

# Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2023

By Mark Blumberg and Henri Pasha (May 13th, 2025)

We recently reviewed the T3010 Registered Charity Information Return database for 2023 as part of the Sean Blumberg Transparency Project. The database covers about 30,426 of the approximately 86,000 registered charities in Canada that had filed their T3010 and were processed into CRA's Charity Listing database by February 2025.

This article provides a snapshot of the registered charity sector in Ontario taken from a subset of the 2023 T3010 filings. We have completed Blumbergs' Snapshots of the Canadian Charity Sector for 2010 - 2022 as well. Keep in mind that these statistics only relate to registered charities under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and not to the 80,000 -100,000 non-profits across Canada which are not registered charities and for which CRA is not permitted to release information.

The amount of easily accessible data on the registered charity sector is lacking. The T3010 form asks very little information of charities. It is unfortunate but when you look at other countries such as the US and UK there is far more publicly available information on individual charities. In this world of greater expectation of transparency, the charity sector has fallen far behind and this could result in a reduction of public trust in charities. Here is my most recent <u>submission to the Federal government</u> calling for greater transparency with non-profits and charities.

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Some of the highlights of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector in 2023, 2022, 2021,2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2012 and 2011.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2015	2014
Number of registered charities in Ontario	30,426	30,519	30,354	30,540	30,209	30,316	30,286	30,547
Ontario charities identified themselves as active	28,644	28,420	28,085	28,370	28,224	28,132	27,195	23,981
Ontario charities identified themselves as inactive	1,295	1427	1640	1607	1442	1637	2541	5482
Ontario charities that made gifts to other charities or qualified donees	12,408	12,425	12,238	12,441	12,610	12,762	12,083	12,062
Total revenue for Ontario charities	\$162 billion	\$129 billion	\$132.4 billion	\$123.7 billion	\$136.7 billion	\$117.5 billion	\$103.3 billion	\$100.9 billion
Total expenditures of Ontario charities	\$136 billion	\$126.6 billion	\$118.2 billion	\$115.2 billion	\$113.2 billion	\$108.3 billion	\$98.2 billion	\$95.7 billion
Ontario charities who funded projects outside of Canada	2,285	2266	2218	2046	1453	1584	2315	2412
Amount spent by Ontario charities outside of Canada	\$3.7 billion	\$3.2 billion	\$2.7 billion	\$3 billion	\$2.6 billion	\$2.6 billion	\$2.3 billion	\$2.2 billion
Ontario charities received funds from Global Affairs Canada	76	74	74	78	73	76	90	102

Ontario charities	No	No	No	No	303	292	230	229
that identified	longer	longer	longer	longer				
carrying on	provide	provide	provide	provide				
political activities	d	d	d	d				
Ontario charities that had employment expenses	15,156	15,147	15,111	15,380	15,552	15,839	13,992	13,956
Ontario charities that did not have any employment expenses	15,090	15,220	15,096	15,005	14,519	14,349	15,978	16,298
Amount spent by	\$76.3	\$71.3	\$67.2	\$65.9	\$64.1	\$61.7	\$55	\$54.5
Ontario charities on salaries and other compensation	billion							
Value of official	\$12.6	\$10.9	\$10.9	\$10.4	\$10.3	\$9.4	\$7.8	\$7.7
donation receipts	billion							
issued by Ontario								
charities								

The Canadian charity sector is a vital part of Canadian society and economy with revenue of over \$393 billion and expenditures of about \$354 billion.

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

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 has been releasing information on the Canadian charity sector to provide a better understanding of the size, scope, complexity, and challenges of the sector.

In 2023, 83,540 of approximately 86,000 Canadian registered charities completed their T3010 returns. There were, however, 2 different T3010 returns from which a charity had to select depending on their year-end.

Charities with **fiscal periods ending on or after December 31, 2023,** filed their T3010 using T3010 Version 24. Approximately 48,418 charities have a December 31 year-end. <u>Fillable PDF (t3010-fill-24e.pdf)</u>. This version had quite a few extra questions that we discuss <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>. This is the version in which we have displayed the data.

Charities with **fiscal periods ending on or before December 30, 2023**, filed their T3010 using Version 23. Fillable PDF (t3010-fill-23e.pdf)

When you look at the snapshot, realize that many of the charities did not need to complete those extra questions. Also, for the 2024 data that will be available next year, all charities will have to complete those questions. So, consider the information on the new questions to be preliminary and only completed by a subset of registered charities.

