

Charitable purposes and activities – Description

Answers to Q. 11a

Purpose #1:

To help patients and family deal with the effects of VHL in their lives by providing a social-emotional support system

Activities in support of Purpose #1*:

- Operate a Toll-Free National Phone Help-Line that offers information and support, live or call-back, 5 days a week. This service will be coordinated and covered by the National Outreach Volunteer (NOV) who has a background in mental health and social work. At least 1 other volunteer will eventually be trained. Optional: Video calls.
- Provide regular Email support and contact through an official email address. This email will be covered by NOV, but other volunteers will be used as needed.
- Provide annual phone check-in's with all constituents. Calls will involve updates, support, and feedback forms. NOV will be responsible for these, but can also delegate local (provincial) volunteers as needed.
- Sponsor and moderate online discussion groups (e.g. Facebook and other forums). NOV will monitor the online groups 5 days a week, but other volunteers may be involved. Optional: group phone and video calls.
- Strive for Annual Local Informal Get-togethers in all provinces or regions that will be hosted by local volunteers.

Purpose #2:

To help patients and families gain knowledge of various aspects of VHL through providing reliable resources and means to share experiences and information

Activities in support of Purpose #2*:

- Create, maintain and regularly update an official website. NOV will be responsible for the website. Content will include links to reliable information on VHL-related medical, psychosocial, and research subjects. Content will also include Canadian VHL Community updates and news
- Provide the phone, email, online support, and get-togethers that will also be a way (peer interaction) for those affected by VHL to share experiences and information. NOV and (local) volunteers will be needed.
- Provide educational opportunities like workshops, guest speakers and webinars for constituents and volunteers

* through a "national outreach volunteer" (NOV) who can devote 20 hours a week (and can eventually delegate and share volunteer duties)

Part 3 – Activities of the organization (cont'd)

b) Is the organization currently carrying out any of the activities described in Q11 a)?

Yes No

If no, when does the organization plan to begin operations?

c) **Activities outside of Canada**

Are any of the organization's activities listed in Q11 a) taking place outside of Canada?

Yes No

If yes, go to pages 7 and 8, give the location(s) and include a detailed description of how the organization will undertake these activities.

If these activities will be conducted under an arrangement with another organization or individual, describe the arrangement, and attach copies of any current or proposed written arrangement. See "Q11 c) Activities Outside of Canada" in Part 3 – Activities of the organization in Guide T4063 for more information.

d) **Attach all minutes of** meetings, newspaper articles, videos, CDs, fundraising materials, pamphlets, brochures, or other items that further describe the organization's work and purposes.

Attached N/A

Q12 Fundraising activities

a) Describe the organization's fundraising activities. Include the fundraising method, the frequency of each event, and the percentage of people involved who are volunteers.

-Annual raffle (sports theme) every August and an annual "holiday" pub event, with a silent auction included, every December. NOV and another volunteer are involved.

-Ongoing activities include: Grants, internet or media strategies, canvassing; and investigation, e.g. 3rd party companies. NOV and other volunteers in Toronto, and in other provinces are involved.

b) Has the organization hired, or does it plan to hire, a fundraiser from outside the organization to carry out the fundraising activities?

Yes No

If yes, identify the fundraiser, the amount it will be compensated, the terms of payment (e.g. lump sum vs. percentage of gross revenue), and attach a copy of any current or proposed contracts.

c) Does the organization intend to receive non-cash gifts on a regular basis?

Yes No

If yes, describe the nature of the non-cash gifts (e.g., art work).

d) Is the organization currently involved with, or have any plans to become involved with, or is in any way associated with a tax shelter arrangement? See "Q12 d) Fundraising Activities" in Part 3 – Activities of the organization, in Guide T4063, for a definition of a "tax shelter arrangement".

Yes No