

Making a Gift of of RRSPs & RRIFs



Saving for your retirement is an essential part of a complete financial plan. However, your strategy should also consider what happens to your RRSP or RRIF when you pass away.

In terms of your estate there are no differences between RRSPs and RRIFs and making a charitable gift of either will provide tax benefits to your estate.

There are two ways of using your RRSP or RRIF to make a charitable gift:

- Make YWCA Toronto the beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF. Upon your death YWCA Toronto receives the balance of the asset directly from the financial institution. The estate receives tax credits for the charitable gift to offset the tax on income. Because the asset passes outside of the estate, no probate fees are payable, resulting in further savings for the estate. Using this method, charities have no involvement in your estate and receive your gift in a timely fashion.
- Make your estate the beneficiary of the RRSP or RRIF, and have the estate donate an equivalent value to YWCA Toronto. Your Will must specify a bequest to YWCA Toronto that is equal to the value of the registered savings plan. A receipt will be issued to the estate to offset the tax on the registered savings. The asset is considered part of your estate and probate fees are payable on it.

We encourage you to review your options with your financial planner or call the YWCA Philanthropy Department at 416-961-8100 x 327.



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