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Gift of Publicly-Listed Securities

Why is this better than donating cash?

The reason why gifts of appreciated publicly-listed securities are an attractive way to make a donation is because they are subject to generous tax incentives in Canada. However, to benefit from this advantage, the actual securities must be donated to Knowledge Network rather than selling them first, and then donating the cash (also referred to as donating securities 'whole' or 'in kind').

If you own publicly-listed securities that have increased in value since you purchased them, this added value is called 'capital gain' and if you cash them in, you have to pay income tax on 50% of this gain. However, if you donate them whole to Knowledge Network, you don't pay any tax on the capital gain.

What are eligible securities?

Stocks, bonds, and mutual fund shares and units listed on major exchanges or have regularly published values. The key factor is they must be listed through a public market and the value can be easily defined.

Can you provide an example showing the benefit of donating this way?

Jenny has publicly-listed securities with a fair market value of \$10,000. She bought them a few years ago for \$4,000, so the increase in value (or capital gain) is \$6,000. She can choose to cash in the securities and donate the money, or transfer the securities to Knowledge Network. Jenny's income tax rate is 45%. The following chart shows how this choice will affect her tax savings when she files her income tax return.

Donating Securities worth \$10,000 Because Jenny transferred the securities, she does not have to pay tax on the \$6,000 capital gain.		Cashing In Securities worth \$10,000 and Donating Cash Because Jenny cashed in her securities she has to pay income tax on 50% or \$3,000 of the \$6,000 capital gain.	
Income Tax Savings from receipt	\$ 4,500	Income Tax Savings from receipt	\$ 4,500
	\$ 5,500		\$ 5,500
Capital gain on securities	\$ 6,000	Capital gain on securities	\$ 6,000
The amount of gain included in income	0	The amount of gain included in income	\$ 3,000
Tax Bill on this gain	0	Tax Bill on this gain	\$ 1,350

So, Jenny saves \$1,350 in income tax by donating the securities rather than cashing them in first. Just imagine what her savings would have been if the gift had been \$100,000 or more!





Gift of Publicly-Listed Securities (cont.)

How do I arrange for my publicly-listed securities to be donated to Knowledge Network?

We will work with you and your advisors to ensure a smooth transfer. Please follow the step-bystep directions on our Gifts of Securities Donation Form and send a copy to your broker and us. We will look after the rest.

You will receive a donation receipt for the fair market value of the securities on the date of transfer to our account (value is based on the average between the high and low price on that day). Most transfers are done electronically or by signing the share certificate.

Where will my gift go?

When you make a gift of publicly-listed securities, you can choose where your gift goes, either into the Knowledge Endowment to support future programming, or to the annual programming fund, or you can choose to split the gift between both.

If I have more questions about this, who can I contact?

We are happy to help in any way we can. Please contact Paul Graham directly with any of your questions – or if you prefer, have your professional advisor do so – he is more than willing to help you and will keep all your conversations and information confidential.



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This document does not constitute legal or financial advice.

We recommend that before making a decision on a significant gift to Knowledge Network, you seek independent professional advice to ensure your gift is structured in accordance with your personal circumstance and that the related tax implications have been thoroughly considered.

Your advisor may request the following information:

- Our Legal Name: Knowledge Network Corporation
- Our Charitable Registration Number: 12153 2816 RR0001
- Our Address: 4355 Mathissi Place, Burnaby, B.C. Canada V5G 4S8



GIFT OF SECURITIES DONATION FORM

Date:				
	(Transferring Institution) (Address of Transferring Institution			
	(Transferor/Donor) (Residential Address of Transferor/	/Donor)		
You are hereby authorized and	directed to transfer in kind the following sec	(Account no. of Transferor/Donor at Transferring Institution) transfer in kind the following securities from the above noted		
account to the address and the Security Description	account number noted below. CUSIP/ISIN/SEDOL#	# of shares/units		
KNOWLEDGE NETWORK CO Broker Fins Number: T002 Account # 806-20517-12	RPORATION - Charitable Organization #	# 12153 2816 RR0001		
	er of securities) to the Knowledge Endowme	ent and/or		
I hereby give(number	r of securities) to Knowledge for the annual			
	(Signature of Trans	feror/Donor)		

AFTER INITIATING THIS TRANSFER, PLEASE FAX OR FORWARD THIS FORM TO:

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