Some of the highlights of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2023 include:

- 30,426 Registered Charities in the Database Ontario registered charities filed their T3010 out of approximately 86,000 charities in Canada
- \$162 billion in total revenue for Ontario charities and total expenditures of \$136 billion.
- Government revenue totaled \$85 billion including from the federal government (\$6.6 billion), provincial governments (\$69.2 billion) and municipal/regional governments (\$9.3 billion). In total government is approximately 54.8% of revenue of the whole charity sector in Ontario.
- 28,644 identified themselves as active and 12,408 as inactive
- 12,408 made gifts to other charities or qualified donees during their 2022 fiscal year
- Ontario charities spent over \$3.7 billion outside of Canada
- 76 Ontario charities received funds from Global Affairs Canada
- 1,372 identified having contractual relationships with foreign intermediaries, 493 charities identified that employees conducted activities outside of Canada and 919 had volunteers conducting foreign activities.
- \$3.2 billion was received by Ontario charities from outside of Canada
- 15,156 identified having employment expenses while 15,090 did not have any employment expenses
- \$76,331,558,372.0 billion was spent by Ontario charities on salaries and other compensation expenditures
- \$12.5 billion in official donation receipts were issued by Ontario registered charities



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## Blumbergs Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2023 Registered Charity Information Return

Sec	tion A: Identification		
•	To help you fill out this form, refer to Guide T4033	3, Completing the Registered Charity Information	on Return. It can be found at canada.ca/cra-forms
Note	Even if a charity is inactive, an information return	n must be filed to maintain its registered status.	
Com	plete the following:		
1.	Charity name:		
	30,426 Registered Charities in t	he Database	22,875 Provided Phone Numbers 17,607 Provided Emails
2.	Return for fiscal period ending: 3.	BN/registration number:	4. Web address (if applicable):
	Year Month Day	RR	13,686 Provided Websites
A1	Was the charity in a subordinate position to a heal figes, give the name and BN/registration number		1510 Yes No 4,466 25,55
	Name		BN (9 digits, 2 letters, 4 digits. Example: 123456789RR0001)
_	Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminate	•	307 29,957
A3	Is the charity designated as a public foundation of	r private foundation?	1600 Yes No
	If yes, you must complete Schedule 1, Foundati detail page.	ions. To confirm the charity's designation, go	to <b>canada.ca/charities-list</b> and refer to the charity's 25,555
Sec	tion B: Directors/trustees and like officials		
B1	available to the public. 206,705 directors list	ed by all charities. Arm's length 173,7	the <b>public</b> information section of the worksheet is 713 and non-arm's length 24,583.
	For charities subject to the Ontario Corporation	y no longer collects this information on behalf	of the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer
or yo	: If you would like these individuals to have the au	thority to communicate with the CRA on behalt	f of your charity, their name must also appear as an owner erating a registered charity," then "Making a change to your
Sec	tion C: Programs and general information		
C1	Was the charity active during the fiscal period?  If no, explain why in the "Ongoing programs" spa		
C2	Describe all <b>ongoing</b> and <b>new</b> charitable progrand documents). "Programs" includes:	ns during this fiscal period that furthered the ch	narity's purpose(s) (as defined in its governing
	(1) charitable activities that the charity carries out	on its own through employees, volunteers, or	intermediaries, and
	(2) qualifying disbursements that the charity make		
	contributions of its volunteers in carrying out its a	ctivities, for example, number of volunteers and	ort. The charity may also use this space to describe the d/or hours.
	Do not include the names of employees or volunt		
	Do not describe fundraising activities in this space		
	ot attach additional sheets of paper or annual	reports.	
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	programs 89		
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Registered charities may make gifts to qualified do organizations described in the Income Tax Act.	onees. Qualified donees are other registered Canadian	charities, as well as certain other	
	alified donees or other organizations, excluding grants		No
Important: If yes, you must complete Form T12	36, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other	r organizations.	17,868
contractors, or any other individuals, intermediar	ources through employees, volunteers, agents, joint ventur ies, entities, or means (excluding qualifying disbursements)	for any 2100 Yes	No
Important: If yes, you must complete Schedule	2, Activities outside Canada.	2,285	27,953
C5 Public policy dialogue and development activities	3		
This question has been removed.			
C6 If the charity carried on fundraising activities or e used during the fiscal period:	ngaged third parties to carry on fundraising activities on its	behalf, select all fundraising methods th	nat it
2500 Advertisements/print/radio/ 3,248 TV commercials	2570 Sales 3,660	2620 Telephone/TV solicitations	754
2510 Auctions 1,883	2575 Internet 5,843	2630 Tournament/sporting event	ts 1.568
2530 Collection plate/boxes 8,086	2580 Mail campaigns 3,852	2640 Cause-related marketing	
2540 Door-to-door solicitation 236	2590 Planned-giving programs 2,693	2650 Other 3,875	
2550 Draws/lotteries 2,000	2600 Targeted corporate donations/sponsorships 4,490	2660 Specify:	
2560 Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts 5,298	2610 Targeted contacts 4,938		
(a) Enter the gross revenue collected by the fund	In a complete Schedule 4, Confidential data, Table 1.  It aisers on behalf of the charity	F460 \$ 00.070.005	
2740 Bonuses 1	2760 Set fee for services 379	2780 Other 110	
	2790 Specify:		
(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behal	f of the charity?		No 302
	ustees or like officials or persons not at arm's length from the iod (other than reimbursement for expenses)?	3200 Yes	No 28,358
C9 Did the charity incur any expenses for compensa Important: If yes, you must complete Schedule	tion of employees during the fiscal period?		No 15,090
, , ,	any kind valued at \$10,000 or more from any donor that the following:		No 29,657
<ul><li>a Canadian citizen, nor</li><li>employed in Canada, nor</li><li>carrying on a business in Canada, nor</li></ul>		556	29,037
<ul> <li>a person having disposed of taxable Canadia</li> </ul>	n property?		
Important: If yes, you must complete Schedule	4, Confidential data, Table 2, for each donation of \$10,000	or more.	
C11 Did the charity receive any non-cash gifts for whi Important: If yes, you must complete Schedule	ch it issued tax receipts?		No 25,809
C12 Did the charity acquire a non-qualifying security'	?		No 30 176
C13 Did the charity allow any of its donors to use any	of its property? (except for permissible uses)	5810 Yes	30,176 No
	onations on behalf of another organization?	5820 31 Yes	30,185 No 30,034
C15 Did the charity have direct partnership holdings a	at any time during the fiscal period?	5830 Yes	No 30,033

