

# Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2011

By Mark Blumberg (November 9, 2013)

We recently reviewed the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return database for 2011 as part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project. We provided an overview of the whole charity sector in the Blumbergs' Charity Sector Snapshot 2011. We have taken a subset of the 2011 T3010 data to look at only registered charities based in Ontario. This article provides a snapshot of the registered charity sector in Ontario based on the 2011 T3010 fillings.

The Canadian charity sector is a vital part of Canadian society and economy with revenue of over \$212 billion and expenditures of over \$205 billion. A large part of that charity sector is based in Ontario and it is important that there be up-to-date numbers on the sector in Ontario.

Some of the highlights of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector include:

30,092 registered charities in Ontario

10,319 of the registered charities listed websites

26,736 identified themselves as active and 2,619 as inactive

11, 837 made gifts to other charities or qualified donees during their 2011 fiscal year

\$86 billion in total revenue for Ontario charities and total expenditures of \$84 billion.

2,398 conducted activities outside of Canada and spent about \$2.1 billion outside of Canada

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127 Ontario charities received funds from CIDA

1235 identified having contractual relationships with foreign intermediaries, 570 Ontario charities identified that employees conducted activities outside of Canada and 1,175 had volunteers conducting activities.

181 identified carrying on political activities

13,376 identified having employment expenses while 16,274 did not have any employment expenses

669,368 full time employees and 612,482 part-time employees

\$46 Billion was spent by Ontario charities on salaries and other compensation expenditures

\$6.8 Billion in official donation receipts were issued by Ontario charities

The Sean Blumberg Transparency Project is in memory of my youngest brother Sean Blumberg. Sean was a sweet, kind person, a great brother who helped me on a number of occasions with many tasks including the time consuming and arduous task of reviewing T3010 databases and making them into something useful. As part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project, Blumbergs will be releasing information on the Canadian charity sector to provide a better understanding of the size, scope, complexity and challenges of the sector.

Please review the caveats at the end about the reliability and usage of T3010 information.

Thank you to Celeste Bonas, an intern at Blumbergs, for helping with this project and to my late brother Sean for being such an inspiration.

# REGISTERED CHARITY INFORMATION RETURN

## Section A: Identification

1. Charity name:

30,092

Agency

- Guide T4033, Completing the Registered Charity Information Return, is available through our Forms and publications Web pages at www.cra.gc.ca/charities.
- The Privacy Act protects all personal information given on this form, which is kept in personal information bank CRA PPU 200. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will make this form and all attachments available to the public on the Charities Directorate Web site, except for information or data identified as confidential. All of the information collected on this form may be shared as permitted by law (e.g., with certain other government departments and agencies).

Remember: Even if the charity goes through an inactive period, you must continue to file information returns to maintain its registered status.

If you did not receive a barcode label to affix to the return, please complete the following:

