

Legacy Giving Options

GIFTS FROM YOUR ESTATE

Bequest in your will or trust

- you can give a percentage of your estate, the remainder of your estate, specific property, or a specific dollar amount
- the estate may receive a tax deduction in the amount of the charitable bequest
- if you already have a will or trust, an attorney can help arrange a charitable bequest with a simple codicil or amendment
- the Foundation is here to help you create your own easily modifiable legacy plan to your favorite charitable organizations at no cost

Sample bequest language:

I give X% of my estate to the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix (TIN 47-0874376) to establish an endowment fund to benefit (name of charitable organizations)

Retirement plan (401(k) or IRA) designation

- you can name one or more charities as after-death beneficiaries of a retirement plan
- the most tax-wise option: retirement plan distributions to heirs can be heavily taxed, but distributions to charity are tax-free
- you can give a percentage, a specific amount, or the remainder of the account
- contact your plan administrator for a form

GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE NOW

In addition to cash, you can give:

Appreciated, marketable securities

- avoids capital gains tax
- tax-deductible for the fair market value
- can be donated in increments when the timing is right for your family, when placed in a donor advised fund at the Foundation

Life insurance

- you can give a new policy or a policy you no longer need
- tax-deductible for the current policy value
- if the Foundation is the owner and beneficiary of the policy, instead of paying premiums to the insurance company, you make tax-deductible gifts to us and we pay the premium
- upon the death of the insured, the proceeds will fund your legacy gift to your favorite charitable organizations

Real estate and other appreciated property

- tax-deductible at fair market value
- avoids capital gains tax
- a popular asset for creating charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts, which provide financial benefits both to the community and the donor

Charitable lead trust

- tax-smart method of giving to both family and charity
- established with real estate or other income-generating property
- makes charitable payments regularly
- at term end, transfers property to children with reduced gift tax and estate tax, and no tax on appreciation

GIFTS THAT PROVIDE INCOME

Charitable gift annuity

- provides income for life to the donor and/or another person such as their spouse, child or parent
- created in exchange for cash or marketable securities
- at the expiration of benefits, creates a meaningful legacy gift to charitable organizations

Deferred gift annuity

- works the same way as a normal charitable gift annuity
- starts providing income at a fixed date in the future (rather than immediately)
- Until payments begin, the annuity may grow in value, providing more income for the donor or a larger gift for charity

Charitable remainder trust

- produces income for you or for loved ones
- take a pro-rated tax deduction now, leave the remainder to charity
- may reduce estate taxes accordingly
- can make fixed payments, or payments that change with the growth of the trust
- at term end, the trust remainder becomes your legacy gift for your favorite charitable organizations

Please note that these descriptions are informational only, and do not constitute legal or tax advice. Please consult with a financial or estate planning professional to understand the implications of a gift for your particular circumstances and goals.

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