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Reg	istered charities may make grants to non-qualified donees (grantees) as described in the Income Tax Act.			
C16	Did the charity make qualifying disbursements by way of grants to non-qualified donees (grantees) in the fiscal period?  If <b>yes</b> , you <b>must</b> complete lines 5841, 5842 and 5843.	340	Yes 866	No 24,366
	Did the charity make grants to any grantees totalling more than \$5,000 in the fiscal period?		Yes 382	No 470
	Enter the number of grantees that received grants totalling \$5,000 or less in the fiscal period	842	27,184	
	Enter the total amount paid to grantees that received grants totalling \$5,000 or less in the fiscal period	843	\$ 31,612,6	71
C17	In the 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period, did the average value of your charity's property (cash, investment assets) not used directly in its charitable activities or administration:	s, capi	ital property	or other
	(a) exceed \$100,000, if the charity is designated as a charitable organization; or (b) exceed \$25,000, if the charity is designated as a public or private foundation?	350	Yes	No
	If <b>yes</b> , you <b>must</b> complete Schedule 8 – Disbursement quota		3,410	15,806
C18	Did the charity hold any donor advised funds (DAF) during the fiscal period?	860	Yes 166	No 17,204
	(a) Total number of accounts held at the end of the fiscal period	361	10,248	
	(b) Total value of all accounts held at the end of the fiscal period.	862	\$ 4,635,98	7,279
	(c) Total value of donations to DAF accounts received during the fiscal period	863	\$ 1,143,42	5,579
	(d) Total value of qualifying disbursements from DAFs during the fiscal period	864	\$ 578,085,	542

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### Section D: Financial information

Fill out either Section D or Schedule 6, Detailed financial information.

If **any** of the following applies to the charity, complete Schedule 6 instead of Section D:

(a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100.000.

(a) The chanty's revenue exceeds \$100,000.	
(b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities was more	than \$25,000.
(c) The charity had permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.	
Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "See attached financial statements." All rele	vant fields must be filled out.
Was the financial information reported below prepared on an accrual or cash basis?	4020 Accrual Cash
D2 Summary of financial position:	18,267 9,141
Using the charity's own financial statements, enter the following:	1,3877,566
Did the charity own land and/or buildings?	4050 Yes No
Total assets (including land and buildings)	4200 \$ 315,713,950,013
Total liabilities	4250 (* 424 574 447 000
Did the charity borrow from, loan to, or invest assets with any non-arm's length persons?	4400 Yes No
	300 8,470
D3 Revenue:	6,582 2,584
Did the charity issue tax receipts for gifts?	4490 Yes No
If yes, enter the total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issued or will issue tax receipts	4500 \$12,524,604,873
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510 \$ 5,284,957,671
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity	4530 \$ 1 794 421 870
(excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	··· + 1,734,421,070
Did the charity receive any revenue from any level of government in Canada?	1,342 /,1
If yes, total amount received	4570 \$ 100,069,142
Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government) \$73,652,221	
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	
Total <b>non</b> tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4650 C 04 007 440 400
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4700 \$ 400 004 470
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4570, and 4575 to 4650)	··· 102,991,234,479
D4 Expenditures:	4860 \$ 3,863,548,156
Professional and consulting fees	4910 \$ 004 550 004
Travel and vehicle expenses	4020 <del>***********************************</del>
Total expenditures (excluding qualifying disbursements) (add lines 4860, 4810, and 4920).	4950 \$ 129,130,166,717
Of the amount at line 4950:  (a) Total expenditures on charitable activities.  5000 \$127,267,654,455	
(b) Total expenditures on charitable activities  (b) Total expenditures on management and administration 5010	<del>-</del>
Total amount of grants made to all non-qualified donees (grantees).	5045 \$446,597,320
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050 \$7,748,771,699
Total expenditures (add lines 4950, 5045, and 5050).	5100 \$ 136,283,094,771

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#### Section E: Certification

This return must be signed by a person who has authority to sign on behalf of the charity. It is a serious offence under the Income Tax Act to provide false or deceptive information.