Year Month Day    Was the charity in a subordinate position to a parent organization?	Return for fiscal i	neriod en	dina:		BN/registration number:	1	Web address (if applicable):
Was the charity in a subordinate position to a parent organization?    Yes   Please provide the name and BN/registration number of the organization.			_ <del>_</del>	] 	bivregistration number.	4.	
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Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminated operations?	If yes, please p	rovide th	e name a	and BN/registration r	number of the organization.		5,793 23,098
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	egistered charities may make gifts to qualified donees. Qualified donees are other registered Canadian charities, as well as certain other ganizations described in the <i>Income Tax Act</i> .	
23	Did the charity make gifts or transfer funds to qualified donees or other organizations?	No
_		3,055
24	Did the charity carry on, fund, or provide any resources through employees, volunteers, agents, joint ventures, contractors, or any other individuals, intermediaries, entities, or means (other than qualified donees) for any activity/program/project outside Canada?	No
	If yes, you must complete and attach Schedule 2, <i>Activities Outside Canada</i> , to your return.	7,516
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	registered charity may pursue political activities to retain, oppose, or change the law, policy, or decision of any level of government inside of tside Canada provided the activities are non-partisan, related to its charitable purposes, and limited in extent.	)r
25	259 Blanks	0,654 No
	(b) Enter the total amount spent by the charity on these activities	16
26	If the charity carried on fundraising activities or engaged third parties to carry on fundraising activities on its behalf, tick all fundraising methods that it used during the fiscal period.	
	2500 Advertisements/print/radio/ TV commercials 3 , 408  2570 Fundraising sales (e.g., cookies) 5 , 827  2620 Telephone/TV solicitations	657
	2510 Auctions 2,493 2575 Internet 1,966 2630 Tournament/sporting even	ts 2,0
	2530 Collection plate/boxes 7,845 2580 Mail campaigns 3,794 2640 Cause-related marketing	313
	2540 Door-to-door solicitation 300 2590 Planned-giving programs 1,842 2650 Other 3,679	
	2550 Draws/lotteries 2,521 2600 Targeted corporate donations/ 3,649 sponsorships 2660 Specify:	
	2560 Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts 6,994 2610 Targeted contacts 3,550	
7	206 Planta	0,234 No
4	If yes, you must complete the following lines, and complete and attach Schedule 4, Confidential Data, 1. Information about Fundraisers.	
	(a) Enter the gross revenue collected by the fundraisers on behalf of the charity	755
	(b) Enter the amounts paid to and/or retained by the fundraisers	382
	(c) Identify the method of payment to the fundraiser:	
	2730 Commissions 107 2750 Finder's fees 7 2770 Honoraria 18	
	2740 Bonuses 4 2760 Set fee for services 277 2780 Other 49 2790 Specify:	
		,679
	(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behalf of the charity?	No
28	Did the charity compensate any of its directors/trustees or like officials or persons not at arm's length from the charity for services provided during the fiscal period (other than reimbursement for out-of pocket expenses)?	7,790 No
29	Did the charity incur any expenses for compensation of employees during the fiscal period?	] No
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C1(		No
	A Canadian citizen, nor     Employed in Canada, nor	9,512
	Carrying on a business in Canada, nor A person having disposed of taxable Canadian property?	
	If yes, you must complete and attach Schedule 4, Confidential Data, 2. Information about Donors Not Resident in Canada,	
	for each donation of \$10,000 or more. 5,002 24	1,826
)11	1 Did the charity receive any non-cash gifts (gifts-in-kind) for which it issued tax receipts?	No
_	If yes, you must complete and attach Schedule 5, Non-Cash Gifts, to your return.	9,908
12	166 plants	No
C13	Did the charity allow a donor to use any of the charity's property during the fiscal period?  (except for permissible uses)	9,929 No
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C14	4 Did the charity issue any of its tax receipts for donations on behalf of another organization?	No 9,724

# Section D: Financial Information

If **any** of the following applies to your charity, proceed to Schedule 6, *Detailed Financial Information*, and **do not** complete Section D below. If **none** of the following applies, complete Section D.

- a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100,000.
- b) The amount of all property (e.g., investments, rental properties) not used in charitable programs exceeds \$25,000.
- c) The charity currently has permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Please show all figures to the nearest single dollar.	
D1 Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis?	rual Cash
D2 Summary of financial position:	
Using the charity's own financial statements, provide the following:	401 6,524
Does the charity own land and/or buildings?	Yes No
Total assets (including land and buildings)	135,732,152,983.0
Total liabilities	77,873,448,078.00
Did the charity borrow from, loan to, or invest assets with any non-arm's length parties?	Yes No 7,398
D3 Revenue:	344 1,692
Did the charity issue tax receipts for donations?	Yes No
	6,837,334,171.00
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	
Total amount received from other registered charities. 4510 \$2	2,297,634,292.00
What is the total amount for all other donations received for which a tax receipt was <b>not</b> issued by the charity?  (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	1,062,126,046.00
Did the charity receive any revenue from any level of Canadian government? 1,186. Yes 6,308. No 22,598. Blanks . 4565	Yes No
If yes, total amount received	60,673,357.00
<u> </u>	832,013,288.00
Total non tax-receipted amounts from fundraising	1,357,525,082.00
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of Canadian government)	7,436,408,709.00
	7,241,136,382.00
Total revenue (Add lines 4500 to 4650, excluding line 4505)	86,716,458,341.00
D4 Expenditures:	
<u> </u>	1,931,459,530.00
What was the charity's total expenditure on travel and vehicles?	864,955,884.00
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	11,938,560,648.0
Total expenditures (excluding gifts to qualified donees) ( <b>Add lines 4860, 4810, and 4920</b> )	81,070,307,360.0
a) How much did the charity spend on charitable programs?	
b) How much did the charity spend on management and administration? 5010 \$8,473,307,858.00	
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	3,112,854,453.00
Total expenditures (Add lines 4950 and 5050)	84,119,432,033.00

