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The Gift of a Lifetime

Every day in British Columbia, people's lives are enriched by the work of not-for-profit and charitable organizations.

Meals for isolated seniors or equipment and services for "special needs children" are just some of the ways not-for-profit organizations improve our lives.



Financial assistance is essential to this work. A vast majority of British Columbia residents generously give their money and time. But many people are unaware that by making a gift in their Will, they can continue to support their favourite cause, far beyond their lifetime.

Your charitable gifts may trigger tax benefits to your estate—now or in

future, or both. That is because there may be substantial income tax to pay on your final income tax return that only a charitable bequest will help offset.

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Many Canadians have still not prepared a Will so if that includes you, perhaps now is the time to do it.

Longtime member and volunteer of Variety – The Children's Charity is Canada's Big Band Leader and King of Swing Dal Richards. He is also Variety's Ambassador to BC's children who have special needs.

"What a wonderful idea!" says Dal, "to LEAVE A LEGACY™ to Variety's children of the future. I have made several charitable bequests in my Will and am happy to tell you about it.

"Why did I do this? I believe in the work that Variety does for children in BC. I have been supporting Variety



for almost 40 years with my Big Band music at events for kids and appearing on the Variety "Show of Hearts" Telethon every year. After all, Variety is the 'heart' of show business.



The Timeless Dal Richards

"Because of the bequest in my Will to Variety, I will be able to continue to support BC's children who have special needs, long after I am in Big Band Heaven."

Whether you make a charitable gift today or through your Will or both, you can be comfortable that your generous gift is being used wisely by the organization you intend. It's your legacy. We call it your Gift of a Lifetime. ▲

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