



**Your gift.
Their future.**

**You can create a community without abuse
as part of your estate planning.**



Lives impacted by abuse. Changed by kindness.



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*“Birchway Niagara completely changed our lives.
They gave us back our freedom.*

I was married for 18 years...without realizing the abuse I was living through. It wasn't until my now ex-husband started verbally abusing my child that I started looking at our options to leave. I thought there were none.

As my teen and I sat on the bathroom floor with the door locked, he said to me, 'Mom, it's pretty bad we are locked in the bathroom to get away from dad.' It was true, yet I had not thought or even considered I was in an abusive relationship because he hadn't laid his hands on me. He would yell and scream, even punched a hole in a door, but it wasn't until my son said those words did I realize how bad it was.

I promised my teen that I would get us somewhere safe to live and we would be free.”

-Grace, Birchway Niagara client

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Learn about Birchway Niagara.

**FOR DECADES, BIRCHWAY NIAGARA HAS BEEN A
COMPASSIONATE PART OF NIAGARA'S COMMUNITY,
PROTECTING AND EMPOWERING SURVIVORS OF ABUSE.**

Birchway Niagara began in the early 1980s when community members opened two shelters in Welland and Niagara Falls to support women and children experiencing abuse. In 1997, the shelters united under one organization known as Women's Place of South Niagara Inc., and expanded over time to include satellite offices in Port Colborne and Fort Erie.

In 2022, the Niagara Falls shelter was expanded and all of the agency's shelter services were consolidated in this location, allowing an increase in safe beds from 30 to 40. In 2023, Women's Place became Birchway Niagara—a name that reflects our inclusive commitment to ending abuse in all its forms and building a community where everyone can live free from violence.

Guided by the same spirit of community that started our work, we continue to grow as we work with our allies to create a community without abuse.

YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS BIRCHWAY NIAGARA'S MISSION

**We will be a shoulder to lean on, a voice to
advocate for, a space to feel safe in, an ally to
trust, a guide to navigate, and a counsellor to heal
for everyone affected by all forms of abuse.**

Why legacy giving matters.

Every day, women and children from across South Niagara are experiencing abuse. They are afraid. They are unsure of how to escape the violence. They need support to figure out their options.

By including Birchway Niagara in your Will, you ensure that survivors always have a safe place to turn.

Your generosity will help:

Women and families find safety.

Break the cycle of family violence.

Create a safer community.



Imagine a future where every woman and child has a safe place to turn.

Your legacy gift can help make that future a reality.

Last year,
237
women and children
stayed at Birchway
Niagara.

The benefits of legacy giving.

MAKE A GIFT THAT COSTS NOTHING TODAY

A planned gift allows you to make a powerful impact without affecting your finances now. By remembering Birchway Niagara in your Will, you can create a safer future for women and children while ensuring your own financial security and taking care of your loved ones.

PROTECT AND EMPOWER SURVIVORS BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

Your kindness can outlive you. A legacy gift ensures survivors have access to shelter, support, and resources for generations to come.

CREATE A COMMUNITY WITHOUT ABUSE

A gift in your Will is more than a donation—it's a commitment to ending the cycle of abuse. Your support provides emergency shelter, counselling, and advocacy, helping survivors regain hope and independence.

Every survivor deserves a safe tomorrow. Your legacy gift can make that possible.



There is more than one way to make your impact.

When speaking to your financial advisor or lawyer, consider that there is more than one way to make a charitable gift as part of your estate planning. Some options you may wish to consider include:

LEAVE A DOLLAR AMOUNT

You can select the dollar amount you would like to donate to Birchway Niagara.

GIVE A PERCENTAGE

Identify what percentage of your estate will be left to support survivors of abuse.

DONATE THE REMAINDER OF YOUR ESTATE

Decide on the gifts you wish to leave your loved ones. Then, consider leaving a donation to Birchway with the remaining amount.



How to make a difference with your Will.

IMPORTANT NOTES

*Please note that while our operating name has now changed to Birchway Niagara, **our legal name continues to be "Women's Place of South Niagara Inc."** so this wording should be used in any legal documentation.*

Birchway Niagara always recommends speaking with your lawyer and financial advisor to determine the estate planning options that are best for your situation and to ensure your wishes are carried out.



Want to learn more about remembering Birchway Niagara in
your Will?

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