



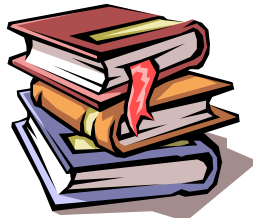
Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C.

“The Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C. promotes quality of health care for people of B.C. through financial support for the education of nurses”

Summer-Fall 2006

WHO ARE WE?

The RNF of BC is a registered charity dedicated to the promotion of nursing education. Its purpose is to promote the advancement of nursing care through education and research. Through the Foundation, bursaries are provided to nursing students in all types of nursing programs.



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RNF expecting a record number of RNF Bursary applications for 2006!

Each year the Registered Nurses Foundation of British Columbia awards bursaries to students enrolled in basic, post-basic, refresher, specialty and graduate education programs in nursing, or to nurses involved in research.

This year, the Registered Nurses Foundation is expecting a record number of RNF Bursary applications considering the trend of applications received over the last couple of years. An increase of available Bursaries over the last couple of years has allowed the RNF to progressively award more Bursaries to selected applicants.

The closing date this year for Bursary applications is September 18, 2006. The Bursary Selection Committee at the RNF will start processing the applications in October and the Bursaries will be awarded in December 2006.

In 2005, more than \$93,000.00 was awarded!

The Bursary amounts for 2006 will range between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00, which will assist nursing students in their education.

More detailed information about the RNF Bursaries can be found on the RNF website at: www.rnfbc.ca

A Guide To Charitable Giving **by Patrick Geach MBA, CFA and RNF Board Member**

Inside this issue, an informative article written by RNF Board Member Patrick Geach provides information on Charitable Giving in Canada.

A Guide to Charitable Giving

Patrick Geach, MBA, CFA

1. What is Charitable Giving?

Many people are searching for an effective way to give back to their community, to memorialize a loved one or to simply show their appreciation to those organizations that have helped them in their careers. Charitable giving offers many benefits to both the community and the donor. As part of an overall estate plan, charitable giving involves not only an important humanitarian aspect but also offers significant tax benefits to the donor.

In the past, planned giving was commonly known as “charitable gifting”. Many individuals make gifts or bequests to one or more charitable organizations from time to time but sometimes they are not always sure that they are doing this in the most effective manner. Others may wish to create a larger benefit to their charity of choice by creating a foundation, however, they may be convinced that they cannot afford to do so.

Planned giving simply allows for consideration on how to organize these gifts and bequests in a way that maximizes the benefits for everyone. Through the use of planning tools such as Wills, trusts and insurance, in addition to understanding the tax treatment of bequests, it is possible to create larger benefits to a charity and to generate greater tax advantages for you.

2. What are the Tax Rules?

The Canadian tax system ensures that a portion of each taxpayer’s wealth will be used for the general welfare of our country. Our tax system allows Canadians to determine, in part, whether their “social capital” is given to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or to charity. The simple example below illustrates how social capital works.

Ann Miller, a BC resident, has an annual income of \$120,000. Based on current marginal tax rates, she will pay \$36,380 in taxes. By making a gift to her favourite charity, Ann helps the charity and saves on her taxes.

	No gift	Gift of \$10,000
Taxable Income	\$120,000	\$120,000
Combined federal and provincial tax*	\$ 36,380	\$ 36,380
Donation amount	\$0	\$ 10,000
Tax savings	\$0	\$ 4,370
Total tax	\$ 36,380	\$ 32,010

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* Figures are approximate

The actual (after-tax) cost of a charitable gift is actually much less than the donation itself. For example, the after-tax cost of a \$10,000 gift for a resident of BC is only \$5,630! While the charity is able to make full use of the donation amount, the actual cost to the donor is substantially less than the “face value” of the gift. Of course, these

financial benefits are not commensurate with the emotional and spiritual power of philanthropy.

3. Basic Canadian Tax Law

Cash, cheque and credit card donation are the most common forms of charitable giving in Canada. Donors who gift to qualified charities are entitled to a tax credit in the year that the donation is made. Donations may be carried forward for a period up to five years.

Over the course of the last decade, the Canadian government has made several changes to the Income Tax Act (ITA) to provide greater incentive for Canadians to distribute their social capital to charities of their choice. Key changes include:

- Increasing the maximum amount of the individual donation tax credit against net income from 25% to 75%. This major change also allows individuals to claim a tax credit against income tax of up to 100% of net income in the year of death and the year immediately preceding death.
- The capital gains inclusion rate on gifts of publicly-listed stocks, bonds and mutual fund securities that are donated to a **public charity** has been eliminated (proposed in May 2, 2006 Federal Budget). Gifts to private foundations do not qualify for this reduction and the capital gains inclusion rate on donations to private foundations remains at 50%.