This return <b>must</b> be signed by a director/trustee or under the <i>Income Tax Act</i> to provide false or de			hority to sign on behalf of	the charity. It is a serious offence
I certify that the information given on this form, the I Name (please print):	basic informatio	n sheet, and any attachment is,	to the best of my knowledg	ge, correct, complete, and current.
Position in charity:		Date:	Telephone No.:	
Position in chanty.		Date.	тетернопе по	
Section F: Confidential Data				
Provide the physical address of the charity and not sufficient.	I the address in	Canada for the charity's books a	and records. Post office bo	ox numbers and rural routes are
	Phys	sical address of the charity	Address for the	charity's books and records
Number, street, apt. no., or lot and concession no.				
City				
Province or territory and postal code				
F2 Name and address of individual who completed	d this return.			
Name:				
Firm name (if applicable):				
Number, street, apt. no., R.R. no., or P.O. box no.:				
City, province or territory, and postal code:				
Telephone No.:	Is this th	ne same individual who certified i	n Section E?	Yes No
T3010, Registered Charity Information Return,				
Have you confirmed that all charity information  • Some changes can be made <b>directly</b> on the		Form TF725, <b>Registered Chari</b>	ty Basic Information She	et (BIS) is correct?
Have you attached Form TF725, Registered Co	harity Basic Info	ormation Sheet (BIS)?		
Has the charity made any amendments to its g • If yes, have you sent us an official copy of the			e envelope?	
Have you completed Schedule 1, Foundations,	if required?			
Have you attached Form T1235, Directors/Trus	stees and Like (	Officials Worksheet?		
Have you attached Form T1236, Qualified Don	ees Worksheet	/Amounts Provided to Other Org	anizations, if required?	
Have you completed Schedule 2, Activities Out	tside Canada, il	required?		
Have you completed Schedule 3, Compensation	on, if required?			
Have you completed Schedule 4, Confidential	Data, if required	1?		
Have you completed Schedule 5, Non-Cash G	ifts, if required?			
Have you completed Schedule 6, Detailed Final	ancial Informatio	on, if required?		
Have you attached a copy of the charity's finan	cial statements	?		

Section E: Certification

			Foundatio	ns				Schedu	ile 1
1	Did the foundation acquire control of	of a corporation in the fis	cal period?			21 Blanks	. 100	Yes	No
2	Did the foundation incur any debts purchasing or selling investments, of	at any time during the fis or in administering charit	scal period other that the scale programs? .	nan for current o	operating exper	nses, 39 Blanks	. 110	16 Yes	9,555 No
For	private foundations only:							34	9,419
3	At any time during the fiscal period, owing to it that meet the definition of					3,897 Blanks	120	Yes	No 6.171
4	Did the foundation own more than 2	2% of any class of share	s of a corporation	at any time dur			130	Yes	No
	If yes, you must complete and attac (Note: Only private foundations will				your return. <sup>2</sup>	3,896 Blanks		43	6,153
			Activities Outs	ide Canada				Schedu	le 2
Foi	r more information about carrying	on programs outside	Canada see the (	Charities Direc	torate website	at www.cra.go	c.ca/charit	ies	
1	What were total expenditures on ac excluding gifts to qualified donees?	tivities/programs/project	ts carried on outsid	de Canada durir	ng the fiscal pe	riod,	200	\$2,099,8	364,889.00
2	Were any of the charity's resources contract, agency agreement, or join	t venture to any other in	dividual or entity (	excluding gifts t	o qualified don 18,298	ees)?		Yes 1,235	No 10,559
	If yes, enter the amounts of the tot	al reported on line 200 to	ransferred to these	e individuals/org	janizations as r	equired in the fo	ollowing tab	ole:	
	Name of individual/or	ganization	identify	e list on the re- country code was were carried	where		Amount low amoun arest single	ts to the	
3	Using the list on the reverse, identificountry codes in the following space		e charity itself car	ried on program	ns or provided a	any of its resour	ces. Enter	the approp	riate
	Are any projects undertaken outside	- Canada funded by the			l .			127	11,026
4	Canadian International Developmen				18,93	39 Blanks	220	Yes	No
	If yes, what was the total amount o	·	•				230	\$ 235,35	57,491.00
5	Were any programs carried on outs	ide Canada carried out	by employees of t	he charity? 570	Yes 10,554 N	lo 18,968 Blank	<u>s</u> 240	Yes	No
6	Were any programs carried on outs	ide Canada carried out	by volunteers of th	ne charity?. <sup>1,175</sup>	5 Yes 9,945 N	lo 18,972 Blan	ks 250	Yes	No
7	Is the charity exporting goods as pa	urt of its charitable progra	ams?	194 Y	es 10,955 N	o 18,943 Blan	ks 260	Yes	No
	If yes, list the items being exported	, their value, their destin	ation (city/region)	and country cod	de.				
	Item	Valu	ıe	Destinat	ion (city/regio	n)	Coun	try code	

