



A Guide to

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GIFT PLANNING - to help achieve your personal, financial and philanthropic goals.



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Ways to Give



• Annual Giving

An ongoing show of financial support for charity with regular, annual gifts

• Major Giving

A significant show of support for charity with a sizable gift

• Planned Giving

Also called "gift planning." A way to leave assets to charity that provides you and/or loved ones with current and future benefits

• Blended Giving

A combination of a major and planned gift

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 ESV . In dim and difficult times God's Word illumines the way. Be sure to consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation. Not intended as tax or legal advice.

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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 to charity 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 may reduce the amount of tax by generating a charitable estate tax deduction.



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 absgift.org



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.

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.

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.

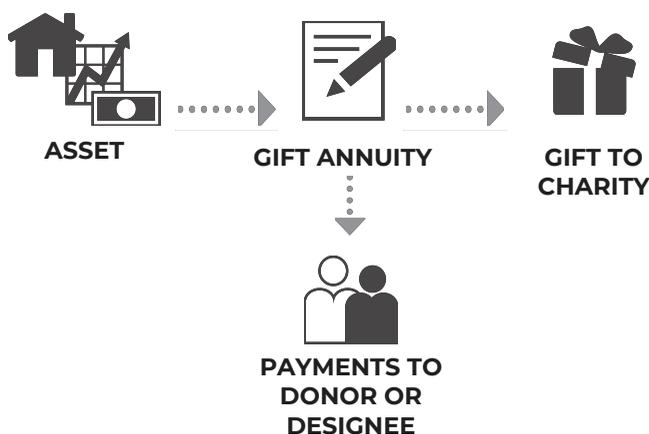
TIMING

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.

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 farm, rental house, lot, or appreciated stocks to a CRT. Sold by CRT 100% capital gains tax free! Sales proceeds invested to pay income to you and/or loved ones. Then CRT remainder goes to God.



IDEAL FOR:

Farmer to sell acres 100% capital gains tax free.
Real estate or investment owner gets same tax free sale.

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

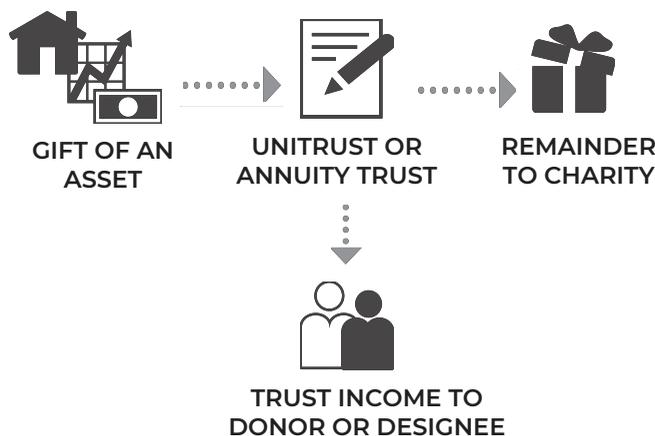
A Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT) pays out a fixed amount each year. A Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT) pays out a percentage of the trust value each year.

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.



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' lifetimes 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.

Family Charitable Lead Trust

- The Family Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) is funded with cash or property and makes payments to our organization for a specified period, then distributes the trust property to beneficiaries you select.

You contribute property to a trust that will make distributions to charity for a number of years and ultimately distribute the property to your family.



IDEAL FOR:

Giving specific property with growth to family at reduced gift or estate tax costs. Ideal for a person with a taxable estate.

DURATION

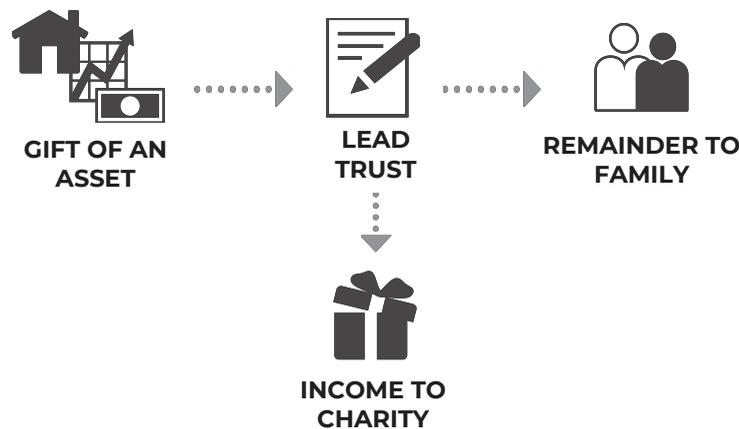
A CLT can last for the lifetime of one or more beneficiaries or for a specific term of years.

