

Ways to Give



Individuals, families and corporations partner with BCF to help strengthen communities locally and across Canada.

We offer a variety of giving options. Whether it's setting up your own donor advised fund, contributing to an existing fund, or making a legacy gift, we work with you to meet your financial needs and your personal giving goals. By working together, we make the most of your giving, helping create change, while building on your legacy of generosity.

Here are a few of the most common ways to give:

Credit Card or Cheque

This is the simplest type of charitable gift. For donations more than \$20, you will receive a charitable donation receipt for the year in which the contribution is made.

Publicly-Traded Securities

A gift of publicly-traded securities is the transfer of ownership of stocks or bonds to Burlington Community Foundation. If you own shares that have increased in value, 50 per cent of the capital gains are taxable. However, if you donate these shares in-kind to Burlington Community Foundation, the entire gain is tax-exempt.

Other Giving Options

Charitable Bequest

Leave a bequest to the Burlington Community Foundation in your will. BCF will provide an official receipt for income tax purposes to your estate when it receives the bequest. Bequests can be a specific dollar amount or a residual gift (the entire portion of your estate). We have prepared a document with sample clauses for your will that your lawyer can use as a guide.

Life Insurance

You can provide a gift to BCF at an affordable cost without reducing what you give to your family and friends through your estate. Burlington Community Foundation can be named as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. If you designate Burlington Community Foundation as the irrevocable beneficiary or owner and the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, we will be able to provide you with an official receipt for income tax purposes for the amount of the premium you pay each year.

RRSP/RRIF

Name Burlington Community Foundation as the beneficiary of your Registered Retirement Savings Plan or Registered Retirement Income Fund and make a significant donation, while saving your estate from paying probate tax on the proceeds.