



# British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

## Donating to BIFHSGO

Your financial contribution helps the Society undertake new projects, offer quality programming and engage in public outreach. As BIFHSGO is a registered charity, all donations made to the Society are eligible for income tax receipts. Our charitable registration number is 89277 4044 RR0001.

### Donations can be made in several ways:

- A donation through our [website](#) or through [CanadaHelps](#)
- A bequest
- A donation of securities through [CanadaHelps](#)
- A gift of life insurance

Donations can be made at any time—when you renew or purchase a membership or at any point during the year and your donation can be designated to one of three areas:

- **General:** Donations contribute to the on-going operating expenses of the society, including administration and programming.
- **Library Fund:** Donations are used to purchase books and resources of interest to the BIFHSGO membership for the genealogy department of the Ottawa Public Library, and the library maintained by the Ottawa Branch of Ontario Ancestors. The Ottawa Branch library is held at the City of Ottawa Archives on Tallwood Drive.
- **Research Fund:** Donations help cover expenses associated with periodic research projects undertaken and supported by the society, and the publishing of those projects on the BIFHSGO website.

### Bequests

Planning a gift to BIFHSGO in your will not only has significant tax advantages for you, but can result in a lasting legacy. We recommend that you consult your financial advisor or lawyer, as BIFHSGO is not in a position to offer financial or tax advice. Consider whether you want your gift to be a fixed dollar amount, a percentage, or the residual of your estate, and if you want your gift to go to BIFHSGO's General Fund, Library Fund, Research Fund or a particular special project. Unless otherwise designated, all bequests exceeding \$1,000 will be placed in a designated bequest fund to be used for a special project, as approved/determined by the Board.

If you make a gift to BIFHSGO in your will, the Society encourages you to notify us either directly or through your lawyer. This will allow us to properly recognize your support during your lifetime, if you so choose, and ensure that your gift is designated according to your wishes. Your intentions will be kept in the strictest confidence.



## **Gifts of Securities**

Donations of securities can be made to BIFHSGO through CanadaHelps. By donating securities to BIFHSGO through CanadaHelps, as opposed to selling them and donating the proceeds, you eliminate the capital gains tax. This means more money for BIFHSGO and a greater charitable tax credit for you. To make a gift of securities to BIFHSGO through CanadaHelps, please click [here](#).

For more information, go to the CanadaHelps [website](#) .

## **Gifts of Life Insurance**

A gift of life insurance is made when you name BIFHSGO as the beneficiary of your insurance policy. This means that you control the policy and that we will only receive the insurance proceeds following your death. A number of life insurance options are available and each will have different types of tax benefits. Talk to your accountant, lawyer, financial adviser or insurance professional—they can help you decide which option may work best for you.

Questions? Please contact the BIFHSGO [Treasurer](#). Thank you.

