

CHARITABLE GOALS & FINANCIAL ASSISTS

01 PERSONAL DONATIONS

Next to lending a helping hand, donating personal funds or property is the simplest form of charitable giving. Government agencies in both Canada and the US provide on-line listings of registered charities that are eligible for issuing official donation receipts. These databases also provide disclosure on the charity's tax status and financial information. Both countries limit the charitable donation amount that qualifies for tax relief in a given tax year; but carry forward opportunities are available to claim excess donations in future years. In Canada for example, a \$10,000 charitable donation can provide tax savings ranging anywhere between \$3,000 to \$5,500, depending on the taxpayer's province of residency.

Things have become drastically more confusing for American taxpayers since the 2018 Tax Law took effect. In 2019, the standard deduction is \$24,400 for married couples and \$12,200 for single taxpayers. The total of all your itemized deductions, including your charitable contributions, would have to exceed these limits before you realize a tax benefit. Additional itemized deductibles include mortgage interest, property taxes and medical expenses. However, donating cash is often less impactful as it relates to tax efficiency. For example, donating investment assets that have appreciated in value, will allow the donor to avoid capital gains tax while the total amount is still eligible for the tax deduction. The federal tax code in the US is also very accommodative for gifts of donated property, clothing, and other non-cash items. The amount eligible for deduction is the fair market value of the item on the date of the contribution.

02 DONOR ADVISED FUND

A donor advised fund (DAF) is a fast-growing instrument that allows an individual to commit funds, avoid estate tax and gain immediate taxable benefit, before the actual donation is made. Creating a DAF is particularly beneficial when an individual knows they would like to give back, but are still unsure which charity they would like to support. Using a DAF allows the donor to stay private and removes the high level of monitoring and reporting required when establishing your own foundation.

03 PRIVATE FOUNDATION

Creating a private foundation is a fantastic way to leave a legacy beyond the player's on-ice achievements. Similar to the above options, the donor will get an income tax deduction for the funds/property donated and similar to the DAF will have funds in the foundation avoid estate tax. In addition to the legacy left by creating your own foundation, you have control of the name of your foundation and where the funds are spent.

THE NHL
FOUNDATION
PLAYER AWARD
WINNERS
(DISCONTINUED IN 2018)

2017
TRAVIS
HAMONIC

2016
MARK
GIORDANO

2015
BRENT
BURNS

2014
PATRICE
BERGERON

2013
HENRIK
ZETTERBERG

2012
MIKE
FISHER

TYPE	TAX BENEFIT	AVOID ESTATE TAX	CONTROL OF FUNDS	LEGACY	PRIVACY
PERSONAL DONATION	♥				♥
DONOR ADVISED FUND	♥	♥	♥		♥
PRIVATE FOUNDATION	♥	♥	♥	♥	