
THE MAILEY ROGERS GROUP

PERSONAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Charitable Giving Myth #1

ESTATE PLANNING CHECKLIST

What is most important to you in regards to your estate?

“Private Foundations are only appropriate for individuals with \$10 MILLION in assets”

Reality: Private charitable foundations have a reputation as only being appropriate for the very wealthiest members of society. There is a myth that they require at least \$10 million in assets to create and operate.

In fact, only 175 of the approximately 3,985 private foundations in Canada have assets over \$10 million. They typically have endowments – assets held permanently to support the charitable purpose of approximately \$500,000. In some cases, private foundations have minimal assets and are used to support operating charities with annual flow-through donations.

Of the 3,985 private foundations that are registered as charities, approximately 1000 are granting foundations, foundations that encourage other charities to apply to them for grants. Most private foundations are personal philanthropy management tools for families. They support specific charities or charities benefiting a particular area of interest.

A large percentage of private foundations are created as trusts, often through an estate plan. At Scotiabank, private foundation trusts require \$500,000 to create, although they can be funded over time with smaller amounts. They are well suited for clients who have a number of charitable interests and few dependents. A private foundation created as a testamentary trust is an excellent way for an individual to create a permanent personal legacy. It is a living entity that provides ongoing support to favourite charities.

Scotiabank is the leading provider of private foundation services in Canada, with 400 private foundations, \$1 billion in endowments, and annual grants to charities of \$45 million. They are experts in creating private foundation trusts and managing their cost effectively.

Scotiabank also understands that private foundations should reflect the founder's values, experiences, hopes and dreams. They work with you to ensure your legacy is personally meaningful and makes a difference in the world.

We can help you with your charitable giving needs.



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