

**Tax Tip**  
**Week of February 1, 2010**

**One Time Change to Quebec Rules for Donations**

Individuals who, after January 11 and before March 1, 2010, make a charitable donation to assist the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, will be deemed to have made the donation in 2009. Thus they are able to include the donation on their 2009 tax return.

To be eligible to claim the credit, the donation must be made to a registered charity to enable it to assist victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Donations can be cash, cheque, credit card, postal money order, by means of a text message, wire transfer or points obtained under a rewards program.

This is an innovative approach to encourage donations and perhaps the federal government should consider the same measure.