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Smart Giving Plan Awareness Week – November 25th to December 1st

Smart Giving Plan Awareness Week, November 25th to December 1st, encourages residents to develop a giving plan that makes the most sense for themselves and benefits the charity of their choice. Resources are provided, including a list of local charities which people may wish to support.

The Awareness Week is an initiative of a coalition of Carman and area charities. The essential message of the Awareness Week is to encourage citizens to develop a giving plan that takes full advantage of tax rules, methods of giving, and charity exemptions to capture the maximum benefit for themselves and the charity of their choice. It is valuable to talk to a professional financial advisor, as Planned Giving, including annual planning and estate planning, benefits the whole community.

This year a public information seminar **“Tax Benefits of Smart Giving”** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 28th**, at the **Carman United Place Hall**, from **12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.** Local lawyer, **Scott Johnston**, of MMJS Law Offices and Chartered Accountant, **Lauren Nakonechny**, of Nakonechny and Power CPA, will present on a variety of topics related to Smart Giving. Topics will include taxation and tax rules, estate planning, charitable giving tax benefits, wills, power of attorney to name a few. The sessions will be interactive and both presenters, along with other professionals in attendance, will be able to answer your questions.

For more information, please go to www.smartgivingplan.ca, a locally developed informational website with many resources to illustrate the benefits of planned giving and to encourage residents to consider local charities in their giving plans.
