The JDRF Global Legacy Challenge offers the opportunity to maximize support for the most promising research in the world. Confirm that JDRF is in your estate plans by June 30, 2019, and one of our generous sponsors will honor your commitment by donating $1,000 to JDRF.

In partnership with our international affiliate partners, JDRF is participating in the Global Legacy Challenge, an effort to achieve our shared vision of a world without T1D. As a Global Legacy Challenge Sponsor, Mike Lee is excited to help magnify the impact of legacy gifts made toward this effort.

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"T1D is a global disease with a global community," Mike says. "The Global Legacy Challenge allows us to work collaboratively across borders and enables supporters to not only make a local impact, but also a global impact today.

It’s a bold undertaking, but Mike has never let obstacles hold him back. Diagnosed with T1D at age 31, he has worked in more than 20 countries during his career. As a JDRF volunteer leader, he has partnered with all of JDRF’s global network affiliates.

"JDRF gave me a wonderful opportunity to make a difference on a global scale," Mike says. "Knowing that my support of the Global Legacy Challenge will inspire others around the world to include JDRF in their estate plans is an incredible feeling. Estate gifts will provide critically needed fuel for JDRF-funded research beyond what we’re generating today."

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In time, Maureen and Carelle agreed to meet in person, and they’ve been friends and allies in the fight against T1D ever since. In 2009, Carelle joined Maureen and her husband, Lee, for the 2009 Atlanta JDRF One Walk®, and the “Maureen and Naiyareh’s Dream Team” has since raised funds each year — a total of more than $60,000 toward T1D research.

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After the transplant, Maureen and Lee included JDRF in their estate plan and also made JDRF the beneficiary of their four individual retirement accounts (IRAs). “By donating directly out of our IRA, the bulk of what was invested will go toward TID research, rather than be subject to taxation,” Lee says.

The couple know that their gift will have lasting impact. Maureen says, “Now I see more people with TID who are living a better life than I did. I have more hope for them — that they won’t go through what I have. JDRF has given hope to everyone.”

Likewise, when Carelle updated her estate plan in 2016, she named JDRF as the beneficiary of her IRA funds and also established a bequest to JDRF in her will.

“Losing Nai was an insurmountable experience,” Carelle says. “By partnering with JDRF, I’m trying to improve on her gift to Maureen and support TID research through my estate plan, while continuing to elevate Nai’s story.”

No matter how you have supported JDRF in the past, you may have wondered about making a long-term gift to ensure that TID research continues until a cure is found. Many like you have found tremendous satisfaction in making plans to donate a portion of their estate to JDRF.

Here are three ways to make your commitment to JDRF last. Some provide generous income and tax benefits. You can choose the one that best suits your needs:

1. **Include JDRF in your living trust/will.** Your will or living trust can include a gift to JDRF. Provide your attorney with a few sentences such as: “I give and devise to JDRF, a nonprofit organization with headquarters in New York, NY, the sum of $_______ or _______ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate for its general purposes (or for the support of diabetes research).”

2. **Establish a charitable gift annuity.** Make a gift that provides you with income for life — and will receive fixed quarterly payments at an attractive rate for the remainder of your lives. Please contact JDRF’s Planned Giving department to request a sample proposal.

3. **Make JDRF a beneficiary.** Update your beneficiary designation form provided by your insurer or retirement plan administrator to name JDRF as a beneficiary.

**Life Insurance Policies**

Life insurance is a way to safeguard your loved ones. But later in life, you may be in the position to change your beneficiary to JDRF. We’d be honored to carry on your legacy as an avid TID research supporter.

**Retirement Savings Plans**

Your planned gift can make a huge impact on TID research. That’s because JDRF is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Instead of being taxed upon withdrawal, every dime of the retirement assets you donate to JDRF will help fund research for a cure, prevention and better treatments.