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Professional Advisor Update - September 2012

Sometimes it is better to give later ...

Most of us are asked to give to a charitable organization everyday. And most of us *consciously* choose how much to give, when to give, and for what purpose. But considerable giving opportunities often arise when we are making *major* business, personal, and financial decisions.

John Lawrence did just that. When revisiting his *Will* he worked with his lawyer to provide a legacy gift to The Guelph Community Foundation. You can [read more](#) about John's story and the *Anne and John Lawrence Memorial Fund*, a permanent endowment in support of Guelph Museum's McCrae House.

The fact is that for some individuals, significant gifts are best left as future or deferred gifts - once children are grown or more established, *and/or* we have sufficient assets required to maintain our lifestyle. At The Guelph Community Foundation we work with *financial and legal* professionals to help your clients achieve their philanthropic goals, create a legacy for the community, and gain tax efficiencies. On our website we talk about [typical scenarios](#) in a person's life where it may be the *perfect time* to bring up the topic of planned giving.

Our report to the community ...

It is that time of year when we release our 2011 [Report to the Community](#). As you read through the report, you will learn more about our successes and challenges. You will hear from a variety of community voices and you will see first-hand how we continue to make a difference. Audited [financial statements](#) are also available on our website.

Call for nominations to our Board of Directors ...

The Guelph Community Foundation Board of Directors is committed to representing our community's interests, setting direction, and monitoring The Foundation's operations.

We are now inviting applications for appointment of up to three candidates to The Foundation's **volunteer** Board of Directors. All applications will be considered, however, we are seeking individuals with leadership and expertise in one or more of the following sectors: corporate, business, financial, and legal. This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to your community and utilize your leadership skills in a unique organization.

Interested individuals are asked to submit a letter of introduction and résumé by November 1, 2012. Click [here](#) for more information.

Community pulse ...

The Guelph Community Foundation - Fall Event

On Thursday October 4th from 4:00-5:30 PM, we invite you to join us at the River Run Centre to *celebrate* our 2012 grant recipients and *honour* our visionaries, volunteers, and donors. If you can attend *RSVP* by *September 25th* to specialprojects@guelphecf.ca. Please save-the-date and don't forget to bring a friend.

Community Building Through Random Act of Kindness Day

November 9th may seem like a long way off, but a dedicated group of volunteers is hitting the ground running to let every company, club, classroom and congregation in Guelph know how they can be involved. It's free, it's easy and it's an amazing community builder. Visit our [website](#) to view a list of 100 acts of kindness, receive *Pay It Forward* cards or plan a community initiative. And please ... get social with us on Facebook and Twitter.

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