

## **Research Profile – a sustainability project examining “Performance Metrics of Canadian Registered Charities”**

The development of descriptive profiles is an important first step for research into registered charities (RCs). This study builds upon previous profiles of RCs in Ontario (Barr, Mckeown et al. 2004; Salamon and Sokolowski 2004; Hall, Barr et al. 2005; Stowe and Barr 2005). Using the CRA annual returns (T3010), profiles will be developed across Canada using for-profit industry accepted financial and nonfinancial accounting ratios (balanced scorecard). These include but are not limited to previously unreported ratios and statistical profiles of RC current assets, current liabilities, capital assets, long term debt, surplus (deficit), total assets, revenues, etc. In addition, RCs will be segmented into four differing subgroups as follows; 1) revenue size, 2) geographic location (province or territory), 3) geographic setting (rural or urban), and 4) primary program service provided and compared across a six-year period (2000 to 2005).

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