#### **COUNTRY CODES**

**Americas-Central and South** RU-Russia Africa IL-Israel AR-Argentina PS-Israeli Occupied Territories RS-Serbia DZ-Algeria BO-Bolivia JO-Jordan TR-Turkey AO-Angola BR-Brazil KW-Kuwait UA-Ukraine BW-Botswana QP-Other **CL-Chile** LB-Lebanon CM-Cameroon CO-Columbia OM-Oman CF-Central African Republic Asia and Oceania CR-Costa Rica QA-Qatar TD-Chad AF- Afghanistan SA-Saudi Arabia CG-Republic of Congo CU-Cuba AZ-Azerbaijan DO-Dominican Republic SY-Syrian Arab Republic CD- Democratic Republic of Congo BD-Bangladesh **EC-Ecuador** YE-Yemen EG-Egypt BT-Bhutan SV-El Salvador QO-Other ET-Ethiopia KH-Cambodia GT-Guatemala GA-Gabon Europe CN-China GY-Guyana GM-Gambia AL- Albania IN-India HT-Haiti GH-Ghana AM-Armenia ID-Indonesia **HN-Honduras** NA-Namibia BA-Bosnia and Herzegovina KZ-Kazakhstan KE-Kenya JM-Jamaica BY-Belarus KG-Kyrgyzstan MX-Mexico LR-Liberia BG-Bulgaria LA-Laos NI-Nicaragua MG-Madagascar DK-Denmark LK-Sri Lanka NE-Niger PA-Panama ES-Spain MY-Malaysia NG-Nigeria PE-Peru FR-France MN-Mongolia RW-Rwanda **UY-Uruguay** GE-Georgia MM-Myanmar (Burma) VE-Venezuela SL-Sierra Leone KP-North Korea **DE-Germany** QM-Other SO-Somalia GB-United Kingdom KR-South Korea SD-Sudan **Americas-North** HR-Croatia PK-Pakistan UG-Uganda PH-Philippines **US-United States of America** IT-Italy ZM-Zambia QN-Other CY-Cyprus SG-Singapore ZW-Zimbabwe MK-Macedonia TH-Thailand QS-Other **Middle East** ME-Montenegro TJ-Tajikistan IR-Iran NL-Netherlands TL-Timor-Leste IQ-Iraq PL-Poland UZ-Uzbekistan

RO-Romania

		Compensation	Schedule 3
1 (a)	number of positions the charity had including	npensated positions in the fiscal period. This number south managerial positions and others, and should not	include independent
(b)	) For the <b>ten</b> (10) highest compensated, perma annual compensation categories.	nent, full-time positions enter the <b>number</b> falling within	n each of the following
3	\$1 - \$39, 999 38,637	310 \$40,000 - \$79,999 31,215	<b>315</b> \$80,000 - \$119,999 7,713
3	\$120,000 - \$159,999 2,296	\$160,000 - \$199,999 814	330 \$200,000 - \$249,999 489
3	\$250,000 - \$299,999 292	\$300,000 - \$349,999 207	\$350,000 and over 201
2 (a)		r example, seasonal) employees the charity employed	-
(b)	) What was the total expenditure on compensa	tion for part-time or part-year employees in the fiscal p	eriod?
3 W	hat was the charity's total expenditure on all cor	mnensation in the fiscal period?	390 \$46.290.082.139.0

VN-Vietnam QR-Other

Confidential Data	Schedule 4
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The information in this confidential data schedule is for the CRA's use but may be shared as permitted by law (e.g., with certain other government departments and agencies).