I certify that the information given on this annual return and any attachment is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, complete, and current.

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Name (print)			S	ignature
Position in charity		Date	Р	Phone number
Section F: Confidential data				
<b>F1</b> Enter the physical address of the charity and the are not sufficient.	e address in (	Canada for the charity's b	ooks and red	cords. Post office box numbers and rural routes
	Phys	ical address of the cha	rity	Address for the charity's books and records
Complete street address				
City				
Province or territory and postal code				
F2 Name and address of individual who completed	this return.			
Name				
Company name (if applicable)				
Complete street address				
City, province or territory, and postal code				
Phone number	Is this th	ne same individual who c	ertified in Sec	ction E above? Yes No

#### Privacy statement

Personal information is collected under the authority of the Income Tax Act and is used to establish and validate the identity and contact information of directors, trustees, officers, like officials, and authorized representatives of the organization. This information will also be used as a basis for the indirect collection of additional personal information from other internal and external sources, which includes personal tax information, and relevant financial and biographical information. Personal information will be used to assess the risk of registration with respect to the obligations and requirements as outlined in the Act and the common law. The social insurance number (SIN) is collected under subsection 237 of the Act and is used for identification purposes.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will make the information on this annual information return available to the public on the Charities Directorate website, except for information identified as confidential. Personal information may also be disclosed under information-sharing agreements and in accordance with section 241 of the Act. Incomplete or inaccurate information may result in compliance measures including revocation of registered status.

Personal information is described in personal information bank CRA PPU 200 and is protected under the Privacy Act. Individuals have a right of protection, access to and correction or notation of their personal information. You are entitled to complain to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada regarding our handling of your information.

Notification to directors and like officials: The CRA strongly encourages the organization to voluntarily inform its directors and like officials that it has collected and disclosed their personal information to the CRA.

I confirm that I have read the Privacy statement above.

#### Checklist

A charity's complete annual information return includes:

- Form T3010, Registered Charity Information Return, and all applicable schedules
- · a copy of the charity's financial statements
- Form T1235, Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet
- Form T1236, Qualified donees worksheet/Amounts provided to other organizations (if applicable)
- Form T2081, Excess Corporate Holdings Worksheet for Private Foundations (if applicable)
- Form T1441, Qualifying Disbursements: Grants to Non-Qualified Donees (Grantees) (if applicable)

If financial statements are not included, the charity's registration may be revoked.

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	Fo	oundations			Schedu	le 1
1 Did the foundation acquire	e control of a corporation?				100 Yes	☐ No
	ny debts other than for current ope				12 110 Yes	4,356 No
3 (a) What was the total value	ue of all restricted funds held at the	e end of the fiscal period	l?		111 \$ 60,141,85	4,334 53,019
(b) Of that amount, what a	amount was the foundation not per	mitted to spend due to a	funder's written	trust or direction?	\$ 54,246,40	)2,625
For private foundations only:						
	ny shares, rights to acquire shares,			tion of a	120 Yes	☐ No 3,341
	ore than 2% of any class of shares and attach Form T2081, Excess 0			ilscal period:	130 Yes 45	No 3,322
		ies outside Canada			Schedu	le 2
mportant: If you complete this	section, you <b>must</b> answer <b>yes</b> to c	question C4.				
For more information, go to c	anada.ca/charities-giving and se	e Guidance CG-002, Ca	ınadian register	ed charities carrying	on activities outs	ide Canada.
1 Total expenditures on activ	vities/programs/projects carried on	outside Canada, exclud	lina qualifvina di	sbursements	200 \$ 3,685,147	7,599
_	financial resources spent on progra		0 . , 0			
arrangement including a c	contract, agency agreement, or join	nt venture to any other in	dividual or orga	nization	210 Yes	No
	e amount reported in question 1 on				1,372 izations in the follow	
		•		code where the	Amount	
Nan	ne of individual/organization			were carried out e end of Schedule 2)	Show amounts to Canadian	
mportant: If you entered inform	nation in the table above, you <b>mus</b>	st answer <b>yes</b> in line 210	).		L	
	ter the countries outside Canada w	•		ns or devoted any of it	s resources.	
				,		
				_	76	2,127
4 Were any projects underta	aken outside Canada funded by Gl	lobal Affairs Canada?			220 Yes	No
If yes, what was the total	amount the charity spent under this	s arrangement?			\$447,672,0	29
5 Were any of the charity's a	activities outside of Canada carried	d out by employees of th	e charity?		240 Yes	No 1 706
6 Were any of the charity's a	activities outside of Canada carried	d out by volunteers of the	e charity?		250 493 Yes 919	1,706 No 1,280
7 Did the charity export good	ds as part of its charitable activities	s?			260 Yes	No
If yes, list the items expor	ted, their destination, the country of	code, and their value.			129	2,062
ļtem e	exported	Destination (ci	ty/region)	Country code	Value (C	AN \$)
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#### **Country codes**

