

# MUSEUMS and DONORS

A LASTING RELATIONSHIP

## Supporting QUEBEC MUSEUMS

means helping to safeguard and showcase our cultural, natural, and scientific heritage.

Donors are vital partners, helping museums fulfil their responsibilities to share collective memories.



# GIVING

TO A MUSEUM MEANS...

## ... supporting its mission

What makes a museum unique is its particular cultural mission, around which its collections are built. Each museum's works of art, artefacts and archives shape its distinct personality.

## ... enriching its collections

Donating an object in keeping with a museum's mission is a generous gesture. Before an item is acquired, an expert committee studies the proposal, in accordance with the institutional acquisition policy and procedures. Despite its intrinsic value, a gift may be declined for various reasons: the collection development plan, the object's condition, a lack of storage space, etc. In some cases, donors may be redirected to other institutions whose missions are more compatible with the potential donation.



# EUMMS

## ... contributing to conservation costs

Every day, detailed and sustained work goes on behind the scenes in museums. Artefacts are studied, photographed, catalogued and held in secure storage, under monitored environmental conditions.

## ... showcasing its collections

Museums have a social, educational and tourism role in the community. With their focus on sharing the treasures in their collections, museums produce exhibitions, publications and various activities tailored to different audiences. They lend objects, display collections on digital platforms, and collaborate on scholarly research. These activities, essential for promoting and sharing our culture, require substantial resources.

Museum benefactors' financial support allows institutions to consolidate and diversify their activities, for the benefit of current and future generations.

# Ways to HELP

**Contribute** financially to a fundraising campaign or make an unsolicited cash donation to a museum.

**Offer** works of art or objects to a museum.

**Bequeath** funds or property to a museum.

**Name** a museum as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

**Donate** property (land or buildings) by transferring its title to a museum.

**Transfer** stocks, mutual funds, or bonds to a museum.

**Give** a museum a sum of money to create an endowment fund.

If you donate to a museum registered as a charitable organization, you are entitled to an income tax receipt and different tax measures apply depending on the nature of the donation. Museums also offer various privileges to their benefactors in recognition of their invaluable support.

**On behalf of all Quebec museums, a heartfelt thank you to our donors!**

