

Adam and Ariel Aronson are among those who signed a letter of intent, which states that “in keeping with Jewish tradition and an abiding commitment to my community, I wish to share my legacy with others.”

For Adam, promising to leave a gift to the Life & Legacy initiative is a way to give back to the community.

“The community has helped us for so long,” said Adam. “It’s to help sustain what these programs do. The community is very philanthropic.”

Adam considers himself a “beneficiary” of the programs and agencies that the Life & Legacy fund is designed to support. He went to Hillel Academy, went to Camp B’nai Brith and now sits on the board of CBB, in addition to volunteering for various Federation initiatives.

Ariel also grew up immersed in the community. “I can’t describe my life without the Ottawa Jewish community,” said Ariel, who was involved with her synagogue growing up and previously worked for the Federation.

The Life & Legacy initiative “is to ensure that when we have kids — and when they have kids — that everybody gets to benefit from the community as much as we did.”