



FINANCIAL GIFT AND DONATION POLICY

As an Ontario regulated psychotherapy practice, Adam Terpstra Psychotherapy Professional Corporation (ATPPC) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical care, professionalism, and client well-being in accordance with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO) Standards of Practice and the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW) Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

To ensure clear professional boundaries and avoid conflicts of interest, we uphold the following policy regarding financial gifts and donations from individuals receiving care within our practice:

1. No Direct Financial Gifts or Donations Accepted from Patients:

- We do not directly accept financial gifts, donations, or monetary contributions from current or former patients. This includes donations to any external organizations, including registered charities, where a clinician or staff member may hold a leadership or governance role, except anonymous donations as indicated below.
- Adam Terpstra, the sole director of ATPPC, serves as President of Bridging With Support (BWS), a federally registered charity supporting mental health initiatives.

2. Anonymous Giving Through CanadaHelps.org:

(<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/bridging-with-support/>)

- Patients who wish to donate to Bridging With Support or another registered charity are encouraged to do so independently through CanadaHelps.org.
- CanadaHelps.org allows donors to make their donation anonymous, ensuring that the psychotherapy professional corporation does not receive donor-identifying information.
 - In the “Anonymity Preference” section, select the “No, Please don’t provide my name, email and mailing address to the charities I’m supporting with this donation” option.
- CanadaHelps.org will issue a charitable tax receipt directly to the donor, even if the donation remains anonymous to the beneficiary charity.

3. Maintaining Therapeutic Integrity and Autonomy:

- The therapeutic relationship is built on trust and professional ethics. Accepting or facilitating financial contributions could create real or perceived conflicts of interest, dual relationships, or undue influence that could compromise the integrity of care.

4. Fair and Equitable Treatment:

- A patient’s decision to donate or not donate has no impact on the level or quality of care they receive within our practice.

This policy ensures compliance with professional and ethical guidelines while offering an independent, anonymous pathway for charitable giving. If you have any questions, please feel free to discuss them with your clinician or contact our administrative team (admin@cwcp.ca).