Professional Advisor Update

Research shows that 27 per cent of Canadians would leave money to charity in their will, if that option is presented to them.

Join Community Foundations of Canada for a FREE Webinar

Date: November 7, 1:00-2:30 PM
Presentation by: Sara Neely, LL.B. CFRE, Director of Philanthropic Services, Victoria Foundation
Designed for: Professional Advisors who want to know more about charitable giving options for their clients

This webinar will feature a tour of CFC's Professional Advisors e-Resource, including adding giving to your practice, details of six common gift options, and a charitable gift matrix. To register, contact Amy Thompson or register on-line.

Donors Do Not Have to Set Up a Fund to Give to The Foundation

We're often asked if donors are required to have their own fund. Not everyone wants to create a fund, yet they may have deep roots in the community and want to provide financial support with impact.

At the Guelph Community Foundation we have many funds that are *open* for anyone to contribute any amount. Our GCF **Community Fund** is one of these funds and it is unrestricted, which means that it allows the GCF the greatest flexibility to respond to the community's most pressing needs - today and in the future.

Give Yourself Credit - Kicks for Youth is just one example of a program that was recently funded by the Foundation's Community Fund. *Give Yourself Credit is an alternative education program that is provincially certified. It supports students who face some of life's hardest challenges which ultimately inhibit their social, emotional, academic and physical well being.*

The Kicks for Youth program facilitated a new partnership with a local karate studio. Twice a week, students took a break from the school environment and experienced something different. It was an opportunity to set goals, push themselves and acquire a new skill. The martial arts program improved self discipline, concentration, focus, and self confidence of the students. The experience proved to be more than they imagined, particularly for one young man who demonstrated a natural ability for karate and has been invited to attend a leadership training program to become an instructor.

Gifts of Securities

Giving stock is another excellent option to put your clients' gains to good use and allow them to qualify for an immediate tax credit. Clients have the flexibility of choosing to donate to an existing fund *(such as our GCF Community Fund)*, or establishing a fund in their name *(minimums apply)*. We require a little more time to process gifts of stock for a 2012 charitable tax receipt and must receive the transfer documentation no later than December 10, 2012. Please contact the GCF for our *Directions for Gift Shares* transfer form.

Celebrate Philanthropy

Random Act of Kindness Day - November 9th

Simple acts of kindness are endless! Buy someone a coffee, congratulate a co-worker on a job well done, offer to drive a friend to an appointment, hold open a door, or help carry your neighbours' groceries. Use your imagination and follow your heart. Need ideas: visit our RAK page or get social with us on Twitter and Facebook.

National Philanthropy Day - November 15

National Philanthropy Day is the special day set aside to recognize and pay tribute to the great contributions that philanthropy — *and those people active in the philanthropic community* - have made to our lives, our communities and our world. Charities thank you for your support. Your involvement — *whether it's mentoring, volunteering, giving* — makes philanthropy possible, and makes National Philanthropy Day so special and meaningful.

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