# Gift of a Registered Account



### **Donating Your Registered Accounts**

As part of your estate plan, you could consider designating Abundance Canada as the full or partial beneficiary of a registered account. Registered accounts include: Registered Retirement Saving Plan (RRSP), Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) and Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA).

You maintain full use of your registered account during your lifetime, and any balances that remain on your passing would transfer to the designated beneficiaries.

### Benefits of Donating a Registered Account

- + Payments from a registered account to a designated beneficiary generally pass outside of your estate, which can reduce probate fees.
- + The payments are made directly to the designated beneficiaries and are not exposed to any claims on your estate by creditors.
- + Donation receipts are issued for the amounts received by Abundance Canada, which can be used to offset taxes owing by you or your estate.

# Why Name Abundance Canada as the Charitable Beneficiary of a Registered Account?

- + We simplify the process for your executor/executrix, or estate administrator.
  - + One charity named as the beneficiary means less paperwork to process and fewer donation receipts to track .
- + A Generosity Plan™ at Abundance Canada allows the single donation to benefit multiple charities.
  - + No need to include each charity as a beneficiary of the registered account.
- + You don't need to revise your beneficiary designation if you want to change the charities you wish to support.
  - + You contact Abundance Canada to update your Generosity Plan distribution recommendations.

## Tax Tips

- + RRSP or RRIF payments to a beneficiary are taxable income of the deceased.
- + Any amount paid to a beneficiary from a TFSA would not be taxable income.
- + You should consult with your professional advisors to determine the tax implications for your personal situation.

#### **Next Steps**

Established in 1974, Abundance Canada envisions a world where everyone lives generously, because we believe *generosity changes everything*™. To learn more about donating a registered account, contact Abundance Canada at **1.800.772.3257** to speak with a gift planning consultant. All consultations are confidential, with no obligations.



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