

Why do You Give?

Charitable Giving is Part of Your Nature

One common characteristic of your redeemed human nature as a Christian is that you understand that the earth is the Lord's and everything in it (Ps 24:1). You are a steward, and God is the owner of all you have. That is why charitable giving is baked right into your new-life DNA! You want to make an impact in our culture and God's Kingdom on this earth today!

The Bible takes giving seriously. The Bible has more than 2,000 verses that mention stewardship or financial matters. Half of Jesus' parables deal with money and wealth.

Giving is Initiated by God and Is the Christian Response

Throughout Scripture one can read and learn that God initiates all things. God initiated creation. God initiated a plan of salvation at the fall of creation. God initiated his covenantal promises with Noah, Abraham, David and with you. God initiated forgiveness of all your sins and salvation through His son, Jesus Christ.

God initiated the act of giving. God is the greatest Planned Giver of all. God initiated the greatest plan to reconcile and redeem this world and his people. God initiated a plan to give his one and only Son, Jesus, to take all your sins upon him at the cross. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor 9:15)

And God calls His people to respond. He calls you to respond by making an impact through your giving generously and cheerfully (2 Cor 9:6-7). God has freely given you His grace, love and this world, and He calls you to enjoy all these blessings and share these blessings with others. You are called to be a blessing to the nations by extending God's amazing grace and love to all people including sharing the resources that you have received.

Why do you give? Your giving is a response of your faith and an expression of your worship. Your giving is an expression of gratitude and thanksgiving to a faithful and gracious God for all His goodness to you. Giving is not a transaction between you and an organization. Giving is transformational; allowing God to change your heart and partnering with you to build His kingdom on this earth today.

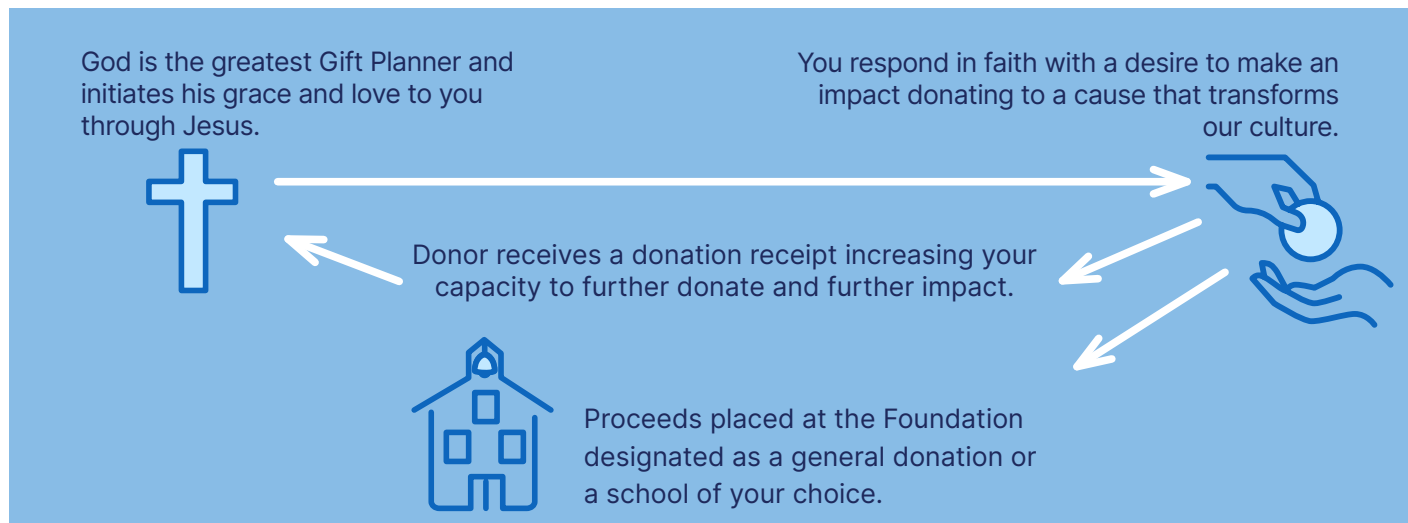
How Giving can Benefit You

Your primary interest when you give is responding to God's grace in gratitude and making an impact in His Kingdom. Through this impact of generosity, you want to help the charity and strengthen its ability to fulfill its mission.

The reality of charitable giving in Canada is that there are ways in which giving gifts can also benefit your financial situation. As a result, you have the capability and opportunity to donate more to the charities whose mission God has placed upon your heart and that you care for.

Features and Incentives of Giving

- + You can impact our culture and God's Kingdom by strengthening the charity to fulfill its mission.
- + For individuals the tax savings could range from 40-50%, depending on your province, which increases your capacity to give more.
- + Any unused donation receipts can be carried forward for up to five years.
- + Donations can be claimed up to 75% of your net income each year. In the year of death, the donation limit is 100% of your net income and can also be applied to the tax year prior to death.
- + The Canadian government encourages individuals and corporations to give by providing the taxpayer several advantages and options in their generosity to charities.



"It's not how much you give but how much love you put into what you give." ~ Mother Theresa

The Christian School Foundation Makes this Easy for You

The Christian School Foundation provides information and opportunity for donors to give stewardly, generously and tax effectively through planning gifts today or in the future through your Will. Your giving will impact our culture and build God's Kingdom through a local Christian school or a general donation to help Christian schools across Canada.

We can assist you in accomplishing your generous donation or by making a plan for future giving.
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