AF-Afghanistan CU-Cuba AL-Albania CY-Cyprus DZ-Algeria DK-Denmark DO-Dominican Republic AO-Angola AR-Argentina EC-Ecuador AM-Armenia EG-Egypt AZ-Azerbaijan SV-El Salvador BD-Bangladesh ET-Ethiopia BY-Belarus FR-France BT-Bhutan GA-Gabon BO-Bolivia GM-Gambia BA-Bosnia and Herzegovina GE-Georgia BW-Botswana **DE-Germany** BR-Brazil GH-Ghana

BN-Brunei Darussalam GT-Guatemala BG-Bulgaria GY-Guyana BI-Burundi HT-Haiti KH-Cambodia HN-Honduras CM-Cameroon IN-India CF-Central African Republic ID-Indonesia TD-Chad IR-Iran CL-Chile IQ-Iraq CN-China IL-Israel

CO-Colombia PS-Israeli Occupied Territories
KM-Comoros IT-Italy
CD-Democratic Republic of Congo JM-Jamaica
CG-Republic of Congo JP-Japan
CR-Costa Rica JO-Jordan
CI-Côte d'Ivoire KZ-Kazakhstan
HR-Croatia KE-Kenya

KP-North Korea RO-Romania RU-Russia **KR-South Korea** KW-Kuwait RW-Rwanda SA-Saudi Arabia KG-Kyrgyzstan LA-Laos RS-Serbia LB-Lebanon SL-Sierra Leone LR-Liberia SG-Singapore MK-Macedonia SO-Somalia MG-Madagascar ES-Spain MY-Malaysia LK-Sri Lanka SD-Sudan ML-Mali

MU-Mauritius SY-Syrian Arab Republic MX-Mexico TJ-Tajikistan

MN-Mongolia TZ-United Republic of Tanzania

ME-MontenegroTH-ThailandMZ-MozambiqueTL-Timor-LesteMM-Myanmar (Burma)TR-TurkeyNA-NamibiaUG-UgandaNL-NetherlandsUA-Ukraine

NI-Nicaragua GB-United Kingdom

NE-Niger US-United States of America

NG-Nigeria UY-Uruguay
OM-Oman UZ-Uzbekistan
PK-Pakistan VE-Venezuela
PA-Panama VN-Vietnam
PE-Peru YE-Yemen
PH-Philippines ZM-Zambia
PL-Poland ZW-Zimbabwe
QA-Qatar

