶ Since we are committed to making a difference that will benefit Saskatchewan students, we always encourage people to leave a gift to the Foundation. We recognize that it's your decision, and you need to make it in your own time.
- ▶ You can tell us that you left a gift if you wish. We would love to hear from you, but we don't need to be informed, and we won't keep asking you.
- ▶ If you do choose to tell us, you can choose how we communicate in the future about our work at the McDowell Foundation.

- ▶ We will give you and your family as much choice as we can about how and where your gift will be used to benefit students.
- ▶ We will use your gift carefully and cost-effectively so it has the greatest impact for Saskatchewan students.
- ▶ We will give you the opportunity to be connected with the work we do that is made possible by gifts like yours.
- ▶ At any time in the future, you have the absolute right to change your mind about a gift in your will to the McDowell Foundation.
- ▶ We will handle whatever gift you leave us efficiently and with care, sensitivity, and respect.

The McDowell Foundation encourages you to have open conversations with your family about your decision and to always seek the advice of a financial advisor and lawyer.

## Understanding Legacy Giving

If you are not sure where to begin, check out our website for additional information or contact us by phone. We would love to have a conversation with you.

If you are ready to join or have any questions about joining the McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society, please contact the Foundation for more information.

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## LEAD AND LEARN YOUR LEGACY

Become a founding member and let supporting learning discoveries and teaching innovation be your legacy to Saskatchewan students!



## What Are the Benefits of Legacy Society Membership?

You may choose to have your name listed in the roster of McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society members, or you may choose to be an anonymous member. To commemorate those joining now as founding members and to acknowledge your leaving a lasting mark on the teaching profession, you will receive a specialized founder donor lapel pin.

Other benefits include:

- ▶ Welcome letter from the President of the McDowell Foundation.
- ▶ Certificate of membership in the McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society.
- ▶ Recognized as a member of the McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society on the honour roll in the foyer of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation building.
- ▶ Recognized as a member of the McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society on the honour roll in the Foundation's annual report and newsletter.
- ▶ Founders' pinning ceremony.
- ▶ Invitation to attend the Learning From Practice conference, Salon Series, and other McDowell events.
- ▶ **The satisfaction of making a gift that will ensure the work of the McDowell Foundation will continue far into the future!**

Our McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society honours teachers and a group of supporters who strengthen the next generations of teachers by providing future support to ensure research is teacher-centred and relevant to successful instruction in today's classrooms. It is open to all. There is no minimum level of giving; no obligations of any kind. It is our way of thanking you now for your support.

Those arranging for a legacy gift are eligible for recognition in our McDowell Foundation Legacy For Learning Society when you inform the Foundation that you have included us in your estate plans.

## How Do I Become a Member of Our Legacy Society?

### Step 1

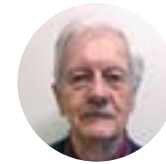
Consult your attorney and designate the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching Inc. (our legal name) as a beneficiary of your estate plans.

### Step 2

Please let us know of your intentions by downloading and sending us the Legacy Gift Notification form. Most information on the form is optional and all will be kept confidential.

### Harold Schultz

Retired teacher, visionary, life-long learner

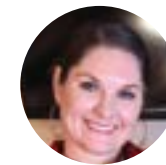


"Looking to the future, the need for a research arm of the STF has never been more important. The profession has to stay fleet of foot to stay in the forefront. Looking at global trends

in education, how does teaching stay in tune with social change? Teachers today are the first responders in recognizing social conditions. I believe the McDowell Foundation does very profound research in assisting teachers in their day-to-day interaction with students. I feel the Learning From Practice conference is the best form of professional development you could have. That's why I am leaving a gift to the Foundation."

### Diana Jemieff Hayes

Principal, Delisle Elementary School



"Receiving a grant from the McDowell Foundation for our collaborative ELL (English Language Learners) project helped us learn how to teach

students coming from language backgrounds other than English, and it allowed me, bar none, the best professional development in my entire career thus far. Our learning allowed us to develop intervention plans that greatly improved reading scores and provided time to reflect on and assess each student, so we could meet their individual needs. I am very passionate about the Foundation and the important work it does."

## Our Mission

Enriching teaching and learning by supporting professionally led research.

## History and Purpose

The Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research Into Teaching is an independent registered charitable organization established by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation in 1991. We are named in honour of Dr. Stirling McDowell whose visionary work, internationally recognized research, and ability to inspire co-operation and creativity in education was only exceeded by his unwavering pride and passion for student learning and the teaching profession.

Our projects and activities are student-centred and relevant to successful instruction in today's classrooms.

With almost 300 teacher-led research projects funded and a total of over \$1.6 million in grants awarded, the results of our endeavours have had significant influence on students, teachers, and communities all across Saskatchewan. We continue to be honoured every year to support passionate and engaged teachers in exploring innovative ways to best meet the educational needs of students.