**Donations: Ways to Give**

There are a number of ways you can support some of Toronto’s most marginalized women:

**Join the Circle of Sisters**

The women who come to Sistering are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless - many are fleeing domestic violence and arrive with nothing more than the clothes on their backs.

Chances are you have clothes in the back of your closet you haven’t worn in seasons – and that means you’re not likely to wear them again. Ever. Here’s an idea: consider joining the Circle of Sisters and bring your gently used clothes and footwear to Sistering.

All we ask is that your former fashion faves are freshly laundered and in good condition. We also need seasonal items like mittens, gloves, scarves and boots. And if you’d like to add new socks, bras and underwear, we’d be doubly grateful!

Toiletries are needed, too, such as travel sized:

* shampoo
* conditioner
* toothpaste
* toothbrushes
* deodorant
* lotion
* body wash
* cosmetics
* brushes and combs
* hair elastics and scrunchies
* tampons and pads

Donations of pens and pencils are always in high demand.

Please consider donating grocery gift cards.

Donations that support participant transportation (tokens, Metro Pass) would be very appreciated.

We also need gently used towels and blankets - but we can’t take any other household items at this time.

Donations can be dropped off at:

*Sistering*

*962 Bloor St. West at Dovercourt*

*Toronto On M6H 1L6*

*416-926-9762 ext. 227 or 416-926-1946/1956*

*Monday - Sunday 9:30am - 4:00pm*

We don’t accept razors or mouthwash. Please call if you are unsure about an item.

**Planned Giving**

Planned giving allows you to leave a personal legacy that will ensure that Sistering can continue to provide essential services and supports for some of the most vulnerable women in Toronto. It can also help reduce your taxes, supplement your income and maximize the benefits to your estate and its beneficiaries.

**Bequests**

A bequest is made through your will. It’s the most common type of planned gift because it’s simple to do and lets you support Sistering’s vision without touching the funds and assets you need now.

**Life Insurance**

A donation of a life insurance policy is the second most common type of planned giving. It’s a great way to make a large gift without adversely impacting your current financial situation.

Find out more: (links to the pdf below) <http://www.sistering.org/UserDir/Documents/Ways%20to%20Give/info_sheet_life_insurance.pdf>

**Securities and Charitable Remainder Trusts**

Donating publicly listed securities, such as stocks, bonds and mutual fund units, are the least expensive way to make a gift. Securities are equally tax-effective when given today or in the future through a bequest.

Find out more: (links to the pdf below) <http://www.sistering.org/UserDir/Documents/Ways%20to%20Give/donating_info_sheet_securities.pdf>