RE-Réunion

#### Use the following codes for countries not listed above:

QS-Other countries in Africa

QR-Other countries in Asia and Oceania

QM-Other countries in Central and South America

QP-Other countries in Europe

QO-Other countries in the Middle East

QN-Other countries in North America

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Compensation  portant: If you complete this section, you must answer yes to question C9.  (a) Enter the number of permanent, full-time, compensated positions in the fiscal period. represent the number of positions the charity had including both managerial positions not include independent contractors. Do not enter a dollar amount	er of positions	nd should		Schedule 3
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Total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period			390 \$	76,331,558,372
Confidential data				Schedule 4
ter the name(s) and arm's length status of each external fundraiser.  Name (confidential)				ngth? Yes/No
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Detaile	ed financial informat	tion	Schedule 6
Fill out this schedule if <b>any</b> of the following applies to the cha	arity:		
(a) The charity's revenue exceeded \$100,000.	, ·		
(b) The amount of all property (for example, investments,	rental properties) not	used in charitable activities was more than \$25	,000.
(c) The charity had permission to accumulate funds during	this fiscal period.		
Was the financial information reported below prepared on an	accrual or cash basis	3?40	20 Accrual Cas 18,267 9.1
Statement of financial position			18,267 9,1
Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar.	Do not enter "see at	tached financial statements." All relevant fi	elds must be filled out.
Assets:		Liabilities:	
Cash, bank accounts, and short-term investments 4100	\$ 45,729,903,393	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300 \$ 22,237,107,424
Cash and bank		Deferred revenue	\$ 54,282,800,180
4101 \$ 4,242,194,140		Amounts owing to non-arm's length persons	4320 \$ 2,627,072,145
Short-term 4102 \$ 4,483,853,497		Other liabilities	4330 \$ 55,061,962,865
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons 4110	\$ 3,309,686,691	Total liabilities (add lines 4300 to 4330)	4350 \$ 134,574,447,60
Amounts receivable from all others	\$ 16,746,217,393		
nvestments in non-arm's length persons	\$ 1,554,246,638		
Long-term investments	\$ 121,009,914,550		
Inventories	\$ 1,230,242,913		
_and and buildings in Canada	\$ 147,942,667,550	Amount included in lines 4150, 4155,	
Used for charitable		4160, 4165 and 4170 not used in	4250 \$ 12,255,522,079
orograms or 4157 \$ 12,509,253,125		charitable activities	
administration			
Used for other \$ 248,621,994 \$ 248,621,994			
Other capital assets in Canada	\$ 43,664,561,146		
Capital assets outside Canada	\$ -1,162,877,430		
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	\$ -77,295,883,773		
Other assets	\$ 12,897,088,531		
Impact investments 4190 \$ 509,281,172			
Total assets (add lines 4100, 4110 to 4155, and 4160 to 4170)	\$ 315,713,950,013		
Statement of operations			
Revenue:			
Total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity has issu	ied or will issue tax re	ceints	4500 \$ 12,524,604,873
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees		FC40 0	
Total amount received from other registered charities			4510 \$5,284,957,671
Fotal other gifts received for which a tax receipt was <b>not</b> issu			4530 \$1,794,421,870
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Fotal revenue received from federal government  Fotal revenue received from provincial/territorial government			\$ 69,183,416,346
			\$ 9,345,641,445
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non-government)	10	4571 \$ 73,652,221	
Fotal <b>non</b> tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Ca	nada (government an		\$ 3,058,585,717
Total interest and investment income from impact investmen	ts	4576 \$ 51,124,370	
Total interest and investment income from persons not at arr	m's length	4577 \$ 42,948,938	
Total interest and investment income received or earned			4580 \$ 4,305,755,096
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets		4590 \$ 7,422,687,186	
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative a			\$ 1,396,415,443
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings			\$ 1,574,569,319
Fotal <b>non</b> tax-receipted revenues received for memberships,			\$ 1,011,907,133
Fotal <b>non</b> tax-receipted revenue from fundraising			4630 \$ 1,870,462,195
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any			\$ 13,604,018,568
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above			\$ 31,007,149,490
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Specify type(s) of revenue included in the amount reported a	4055		

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Expenditures:	
Advertising and promotion	4800 \$ 866,533,186
Travel and vehicle expenses.	4810 \$ 981,556,264
Interest and bank charges.	\$ 4 456 542 005
Licences, memberships, and dues	
	4840 \$ 2.552.770.022
Office supplies and expenses.  Occupancy costs	4950 \$ 5 350 500 004
Professional and consulting fees	1960 £ 0.000 540 450
Education and training for staff and volunteers	
Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule 3, if applicable)	
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charity's own activities	
	\$ 40.046.760.00F
Purchased supplies and assets	<u> </u>
	1010
Research grants and scholarships as part of charity's own activities	
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding qualifying disbursements)	<u> </u>
Total expenditures before qualifying disbursements (add lines 4800 to 4920)	\$ 129,130,166,717
Of the amounts at lines 4950:	
(a) Total expenditures on charitable activities. 5000 \$ 127,267,654,455	_
(b) Total expenditures on management and administration 5010 \$10,461,776,296	_
(c) Total expenditures on fundraising	_
(d) Total other expenditures included in line 4950	-
Total amount of grants made to all non-qualified donees (grantees)	\$ 446,597,320
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050 \$ 7,748,771,699
Total expenditures (add lines 4950, 5045 and 5050)	5100 \$ 136,283,094,771
Other financial information	
Permission to accumulate property:	
Only registered charities that have written permission to accumulate should complete this section.	
Enter the amount accumulated for the fiscal period, including income earned on accumulated funds	5500 \$ 158,168,930
Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose.	5510 £ 405 074 040
Permission to reduce disbursement quota:	
If the charity has received approval to make a reduction to its disbursement quota, enter the amount for the fiscal period	\$ 20,798,309
Property not used in charitable activities:	
Enter the average value of property not used for charitable activities or administration during:	<u> </u>
The 24 months before the <b>beginning</b> of the fiscal period	. \$85,892,798,664
The 24 months before the <b>end</b> of the fiscal period	5910 \$ 92,020,021,126
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Disbursem	· ·	Schedule 8
Important: If you complete this section, you must answer yes to question C	717.	
For more information, go to Canada.ca/charities-disbursement-quota.		
Step 1. Calculating the disbursement quota requirement for the current	fiscal period	
Average value of property not used in charitable activities or administration (	line 5900 from your return)	805 \$64,239,809,377
If permission to accumulate property has been granted, enter the total amou	nt accumulated less all disbursements made for the	
specified purpose (add all amounts from lines 5500 minus all amounts at line permission to accumulate property period)		\$ 88,110,695
Line 805 minus line 810 (if negative, enter 0)		815 \$62,476,996,522
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If line 815 is \$1,000,000 or less	If line 815 is over \$1,000,000	
	Line 815 minus \$1,000,000	\$60,500,764,107
	Line 825 multiplied by 5%	\$3,009,376,757
Multiply line 815 by 3.5%	Line 830 plus \$35,000	\$3,056,975,669
Enter the amount from line 820 or line 835. This is your charity's disburseme for the current fiscal period		840 \$ 3,072,372,815
Total expenditures on charitable activities (line 5000 of your return)		\$4,310,589,808
Total amount of grants made to non-qualified donees (line 5045 of your return	m)	\$216,464,066
Total amount of gifts made to qualified donees (line 5050 of your return) $ \dots $		\$ 3,213,244,340
Add lines 845 to line 855		\$ 7,718,770,218
Line 860 minus line 840. This is your charity's disbursement quota excess or	shortfall for the current fiscal period	\$ 4,622,367,646
If a shortfall exists (line 865 is negative), your charity can draw on disb shortfall. If no excesses are available to draw on, your charity can try to cover the shortfall.  Step 2. Estimating the disbursement quota requirement for the next fister and the shortfall of property not used in charitable activities or administration property not used in the charitable activities or administration property not used in the charitable activities activities activit	o spend enough the following year to create an o	excess that it can carry bac
return)		\$ 69,086,450,415
If line 870 is \$1,000,000 or less	If line 870 is over \$1,000,000	
	Line 870 minus \$1,000,000	\$ 67,007,646,758
	Line 880 multiplied by 5%	885 \$ 3,359,081,257
Multiply line 870 by 3.5% 875 \$ 21,303,599	Line 885 plus \$35,000	\$ 3,410,026,268

