



**August 2011.**

**Dear GLGI Donor:**

**The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has issued Reassessments disallowing the tax credit for donations claimed in 2009 and, perhaps in some cases, in 2010 under the GLGI Donation Program, made to the Malvern Rouge Valley Youth Services, ResQ Youth International, Silayan Community Centre, Agincourt New Horizon Youth Services – Judaic Proselyte Church or Glooscap Heritage Society. As part of GLGI's commitment to donors, we enclose a template form with instructions to assist you in preparing and filing your personal notice of objection. This template is meant to be a form of self-help, and not legal advice, to you. For that reason we urge you to consult with your own tax advisor in order to have your personal notice of objection prepared and filed. Filing the Objection on time is your responsibility.**

**What is a Notice of Objection?**

**A Notice of Objection is filed if you disagree with the Reassessment and it sets out the basic facts and reasons why you are disagreeing. Other than the fact that it MUST be addressed to the Chief of Appeals, the CRA does not require a prescribed form and, if you want to object to the Reassessment, the attached Notice of Objection is sufficient. The Notice of Objection must be filed within a certain period of time (see instructions). If it is filed on time, then the CRA normally cannot start any action to collect the tax and interest owing from the Reassessment. There are some exceptions.**

**Once you have filed your Notice of Objection, the CRA will record it in your CRA file and will send you a written acknowledgement that they have received it. The chances are that you will not hear from the CRA again for many months. In the event you do receive any further correspondence from CRA after filing your Notice of Objection, please forward a copy to GLGI immediately and we will assist you in responding.**

**It can take weeks before the CRA updates its records that you have filed the Notice of**

**Objection and sometimes an agent from the CRA Collections Department will call to ask about payment of the amount due from the Reassessment. You can tell them that you have filed a Notice of Objection and can send them a copy.**

**If the CRA contacts you, please ask them to communicate with you in writing so you have a record of what they want and when they wrote you.**

#### **What Happens Next?**

**The Notices of Objection will be assigned to an Appeals Officer at one of the CRA's Tax Offices. They will likely be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the test or representative cases in Vancouver, where about a dozen GLGI donors have filed Notices of Appeal to the Tax Court of Canada. The donors are being represented by the Toronto office of Baker McKenzie, one of the world's largest law firms.**

#### **Should You Pay the Reassessment?**

**GLGI has set aside its own money as a defence fund to pay for GLGI's costs of the appeals; for example, GLGI's legal and professional fees, administrative costs and the like. The defence fund is not there to pay for a donor's tax and interest from the CRA Reassessments, court filing fees, or the donor's own advisers.**

**It is reasonable to expect that it will be several years before a final court decision is obtained, or a voluntary settlement is reached with CRA. GLGI continues to believe that its program will be upheld and its program donors will be successful. However, in the event CRA is ultimately successful in disallowing your donation, non-deductible interest continues to grow on the Reassessment.**

**Paying the Reassessment is a donor's individual choice based on their own particular financial circumstances. The current CRA interest rate on unpaid taxes is 5% (it changes every 3 months depending on the market) and it may be cheaper to borrow from a bank to pay the Reassessment should you wish to avoid further interest charges.**

**If the donors are successful and this payment is ultimately refunded, in whole or in part, the CRA will pay interest on the refund (the current rate is 3%). This interest rate may be higher than present bank rates on deposits. Interest on the tax refund would be taxable in the year of receipt. Again, this is a highly personal decision and we urge you to consult**

with your professional advisors.

### Going Forward

We will do our best to keep all donors advised of progress with the CRA. If you wish to receive further assistance or communications from GLGI it is important that you provide us with an email address. You may forward your email address to [catesosa@glgi.ca](mailto:catesosa@glgi.ca), or you may fax it to 905-947-0800 (Attention Cate Sosa), or you may phone us at 905-947-4565. You should not expect to receive any further correspondence, communications or assistance from GLGI if you do not provide us with an up-to-date address.

We trust you understand that given the very large number of individual donors involved in the GLGI program over the years, GLGI and its counsel are simply unable to represent donors in their individual circumstances. Our lawyers do not act for individual donors, but rather on behalf of all donors. Should you wish to retain them for individual specific advice, that is a private matter (and cost) between you and the law firm.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Lewis', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Robert Lewis**

**Global Learning Group, Inc.**