

# A Guide to GIFT PLANNING

Charitable giving that helps you achieve your personal, financial and philanthropic goals

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# **Charitable Bequest**

• A gift left to charity when someone passes away. A bequest is one of the easiest ways to leave a legacy and support the causes you care about.

You can leave a bequest to support our work by making a promise in your will, living trust or codicil. Certain assets, such as an insurance policy, retirement account or bank account, can be left by way of a beneficiary designation. With a bequest, or beneficiary gift, the asset is transferred to charity once the donor passes away.

# **BENEFITS OF A CHARITABLE BEQUEST**

# Bequests are flexible

You can leave a bequest of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or even a specific asset, such as a retirement account.

# Bequests are empowering

With a bequest, you retain full ownership and control of your assets during life — you can use your assets as you see fit and can even sell the asset if you need to.

## Bequests can be strategic

Bequests can help you establish priorities. You could name a loved one as a primary beneficiary, but if that person is no longer living, your estate plan could leave the asset to our organization as a contingent beneficiary.

## Bequests may save on taxes

If your estate will be subject to estate taxes, a charitable bequest will reduce the amount of tax due, including by generating a charitable estate tax deduction.









# OBJECTIVE

You want to make a gift to our organization but are looking for a way to give that provides you with flexibility if your needs change.

# SOLUTION

The right solution could be a charitable bequest. You can establish a gift in your estate plan today while preserving your savings for tomorrow.



**IDEAL FOR:** Anyone. Bequests are gifts that anyone can make.

# • LEARN MORE

If you are interested in learning more about charitable bequests or are looking for sample bequest language to provide to your attorney, we offer several free resources at <u>boystowngift.org.</u>

# BENEFITS

With a bequest, you can support the causes you care about while saving on potential estate taxes and retaining assets to meet your future needs.

# **IRA Charitable Rollover**

• You can use your retirement assets to support the causes you care about. An IRA rollover gift will allow you to support our work today while providing tax savings.

An IRA rollover gift allows you to support a favorite cause by making a gift to our organization directly from your IRA. It's a great alternative to taking the taxable "required minimum distribution" (RMD), especially if you do not want or need extra income or if you have reached your deduction limit.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

To make a rollover gift, you must be at least  $70\frac{1}{2}$  years of age.

# **GIFT LIMITS**

Eligible individuals can give up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA. The gift amount will count against the donor's RMD.

# **TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

While many IRA distributions are taxable, rollover gifts are not. An IRA rollover gift also allows you to give from "pre-tax" assets.

# HOW THE GIFT IS MADE

Contact your IRA custodian and tell him or her you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." Or, call our office and we can help.



# **IDEAL FOR:**

Someone 70½ or older who would like to use their IRA to support their favorite causes.



**TO CUSTODIAN** 

GIFT TO CHARITY

# OBJECTIVE

You are required to take your RMD but don't need the income.

You are looking for an easy way to give in support of our mission.

# SOLUTION

An IRA charitable rollover gift will allow you to support our work.

# BENEFITS

You avoid tax on the gift to us, your gift counts against your RMD and you get to see the impact your gift is making.

# **Charitable Remainder Trust**

• The Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is funded with cash or property. It makes payments for a lifetime or a specified term of years to people you select, then distributes the remainder to charity.

You transfer cash or appreciated property to a CRT. A CRT is a tax-exempt trust that can sell the property without paying capital gains tax and can invest the proceeds to pay you or loved ones income.

# **DURATION**

Payments from the trust can last for the lifetime of one or more beneficiaries or for a specified term of years.

# ANNUITY VS. UNITRUST PAYOUT

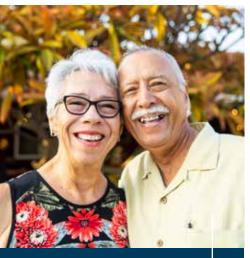
A Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT) pays out a fixed amount each year. A Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) pays out a percentage of the trust value each year.

