



News release

‘Tis the season for charitable giving

Ottawa, Ontario, December 9, 2009 . . . The Honourable Jean-Pierre Blackburn, Minister of National Revenue and Minister of State (Agriculture and Agri-Food), has a message for Canadians who donate to charity: “Be an informed donor.” The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is reminding Canadians who plan to give to a registered charity this holiday season to go to www.cra.gc.ca/donors or call 1-800-267-2384 for tips on how to be an informed donor.

“While the CRA is actively engaged in educating registered charities on their obligations under the *Income Tax Act*, it is also concerned with educating Canadians on the importance of being an informed donor,” said Minister Blackburn. “The CRA is committed to supporting the invaluable work of Canadian charities by providing Canadians with information that will enhance donor confidence and reduce cases of fraud in the charitable sector.”

As the regulator of registered charities under the *Income Tax Act*, the CRA has designed Web pages to help donors make informed decisions when giving to charity. The Web pages provide information on:

- donations that can help reduce your tax burden;
- organizations that can issue official donation receipts;
- registered charities that operate in your community, and how they spend their money;
- how to raise concerns about particular registered charities; and
- how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

If you plan to donate this holiday season, turn your good intention into a wise move and go to www.cra.gc.ca/donors or call 1-800-267-2384.

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