



## Charitable Gift Annuities

A Charitable Gift Annuity is often called “the gift that gives back.” It allows you to make a meaningful gift to Knowledge Network while receiving guaranteed income for life.

Many of our Partners choose this type of gift because it reflects what they value most: supporting trusted, commercial-free programming for future generations—while ensuring financial security for themselves today.

If you want to create a legacy with Knowledge Network and enjoy dependable income that won't be affected by markets or interest rates, a Charitable Gift Annuity may be the right option for you.

### What are the financial benefits of a charitable annuity?

Annuity rates tend to be higher than GICs and other fixed-income investments—and charitable annuity payments to you are often largely tax-free—so your cash flow can increase significantly.

Other benefits include:

- **Guaranteed Income for Life** – steady annual income you can count on.
- **Income Security** – payments to you are unaffected by market or interest-rate changes.
- **Simple to Manage** – once set up, there's no further management or fees.
- **Tax Advantages** – all, or a large portion, of the payments to you will be tax-free (depending on your age and gender).

### Who would benefit the most from this type of gift to Knowledge Network?

A charitable annuity is worth exploring if you:

- are age 70 or older
- want to increase your income compared to GICs or other fixed-income options
- value the assurance of guaranteed, lifelong payments
- would like to make a meaningful gift to Knowledge Network while enjoying financial stability

### How do I set up a Charitable Gift Annuity?

To set up a charitable annuity, you contribute a lump sum through your professional advisor. Part of that sum (at least 25%) is donated directly to Knowledge Network. The remainder is used to purchase an annuity from an insurance company, which provides you with regular payments for life (or for a set number of years).

It's important to know that this is a *permanent* transfer of your funds. You give up access to the asset you contribute in exchange for guaranteed payments.

Because annuities can be structured in different ways (e.g., payments for one life, for two lives, or for a fixed term), it's best to speak with your advisor to see whether this type of gift is the right fit for your personal circumstances.

Please turn over ...



**Accredited**  
IMAGINE CANADA



## How much do I have to donate to create a charitable annuity?

At least **25% of the amount you contribute** must go to Knowledge Network for it to qualify as a charitable annuity. For example: if you contribute \$10,000, your charitable gift must be at least \$2,500.

## What are the tax benefits of a charitable annuity?

You will receive a charitable donation receipt for the portion of your contribution that goes directly to Knowledge Network. This receipt can reduce your taxes in the year of your gift. (If you cannot use the entire receipt in one year, you may carry it forward for up to five years.)

## How large will my charitable annuity payments be?

Your annual payments depend on your age, gender, the amount you contribute and annuity rates in effect at the time of your gift.

## Can the payments continue to a surviving spouse?

Yes. You can set up your annuity so that payments continue for as long as either you or your spouse is living. When the first spouse passes away, the survivor continues to receive the full payments without interruption.

## Examples of how a Charitable Gift Annuity works

**Example 1: Rose, age 78** - Rose contributes **\$10,000** through a Charitable Gift Annuity. She receives **about \$800 per year for life**, with more than **90% of her payments tax-free**. She also receives a **tax receipt for \$2,500** right away, lowering her income tax.

**Example 2: Morton, age 74** - Morton contributes **\$25,000**. He receives **annual payments of \$1,972 for life**, with about **84% tax-free**. He also receives a **tax receipt for \$6,250** in the year of his gift.

**Example 3: John & Helen, ages 72 and 70** - Together, John and Helen contribute **\$30,000**. They receive **about \$2,100 per year for as long as either of them lives**, with most of their payments tax-free. They also receive a **charitable receipt for \$7,500** to use against their taxes.

## Who can I contact for more information?

We understand this is an important and sometimes complex decision. We are here to help and are happy to speak with you—or with your advisor, lawyer or notary if you prefer. All conversations will be confidential.



### Contact

**Paul Graham** Philanthropy Officer  
plannedgiving@knowledge.ca  
604.431.3136  
Toll-Free 1.877.456.6988

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

**Thank you for considering creating a legacy at Knowledge Network.**



**Accredited**  
IMAGINE CANADA