The amount shown at line 875 or line 890 is your charity's estimated disbursement quota requirement for the next fiscal period.

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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 including our Blumbergs' Directory on <u>Transparency</u>:

Fundamentals of the T3010 and Transparency for Canadian Charities (paid online course)

Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission for the 2024 Canadian Federal Budget

CRA's Charities Listing vs. Blumbergs' CharityData.ca 2023

RCAAA Transparency Project 2023 -Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Association filings and their financial statements

Corporations Canada getting serious about filings including non-filing of financial statements

Corp. Canada dissolution program will be launched for CNCA corps that have not filed their AR in 3 years

Big improvements to transparency from Corporations Canada relating to CNCA corporations

Key statistics on Canada's charity and non-profit sector 2023

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2022

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2022

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Manitoba Charity Sector 2022

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2022

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Quebec Charity Sector 2022

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Atlantic Provinces Charity Sector 2022

Blumbergs Snapshots of Designations – Charitable Org, Public Foundations and Private Foundations 2021

Blumbergs' Canadian Charity Sector Snapshot 2021

Blumbergs Snapshot of the British Columbia Charity Sector 2021 – a census of the BC charity sector

Blumbergs Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2021 – a census of the Alberta charity sector

Blumbergs Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2021 – a census of the Ontario charity sector

Blumbergs Snapshot of the Quebec Charity Sector 2021 – a census of the Quebec charity sector

Blumbergs Snapshot of the Atlantic Provinces Charity Sector 2021

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2020

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Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Quebec Charity Sector 2018

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Nova Scotia Charity Sector 2018

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2017

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2016

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2015

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Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Alberta Charity Sector 2012

Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Ontario Charity Sector 2011

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

Comparison of the CRA's Charities Listing and Blumbergs' CharityData.ca

Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission – 2023

Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission – February 25, 2022

Blumbergs' Submission for the Pre-Budget Consultations for the Canadian Federal Budget 2022 with a focus on Transparency and Accountability in the Non-profit and Charity Sector

"Confidence in charity leaders has fallen sharply over the last two decades – what does that mean for the sector?"

How Has COVID Affected Funding of the Canadian Charity Sector? Part 4 – The Final Edition

How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 3

How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 2 – more data from the T3010

How has COVID affected funding of the Canadian charity sector? Part 1

Canadian charities giving to Indigenous Charities and Qualified Donees – 2019

Canadian charities giving to Indigenous Charities and Qualified Donees – 2018

Discussion paper from the T3010 User Group on improvements to the T3010

When is a financial statement not a financial statement?

Registered Canadian Amateur Athletic Associations and their financial statements

CRA charity audit statistics released through freedom of information in 2022

Update completed to CharityData.ca website (May 2022)

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Gifts by Canadian Charities to the United Nations and its Agencies in 2019

Gifts by Canadian Charities to Donor Advised Funds in 2019

Gifts by Canadian Registered Charities to the Registered Foreign Universities in 2019

Recent CRA letters of revocation for Canadian registered charities – received December 2021

Recent CRA letters of revocation for Canadian registered charities – 2021

Canadian Federal Budget 2022 and its impact on non-profits and charities

List of Canadian Registered Charities Revoked as a Result of an Audit Over the Last 30 Years

Blumbergs Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector 2018 – Fundraising Activity

Top Fallacies about Canadian Private Foundations in Canada in 2022

National Post article "Charity sector worth \$300B per year, but CRA audits have dropped four-fold since 2010"

Dramatic changes to charity audits by CRA over the last few years

Budget Implementation Act passed allowing certain additional charitable partnerships

How to search for an Ontario non-profit corporation using the Ontario Business Registry

Which Canadian registered charities had the largest assets in 2019?

Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government in 2019?

Blumbergs' Pre-Budget Submission for the Federal Budget 2021 relating to charities and transparency

CRA provides additional information on foreign activities by Canadian charities

Another version of CRA's guidance on advancement of religion released in an access to information request

The Charity Report provides a profile of the Blumbergs' Snapshot of the Canadian Charity Sector

Dramatic changes to the CRA Charities Listing

If the T3010 annual charity return improves perhaps the charity sector and transparency will also improve

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

List of Ontario Non-Profit Corporations finally revealed for the first time

Who are the Canadian environmental charities?

Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Municipal Governments in 2012?

Which Canadian Registered Charities Received the Most Money from Provincial Governments in 2012?

Which Charities Received the Most Money from the Federal Government – 2012?

<u>Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to other Qualified Donees - 2012</u>

Which Canadian Private Foundations had the largest total expenditures in 2013-2015?

More from the T3010-13 on political activities

Latest statistics on "abusive charity gifting tax schemes"

Some simple and free steps to increase your Canadian registered charity's transparency

CRA released it's 2018 T3010 annual return form for Canadian registered charities

Corporations Canada has made a giant leap forward in increasing transparency of Federal corporations

Top Canadian Charity Law Issues by Mark Blumberg – For Charity Village – March 2018

Key statistics on Canada's charity and non-profit sector

Discussion paper from the T3010 User Group on improvements to the T3010

<u>CRA provides additional details as to changes with the T3010 over the last few</u> years Largest Gifts from Canadian Charities to all other Qualified Donees – 2020

Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from Provincial Governments in 2020?

Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from Municipal Governments in 2020?

Which Canadian charities received the most revenue from the Federal government in 2020?

Canadian Soccer Association not filing financial statements with Corporations Canada as required by the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act ("CNCA")

Canadian Federal Non-Profit Corporations under the CNCA need to ensure that they do their filings

Which Canadian charities spent money on foreign activities in 2020 and how much did they spend?

Key statistics on Canada's charity and non-profit sector 2023

<u>List of municipal or public bodies performing a function of government in Canada has increased to 555</u>

How much did the largest Canadian private foundations spend in 2018, 2019 and 2020? CRA's list of RCAAAs

#### **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="www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/list-charities/list-charities-other-qualified-donees.html">www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/list-charities/list-charities-other-qualified-donees.html</a>. As well, Blumbergs also maintains Canada's largest charity information portal at <a href="www.CharityData.ca">www.CharityData.ca</a> with up to 20 years of information on every Canadian registered charity. The portal is free, and the aim is to increase transparency in the Canadian charity sector. With CRA removing over 10 years' worth of information from the Charities Listing, <a href="www.CharityData.ca">www.CharityData.ca</a> has far more years available. Currently CRA is only providing 5 years historical information on each charity.

- 1) The data in this note is based on the 2023 T3010 Registered Charity Information Return filings. Although all charities are supposed to file their T3010 within six 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 need 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 can, as of June 2019, electronically file the T3010 which does reduce errors and speed up the time that T3010 data is processed and available to the public. All charities should be filing their T3010's electronically using the <u>CRA MyBA system</u>.
- 5) In some cases, those completing the T3010 for a charity are deliberately deceptive when completing the T3010. For example, an organization knows that it has substantial fundraising 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 often the numbers will 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. Charities are not required to post their financial statements on their website, but charities should put up at least the last 5 years financial statements to make it easier for donors and the public to access them.

- 8) Some questions on the T3010 are more prone to error than others. Some questions are complicated, while others are quite straightforward. Some matters are easily quantifiable, like value of official donation receipts, while others require allocation and other subjective measurements. Some questions, like revenue, are answered by almost every 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, to take a historical example 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 can distort the picture. With the 2012 numbers, the top six organizations listing political expenditures appear to be all mistakes. This seems to have inflated the numbers by about 1000%. You can see my article "Did the University of Windsor spend \$285 million on political activities in 2012". For 2013, the political numbers were \$171 million on the T3010. If one reviews the actual organizations, the number is probably about \$26 million. For 2017, the number is \$28 million. For 2018, the number is \$30 million. Unfortunately, today the CRA does not ask any questions about political activities of Canadian charities.
- 9) The T3010 asks certain questions. Many <u>important questions</u> 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 <u>www.SmartGiving.ca</u> which discusses in detail questions donors may want to ask before donating to charity.

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