



Meals on Wheels / La Popote roulante Ottawa

# Behind The Wheel

MORE THAN JUST A MEAL!

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## Donation Method Spotlight: Planned Giving

Supporting our organization through planned giving can help ensure that those in need of support in our community have access to nutritious meals, security, and independence for years to come.

Our population is aging and the needs of our client base are becoming increasingly complex. As a not-for-profit organization, Meals on Wheels relies heavily on donations in order to continue to provide affordable meals to those at risk.

### BENEFITS OF PLANNED GIVING

The Government of Canada encourages charitable giving with numerous tax incentives. Although proceeding with such a plan is relatively simple, Meals on Wheels strongly recommends that you consult with a financial advisor

before initiating a planned giving donation. This will ensure that you receive professional advice that is tailored to your personal financial and tax situation.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

By remembering Meals on Wheels in your will, you can play a significant role to help guarantee our program remains available to the community in future generations.

Options for giving include, but are not limited to:

- Bequests
- Gift Annuities
- Will and Estate Planning

### WHY CONSIDER PLANNED GIVING

The tax benefits of planned giving can reduce your final tax return,

giving you more control over where your money goes. The full amount of all of your combined assets are taxed on your final tax return, reducing the value of your estate and what you might have hoped to pass on in your will. This includes the value of any property you may own, the value of your residence, RRSPs, RRIFs, and TFSAs along with any other accumulated assets.

### WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

A financial advisor can give you more information on which type of gift best suits your financial position and help find the best way for you to leave your legacy.

Planning ahead can lead to peace of mind and great satisfaction that your planned gift will have an impact that is important to you.



"Only a life lived for others  
is a life worthwhile."

- Albert Einstein

### IMPORTANT DATES

**August 2:** Civic Holiday  
- No meals