#### 1. Information about Fundraisers

Please provide the name(s) and arm's length status of external fundraiser(s).

Name	At arm's length? Yes/No

#### 2. Information about Donors Not Resident in Canada

Complete this schedule to report any donation of \$10,000 or more received from any donor that was **not** resident in Canada and was **not** any of the following:

- A Canadian citizen, nor
- Employed in Canada, nor
- Carrying on business in Canada, nor
- · A person having disposed of taxable Canadian property

Provide the name of the donor and the value of the donation in the chart below. You must also indicate whether the donor was an organization (for example a business, corporate entity, charity, non-profit organization), a government or an individual by placing a check mark in the appropriate box.

Name	Amount	Organization	Government	Individual

**Non-Cash Gifts** 

1	identity all ty	/pes of non-cash gifts (gifts-in-kind	) receive	d for which a tax receipt was issued:		
	500	Artwork/wine/jewellery 1,161	525	Ecological properties 27	550	Publicly traded securities/mutual funds 92
	505	Building materials 520	530	Life insurance policies 290	555	Books (literature, comics) 615
	510	Clothing/furniture/food 1,925	535	Medical equipment/supplies 228	560	Other 2,463
	515	Vehicles 166	540	Privately-held securities 48	565	Specify:
	520	Cultural properties 98	545	Machinery/equipment (including comp	outers an	d software) 874
2	Indicate the	total eligible amount of tax-receipte	ed non-c	ash gifts		<b>580</b> \$ 891,685,624.00

Schedule 5

Total cost of all purchased supplies and assets.....

\$ 6,372,360,748.00

Amortization of capitalized assets	4900 \$ 3,303,947,421.00
Total expenditure for research grants and scholarships as part of charitable programs	4910 \$ 1,691,999,235.00
Other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees)	\$ <sub>11,938,560,648.00</sub>
Specify type(s) of expenditures included in the amount reported at 4920 4930	
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (add lines 4800 to 4920)	\$ 81,070,307,360.00
Lines 5000 to 5040 represent a breakdown of the expenditures on lines 4800 to 4920. The total of lines 5000 to 5040 s	should equal line 4950.
Total expenditures on charitable programs	5000 \$ 63,027,571,336.00
Total expenditures on management and administration	\$ 8,473,307,858.00
rotal experience on fundationing	\$ 1,332,413,328.00
rotal experimence on political activities, molde of outside ou	\$ 22,234,089.00
	\$ 4,086,121,226.00
Total amount of gine made to all qualified donotes.	5050 \$ 3,112,854,453.00
Total expenditures (add amounts from lines 4950 and 5050)	\$84,119,432,033.00
Other financial information	
Permission to accumulate property:	
Only registered charities that have written permission to accumulate should complete this section.	<b>5500</b> \$ 120,649,761.00
	FF10
Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose we have permitted	<b>5510 \$</b> 140,747,132.00
Permission to reduce disbursement quota:	
If the charity has received approval from the Charities Directorate to make a reduction to its disbursement quota,	5750 \$ 1,691,848,00
enter the amount for the fiscal period	Ψ 1,091,848.00
Property not used in charitable activities:	
Enter the value of property not used for charitable activities or administration during:	
• The 24 months before the <b>beginning</b> of the fiscal period	\$19,449,502,988.00

• The 24 months before the **end** of the fiscal period.

\$20,939,658,954.00

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# **Further information**

Are you interested in more information on Transparency in the charity sector? If so, you might find these links helpful.

Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2011 -understanding the charity sector through the T3010

Blumbergs Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2010 -a little more perspective on the sector

Blumbergs' Directory on Transparency Related Articles

Blumbergs' Directory on Canadian charity statistics

Some questions to add to the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return

Mark Blumberg's submission to the Standing Committee on Finance on transparency

Canadian Charities and Free Transparency Tools - look before you donate your time or money

CRA publishes new web page on "How to get information about a charity"

New Transparency in Ontario for Non-Profits to be released in next few months

Finance Memo on Registered Charities - Political Activities, Foreign Funding and Transparency

Which Canadian Charities Spent Money on "political activities" and how much did they spend

So how much do Canadian charities receive from foreign sources according to the T3010 Returns?

Transparency - What can the Charities Directorate of CRA disclose about registered charities?

How accurate are the T3010 charity returns when it comes to political activities?

How to Decide Which Charity to Support

Community Foundations of Canada 2013 Conference in Winnipeg -some interesting stats

CRA publishes new web page on "How to get information about a charity"

CRA releases new T3010 (13) for registered charities with fiscal year ends after January 1, 2013

If you are interested in more detailed information on the T3010 or customized analysis using the T3010 and other datasets you should contact Steven Ayer at Common Good Strategies. <a href="http://goodstrategy.ca/">http://goodstrategy.ca/</a> Steven is extremely knowledgeable about the T3010 and its uses.

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#### **Limitations and Caveats**

There are a number of cautions in dealing with the information from the T3010. You can access the CRA Charities Listing database directly on the CRA website at: <a href="http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities/">http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charities/</a> As well, Imagine Canada has a website with a tremendous amount of T3010 information at <a href="http://www.charityfocus.ca">www.charityfocus.ca</a>

- 1) The data in this note is based on the 2011 T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filings. Although all charities are supposed to file their T3010 within 6 months of their fiscal year end, some charities file late or do not file at all and then will lose their charitable status. Depending on the data set from CRA not every charity may have filed their T3010 or been inputted yet.
- 2) Registered charities complete the T3010 and one person signs the form. The T3010 information is not independently verified by CRA when it is posted on the CRA site or placed in the CRA database.
- 3) Although an important legal document, the T3010 is often completed by volunteers or others who may have little understanding of the nuances of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), limited language skills, may not have easy access to the correct information or are in a hurry to file the form to avoid deregistration. In the case of larger institutions it is typically accountants or finance staff who prepare the T3010. One would expect greater accuracy with the larger institutions. However, as they also tend to be more complicated and involve bigger numbers the likelihood of a significant inaccuracy in their T3010 filings is great.
- 4) The T3010s are filed with CRA and in many cases needs to be coded by hand at CRA which can also introduce mistakes. Only a small number of T3010s have 2D bar code technology which can eliminate most processing errors on CRA's part. Canadian charities still cannot electronically file the T3010.
- 5) In some cases those completing the T3010 for a charity are deliberately deceptive when completing the T3010. For example, an organizations knows that it has substantial fundraising or political expenses but chooses to put them under charitable activities. Or an organization claims pharmaceuticals that it can purchase for \$50,000 are really worth \$50 million.
- 6) Don't rely on any of this information without checking with the charity and appropriate due diligence as required.
- 7) The T3010 is a tax form which is supposed to be completed according to guidance provided by the CRA in Guide Completing the Registered Charity Information Return (T-4033) and also various other CRA guidances and policies. The information inputted may not conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and many not match what is in a financial statement. You can obtain copies of financial statements, whether audited or not, on any registered charity by requesting the financial statements from CRA. These financial statements are filed with CRA but not placed on the CRA website and they can sometimes add further information.
- 8) Some questions on the T3010 or more prone to error than others. Some questions are complicated, while others are quite straightforward. Some matters are easily quantifiable like value of receipts, while others require allocation and other subjective measurements. Some questions, like revenue, are answered by almost every

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charity and if a charity makes a mistake the likelihood is that such a mistake will not have much impact on the
bigger picture. On the other hand some numbers like political expenditures by Canadian charities are often
incorrectly completed and even one or two charities by mistakenly inserting large numbers in this category car

distort the picture.

9) The T3010 asks certain questions. Many important questions are not asked on the T3010. Relying on the T3010 to make decisions on whether a charity is efficient or worthwhile to support is prone to failure. We have established a website at <a href="www.smartgiving.ca">www.smartgiving.ca</a> which discusses in detail questions donors may want to ask before donating to charity.

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