

“WHERE DO WE SEE OUR VALUES ECHOED? NATURE CANADA.”

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I learned to love birds from my mom. She set out many feeders and made her own suet for her beloved birds, and she taught me the different songs we could hear in the woods. Growing up in a small town, nature was all around us: picking blueberries, identifying birds, insects and plants, making forts in the nearby woods, and stargazing at night.

When I met my husband Brian, we started hiking and camping across Canada and we've now visited most of our National Parks. Forests of big trees, for me, are like cathedrals and I'm really enamored with the forest. We love B.C.'s rainforest, the Rockies, the Appalachian forests and we love our Carolinian forest here in Ontario.

I give to Nature Canada because this organization protects these precious habitats and the wildlife that live there. You and I and our fellow Canadians have wide-open wilderness out our front doors and that's just not left in many other parts of the world. Canada can be an inspiration to the world by taking action to protect the wilderness we have. And we absolutely

must support programs to connect kids with nature. Our Prime Minister 30 years from now will need to love nature and have been in nature to want to protect it!

I've been a member for a long time, and I give monthly because I understand it helps Nature Canada have steady income and to plan for the year about the projects to fund. I also took the step to remember Nature Canada in my Will. And I really feel informed and connected about my gifts and how they are helping.



When we were preparing our Will, we knew it was the right thing to do. We asked ourselves, “Where do we see our values echoed?” And the answer was: Nature Canada. For us, our legacy will be to nature.

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The environment has always been close to our hearts, and this decision came from the heart—it's something we really wanted to do to conserve

nature for the future. We have an obligation to be stewards of the land, of the wild, of Canada. If you're thinking about giving in your Will, think of it this way: if you support Nature Canada it's because you love nature. Nature has given so much to you, and this is a way you can give something back, forever. You can leave something and feel good knowing that you'll be providing for nature and wildlife protection well into the future.



Thank you, Gisele, for sharing your story! It makes me feel proud to know you see your values echoed in our work. I love talking to our members about what matters most and how your gifts to Nature Canada are put into action in ways that reflect your values.

If you'd like more information about remembering Nature Canada in your Will, you can reach me anytime for a confidential conversation at 1-800-267-4088 extension 239 or jjoy@naturecanada.ca



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