You can leave a significant charitable legacy by using life insurance.

By leaving a charitable legacy you can make a difference to the lives of the 70,000 British Columbians and their families affected by Alzheimer's disease or another dementia. On behalf of the Alzheimer Society of B.C, Malinka Financial explain the benefits and ease of leaving a charitable legacy by using life insurance. ("Betty" was a client of Frank's and a loyal supporter of the Society")

Malinka Financial on behalf of the Alzheimer Society of B.C:

Betty had a great desire to support the Alzheimer Society of B.C. Like many Canadians, dementia had affected people close to Betty and she wanted to ensure the Society was able to continue its important work in the community.

Betty asked me to describe how to best accomplish this in her circumstances.

I suggested she consider using a life insurance policy to achieve her goal by naming the Charity as both the beneficiary and owner of the policy.

Betty would now make insurance premiums instead of her usual charitable donations, which would still leave her with the same after-tax cost (she receives a charitable tax receipt in both instances).

However the Society would now receive a much larger gift on her passing; the full face value of the insurance policy.

You can choose to name the Charity as beneficiary and owner (in the example above) OR you can choose to name the Charity as beneficiary only. In the latter your estate receives a tax receipt for the lump sum to the Charity when you pass.

The table shows how a monthly gift used to arrange life insurance compares to making a monthly donation of cash.

The insurance coverage is for $50,000 immediately and lasts a lifetime.

Age	Monthly Gift	Total Gift Given to Age 80	Total Gift Using Life Insurance
45	$60	$25,200	$50,000
65	$170	$30,600	$50,000

Existing life insurance policies can be used too. With a cash value policy, the fair market value qualifies as a donation. There may be some tax consequences so please consult your tax advisor.

With insurance, as the payout is made to Charity by the Insurance Company and is outside of one's estate, there are no probate fees payable (otherwise 1.4% in B.C.).

(Note: The information on this page can help facilitate discussions between you and your investment advisor. It is not intended as legal or tax advice. We encourage you to seek advice from a qualified professional. All figures shown are subject to underwriting and were provided by Malinka Financial Corporation)

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Malinka Financial explained to Betty how easy it is to leave a charitable legacy by using life insurance. Thoughtfully planned gifts form the financial foundation for the future of education programs, support services and research funded by the Alzheimer Society of B.C.

To learn more about using Life Insurance as a Charitable Legacy please contact Leona Desharnais, Gift Planning Officer at 604 742 4926.