# **TAXATION OF PAYOUTS**

Most CRT payouts are taxed to the beneficiary as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

# SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE CAUSES

After all of the income payments have been made, the trust assets are transferred to us to support our work.



# **IDEAL FOR:**

Someone with cash or appreciated property of at least \$100,000 in value who desires income and tax savings.

**GIFT OF AN ASSET** 

UNITRUST OR ANNUITY TRUST



REMAINDER TO CHARITY

# OBJECTIVE

You desire to change appreciated property that produces little or no income into an income stream without paying capital gains tax on the sale of the property.



# SOLUTION

You contribute appreciated property to a Charitable Remainder Trust that will sell the property tax free and make payments for the beneficiaries' lifetime or a specified term of years.

# BENEFITS

Bypass Gains Trust sells property tax free.

### **Increased Income**

The trust pays a percentage of its value to the trust beneficiaries.

### **Tax Deduction**

You receive a current federal income tax deduction.

# **Charitable Gift Annuity**

• A way to give where you make a gift of cash or property to us and we agree to make fixed payments to you or you and a loved one for life.

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a contract between a donor and a charity. In exchange for a gift of cash or property, we agree to make fixed payments to you for the remainder of your life.

# DURATION

You give cash or appreciated property to us. We make fixed payments for the lifetime(s) of one or two individuals.

# **PAYOUT RATE**

Payments are based on the age of the annuitant(s). We use rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA).

# **TAXATION OF PAYMENTS**

A portion of most gift annuity payments is tax free. The remainder of the income is taxed at ordinary rates and possibly capital gains rates.

# TIMING

A gift annuity contract can begin making payments immediately (current gift annuity) or defer payments for at least one year (deferred gift annuity).



# **IDEAL FOR:**

Someone who desires fixed payments for life. Beneficial if you have cash or appreciated property that produces little or no income.



# OBJECTIVE

You want to make a gift to charity and receive fixed payments for the future. You may be looking for current income tax savings

# SOLUTION

You enter into a charitable gift annuity agreement with us.

# BENEFITS

Fixed Payments for Life To one or two individuals.

# Tax-Free Payments

A portion of each payment may be tax free.

## Rates by Age

Payout rates are based on the age of the beneficiaries.

# Tax Deduction

Receive an income tax deduction.

# **Gifts of Retirement Assets**

• You can use your retirement assets to support the causes you care about. An IRA rollover gift will support our work today. The bequest of an IRA will ensure you leave a lasting legacy.



Did you know you can use your IRA to support our work? If you are looking to include us in your estate plan but aren't sure how to do that, consider a bequest of all or part of your IRA or other retirement assets.

# **USING YOUR IRA FOR GOOD TODAY**

Individuals aged 70½ or older must take their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA. This is taxable and it can push the recipient into a higher tax bracket. If you do not need the extra income, or want to lower your taxes, you can give up to \$100,000 this year directly from your IRA to support our work and the gift will count against your RMD. If you are interested in making an IRA rollover gift, we will provide you with information you can share with your IRA custodian so you can complete your gift.



# USING YOUR RETIREMENT ASSETS TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

Leaving retirement assets to charity in your estate plan is an excellent way to support the causes you care about. You can use a "beneficiary designation" to name our organization as a beneficiary of your retirement account.



Retirement assets can also be used to fund a charitable trust to provide for loved ones. The trust can pay income to your loved ones for the period of time you designate, after which the trust balance will be distributed to us. This strategy also produces estate tax benefits.



Thank you for your interest in our Guide to Gift Planning. Before making a planned gift to our organization, we recommend you seek the advice of your personal legal, tax, estate planning, financial or investment advisor to ensure any gift you are considering is appropriate given your personal circumstances. If you or your advisor have questions, our expert staff is available to assist you.

# We're Here to Help

If you have any questions about creating your legacy of care and support for kids and families or would like to make a legacy gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please let us know.



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