4. Tax Efficient Donations – Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Under Canadian tax law, taxable capital gains often arise when property is disposed of at a price higher than its adjusted cost base (i.e. the cost at which it was acquired). Most capital gains are taxed on one half of the total amount of the capital gain. The May 2006 Federal Budget brought good news when it comes to donating publicly-listed securities, which include stocks, bonds and mutual funds. The Budget eliminated the capital gains tax on donations of appreciated securities to public charitable organizations and public foundations. The table below illustrates the tax benefit of the new tax rules.



For example, Ann Miller holds a mutual fund with a fair market value of \$50,000 and wants to make a \$50,000 donation to her favourite charity.

	Donate Cash	Donate Securities
Market value	\$50,000	\$50,000
Adjusted cost base	20,000	20,000
Capital gain	30,000	30,000
Taxable gain (50% vs. 0%)	15,000	0
A Tax on capital gain (at 45%)	(6,750)	(0)
B Tax benefit of gift (at 45%)	22,500	22,500
A + B Net tax benefit	15,750	22,500
Net savings from donating mutual funds		\$6,750

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Donors can choose to leave cash, securities or property to a charity as a gift during their lifetime or as a bequest in their Will. However, donors should always check with the charity in advance to ensure that it is willing and able to receive non-cash gifts.

Patrick Geach is a Director of the RNFBC and an Investment Executive with Scotia-McLeod in Vancouver. This is the first in a series of articles dealing with charitable giving. For more information on charitable giving and/or how investments fit within your overall financial plan, Patrick can be contacted at 604-661-1486 or by email at patrick_geach@scotiamcleod.com

RNF Announcement	RNF Website Address
<p>The RNF is happy to announce that a new RNF Bursary made possible by the donation from the Estate of Monica Frith Green will be created in 2007. Details of this new Bursary will be available in the 2007 Bursary Application Form next spring.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monica Frith Green</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">1917 - 2004</p>	 <p>The RNF Website is located at the following address: www.rnfbc.ca</p> <p>Information about the RNF can be found there including our mission and goals, our newsletters, bursary information, contacts, etc.</p> <p><i>The RNF Website will be able to take donations online in the near future. Watch for it!</i></p> <p><i>To Donate to the RNF, please see our website at: www.rnfbc.ca</i></p>

RNF BOARD MEETING DATES	Ways To Contribute to the RNF
<p>RNF 2006-2007 Board meetings are scheduled as follows:</p> <p>Monday, September 25, 2006 Monday, November 20, 2006 Monday, January 29, 2007 Monday, March 19, 2007 Wednesday, May 9, 2007 (also the RNF AGM) Monday, June 11, 2007 Monday, September 17, 2007 Monday, November 26, 2007</p> <p><i>RNF Board meetings at CRNBC main office at 2855 Arbutus Street Vancouver.</i></p>	<p>Some ways you can help the RNF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Become a member and renew your membership each year <input type="checkbox"/> Let others know about the RNF and encourage others to become RNF members <input type="checkbox"/> Make a donation to the RNF (Please see page 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for our events



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE

BEING A GENERAL MEMBER...

Joining the RNF as a general member is your opportunity to make a contribution to the nursing profession. Student nurses need your support with the high cost of nursing education. The nurse shortage and the crisis in health care requires involvement at all levels. Joining RNF is one concrete way you can make a difference. A general membership application is attached.

BECOMING A BOARD MEMBER ...

Are you looking for a way to contribute and enjoy working with an interesting and dynamic group of people? Become a Director of RNF! The Directors are nurses from a variety of backgrounds and they represent "nurses helping nursing" by supporting the educational endeavors of student nurses. Becoming a board member offers you the opportunity to support your profession and network with other nurse leaders. The RNF Directors meet five to six times a year. Call Linda von Tettenborn, Chair of the Nominations Committee at 604-632-7369 if you are interested.

BECOMING A RNF PATRON ...

Please call Kris Gustavson at 604-875-3088 (day) 604-327-9694 (eve) if you are interested in supporting the RNF as a Patron. Becoming a Patron includes an initial \$500.00 donation to the RNF and then committing to an annual \$100.00 donation to the RNF.

DONATION TO RNF

Yes, I would like to donate to the Registered Nurses Foundation:

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 \$500.00 Other \$_____

Please Mail Donation To:

**Registered Nurses Foundation of BC
2855 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC, V6J 3Y8**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____ Email: _____

Cheque: _____ Visa: _____ Master Card: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

RNF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2006/2007

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**Complete & mail with your annual membership fee of \$50.00 to the
Registered Nurses Foundation of BC,
2855 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC, V6J 3Y8**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Cheque: _____ Visa: _____ Master Card: _____ Credit Card #: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Signature: _____

I hereby give the RNF consent to access the CRNBC Registration System to update my address information for newsletter and fundraising mail outs.

Signature: _____

Fees are income tax deductible. Receipts will be issued at the end of the year.

