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MFC offers easy-to-use tools and objective advice for busy people looking to give of their time, talent and treasure. Our consultants are knowledgeable professionals who offer guidance on all aspects of charitable giving and estate planning. MFC consultants work with a group of allied professionals, including lawyers and accountants, and they will refer you to recommended specialists as the needs arise. You're in good hands as you make your plans to give faithfully and joyfully.

Gifts of Securities and Property

You can gift securities or property to MFC and benefit your favourite charities. These gifts, whether real estate, farm property, business or commercial property, investment assets (such as company shares), publicly traded securities or art, have become popular as people discover the potential tax advantages and benefits to charity.


A gift of publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.), if made in kind to MFC, will generate a greater tax savings for you compared to a donation of cash. The capital gain inclusion rate is reduced from 50% to 0% for this type of gift.

Instead of selling the asset, you transfer it to MFC "in kind." MFC then sells the gifted asset and makes the cash available to distribute to charity or to be managed for the ongoing benefit of charity. MFC provides a charitable receipt for the fair market value of the gift. You may recommend to MFC the charities you want to support with your gift.

Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance makes it possible for you to leverage your contributions to charity. Your gift to charity is assured with a paid-up policy or through a policy with ongoing premiums paid by the donor. New or existing policies can be gifted to MFC. You may choose to continue paying premiums directly to the insurance company or donate the money to MFC to pay premiums.

Within days or weeks of your death, the insurance proceeds are paid directly to MFC outside of your estate. You may recommend to MFC (on a separate document) how the proceeds of that policy should be managed or distributed.



You may amend your recommendations at any time without cost. Using MFC to distribute the proceeds from your charitable life insurance policy will save you money and provide flexibility.

Bequests

Gifts made through a will are called bequests. You can make your bequest a fixed amount, a specific percentage of the residual amount of your estate, and/or a specific asset. Bequests are a great way to leave a final testimony to your Christian beliefs.

Instead of naming one or more charities in your will, you can name MFC to receive your total bequest for charity. You then recommend to MFC (on a separate document not forming part of your will) how your bequest shall be managed and/or distributed. You may amend your recommendations at any time without cost. Using MFC to distribute or manage your charitable bequest relieves your executor of this task and facilitates the finalization of your estate.

Family Foundations

A foundation, whether public or private, even though it has charitable status, is different from a registered charity in that it is a charity for charities. A foundation's basic mandate is to receive various kinds of gifts and manage them for the long-term benefit of charities or convert them to cash if they are gifts-in-kind, and channel them to various charities.

For many donors, stewardship of time and skills is an important consideration. Operating a private foundation takes time and requires people with certain skills, including: setting up and maintaining a board of directors; receiving and processing requests for donations; keeping accurate records; annual reporting to CRA (formerly Revenue Canada); and prudent investing of endowed assets. MFC is capable of handling all of these tasks for you.



Endowments

Endowment funds, or long-term vehicles for charitable giving, are a mainstay for churches, conferences, and institutions. People with a vision for the longer-term frequently use endowment plans to support the ongoing programs of organizations, whether locally, nationally, or internationally.

An endowment fund is the storing of one or more gifts for long-term benefit to charity. It can be a one-person arrangement or it can be an ongoing arrangement where many people contribute. An endowment fund set up with MFC can serve the same purposes as a private foundation, with some added benefits.

Gifting Accounts

An MFC gifting account allows you to make a donation in one year and distribute it to charity over a period of up to five years. A charitable receipt is issued for the full amount in the year the gift is made. You may recommend distribution of the gift and accrued earnings to the charities of your choice.

Trust Deposits

Available cash from savings, an inheritance, or the sale of a business or farm can make an excellent investment in the work of charity. You can deposit such assets with MFC and receive favourable earnings with greater charitable intent as an alternative to making a deposit at other financial institutions. MFC offers a variety of investment options to assist you in achieving your charitable objectives and personal needs. In addition, your deposits make it possible for MFC to provide loans to churches and related agencies and to offer stewardship education and services to churches and their members at no cost.



Investment Options

MFC administers more than nearly \$100 million of assets on behalf of conferences, churches, charities, and individuals. We provide a broad range of investment options including a fixed income pool, a socially screened balanced pool and segregated accounts.

Contact an MFC consultant today to discuss your charitable giving desires and estate planning needs.

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