



## Ways to Give

### Types of Gifts

- Bequests
- Stocks and Bonds
- Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP)/ Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIF)
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Life Insurance Policies
- Tangible Property

### Bequest (Your Will)

- Fixed bequest - state the exact dollar amount or the exact gift (art, jewelry, stocks, bonds, or real estate) you wish to donate
- Percentage bequest - a flexible option that allows you to designate a relative amount and protects the value of your gift over time
- Residual - the remainder or residue of your estate after other bequests have been allocated
- Your present income will not decrease, gift is made from assets not income
- Provides tax relief to your estate
- Your assets will be distributed in accordance with your wishes
- Important to note the correct and full legal name of the charity and if possible the charitable registration number
- You may wish, and it is a good idea, to provide the donee charity with a copy of your will (or a copy of the section of your will pertaining to the charity)

### Life Insurance

- You take out a life insurance policy or amend your current policy and the charity is assigned as the irrevocable owner of the life insurance policy
- The premiums of the life insurance policy are paid by you and a tax receipt is issued to you for the full amount of the annual premium
- Upon death the proceeds of the life insurance policy are paid directly to the charity
- Small premiums can guarantee a larger donation than may otherwise be possible
- A gift of life insurance does not diminish the value of your estate

- You can gain immediate tax benefits and usually there are flexible payment schedules that can be tailored to your particular circumstance
- You may wish to advise the charity that they are the owner of your life insurance policy and state the value of that policy

### **RRIPs and RRSPs**

- Designate the charity as the beneficiary of your RRIP or RRSP
- Upon death the proceeds of the RRIP or RRSP are paid directly to the charity
- You may wish to advise the charity that they are the beneficiary of your RRIP or state the approximate value of the RRIP or RRSP
- The donation of the proceeds of your RRIP or RRSP now (due to the 2000 Federal Budget) qualifies for the charitable donations credit on death

### **Charitable Remainder Trust**

- A method of giving cash or assets (stocks, bonds, etc.) during your lifetime
- You transfer your property to be donated to a trust - you still have the right to collect all or part of the income for your life with the capital going to charity upon your death
- The charity immediately gets legal title to the property
- The donor gets an immediate tax receipt for the value of the remainder interest
- The donor can be assured that although property has legally been given away, and income flow to them will continue
- The life interest in the trust does not have to be tied to the donor but can be tied to the donor's spouse.

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