

# TFSA, RRSP, RRIF AND OTHER DEFERRED PENSION PLANS

Donating specific assets is one of the easiest, most tax-effective ways to support pediatric health at BC Children's Hospital. Assets available to donate can include Tax Free Saving Accounts (TFSA), Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) and other deferred pension plans.

The total value of your registered retirement accounts must be reported as income by your estate in the year of your passing. This income is fully taxable, unless the funds can be rolled over to a surviving spouse or dependent child. If this is not possible, these assets make ideal donations and can benefit your estate in three ways:

- > By naming a charity as a direct beneficiary of your TFSA, RRSP, RRIF or other deferred pension plan, you will avoid paying probate fees on those assets,
- > Capital gains within the donated portion of your registered assets may be exempt\*,
- > The tax receipt issued can also offset taxes owed on other assets within your estate.

This means more of your estate goes to something important to you.

## HOW CAN I MAKE A GIFT OF ASSETS TO BC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL?

You can make a gift of your unused retirement assets at your passing to benefit BC Children's Hospital in two ways:

- Name BC Children's Hospital Foundation as the direct beneficiary of the proceeds of your TFSA, RRSP, RRIF or of your deferred pension plan.
- Make a gift to BC Children's Hospital Foundation in your Will. A tax receipt for the full value will be issued to your estate. Please ask your professional advisor for a change of beneficiary form.

"IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT CHILDREN BE GIVEN THE BEST CHANCE. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE"

Anneliese Bloch
 Legacy Circle Member



#### HOW DOES A DIRECT BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION WORK?

You can name British Columbia's Children's Hospital Foundation as the direct beneficiary under your TFSA, RRSP, RRIF or other municipal/business pension plan. The entire proceeds will be paid directly to the Foundation by the trustee of your asset.

### WHAT ARE OTHER BENEFITS OF NAMING A CHARITY AS THE DIRECT BENEFICIARY?

Because the proceeds of your TFSA, RRSP, RRIF or pension do not form part of your estate, there are no probate or administration fees and creditors and family members cannot challenge your gift. Depending on the financial institution, you may be able to name more than one beneficiary of the proceeds enabling you to give a portion to charity and a portion to family and friends.

### WHAT ARE THE TAX BENEFITS OF A GIFT OF RRSP, TFSA, RRIF OR DEFERRED PENSION PLAN?

Your estate will receive a donation receipt for the gift at the time the property is transferred to the donee. The resulting tax credit offsets the tax otherwise payable on up to 100% of your net income in the year of your passing and the year immediately preceding, or a portion of the taxes in the estate itself if it is a graduated rate estate (GRE). By making the gift to the Foundation, you are making a difference to benefit health care needs of children while saving taxes on this valuable asset.

#### HOW DO I MAKE A GIFT IN MY WILL?

With this option, you need to name your estate as the beneficiary of your TFSA, RRSP, RRIF or pension proceeds. Then, in your Will, name British Columbia's Children's Hospital Foundation as the beneficiary of a gift of any amount up to and including the full value of the TFSA, RRSP, RRIF or pension proceeds.

Since your estate is the beneficiary, the benefits of directly designating a charity are no longer available. By making the gift in your Will, you retain the flexibility to change the value of the gift at any time.

\*Please note the new estate donation rules effective January 1, 2016, can be complex. Please talk to your professional advisors and your family about which Charitable gift option works best for you.



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