ANNUITY VS. UNITRUST PAYOUT

Each year, the trust pays either a fixed amount (CLAT) or a percentage of the trust assets (CLUT) to our organization.

LEAD TRUST TYPES

A family CLT receives property and distributes it to the non-charitable beneficiaries at the end of the term. A gift tax deduction is available to a donor who creates a family CLT. The donor's estate receives an estate tax charitable deduction if the CLT is established at the donor's death.



OBJECTIVE

You want to make a gift to charity for a period of time, then transfer an asset to family (and pay minimal gift or estate taxes).

SOLUTION

You contribute property to a trust that will make distributions to us for a number of years and ultimately distribute the property to your family.

BENEFITS

Appreciation to Family

You give property to a Lead Trust and that property plus growth passes to your family with no additional tax.

Tax Deduction

You receive a federal gift or estate tax deduction for the present value of the payments that go to charity.

Life Estate Reserved

- Our organization accepts a gift of property - either a personal residence or farm - and you retain the right to use the property for your lifetime.



You execute a deed transferring a house or farm to us. In the deed, you retain a "life estate" that grants you the right to use the home for life. At the time of the gift, you and our organization enter into a Maintenance, Insurance and Taxes (MIT) agreement.

IDEAL FOR:

Someone who wants to remain living in his or her home and desires a current income tax deduction.

DURATION

A Reserved Life Estate typically lasts for the life of the donor.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

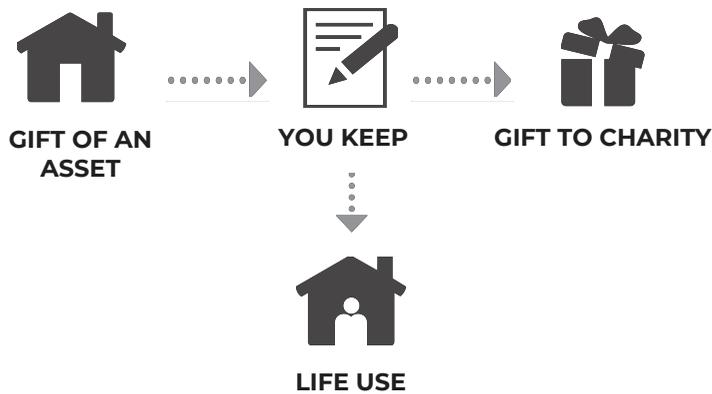
The deed of the remainder interest to our organization must not be restricted.

MORTGAGE

It is possible for you to make a gift of a remainder interest even though there is a mortgage on your property.

MIT AGREEMENT

You agree to pay the costs related to maintenance, insurance and taxes.



OBJECTIVE

You may desire to leave your house or farm to us in your estate plan, but you want to continue to live on the property and want tax benefits now.

SOLUTION

You can deed a home or farm to us but keep the right to use the home or farm for your lifetime.

BENEFITS

Tax Deduction

You receive a federal income tax deduction for the present value of the remainder interest in the home or farm.

Preserves Lifetime Use

You are able to use and control the home or farm for the rest of your life.

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 are not 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 age 72 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 to help you 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.



Bequests of retirement assets are:



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.

Bargain Sale

- We purchase your property for less than its fair market value or accept a gift of mortgaged property.



IDEAL FOR:

Someone who owns appreciated property and wants to benefit us, but wants either cash proceeds or debt relief.

A bargain sale works just like any other sale except the sale price is less than the property's value. You transfer an asset to us and receive a tax deduction equal to the property's value less the sales price.

CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

You receive a charitable deduction for the difference between the fair market value of the property transferred and the cash received in the bargain sale.

CASH OR DEBT RELIEF

You sell the property to us and receive a cash payment or debt relief.

BARGAIN SALE

You receive the cash or debt relief you desire, and we receive a valuable property for a payment that is less than the fair market price. The difference between the sale price and the appraised value of the property is treated as a gift.



ASSET



SALE TO CHARITY
AT LESS THAN
MARKET PRICE



DONOR RECEIVES SALES
PROCEEDS AND
CHARITABLE
DEDUCTION

OBJECTIVE

You desire to sell your property and also make a gift to support our mission.

SOLUTION

We can buy the property at a bargain price or agree to accept the property subject to a mortgage.

BENEFITS

Immediate Benefits

You get a cash payment or debt relief.

Bypass Gains

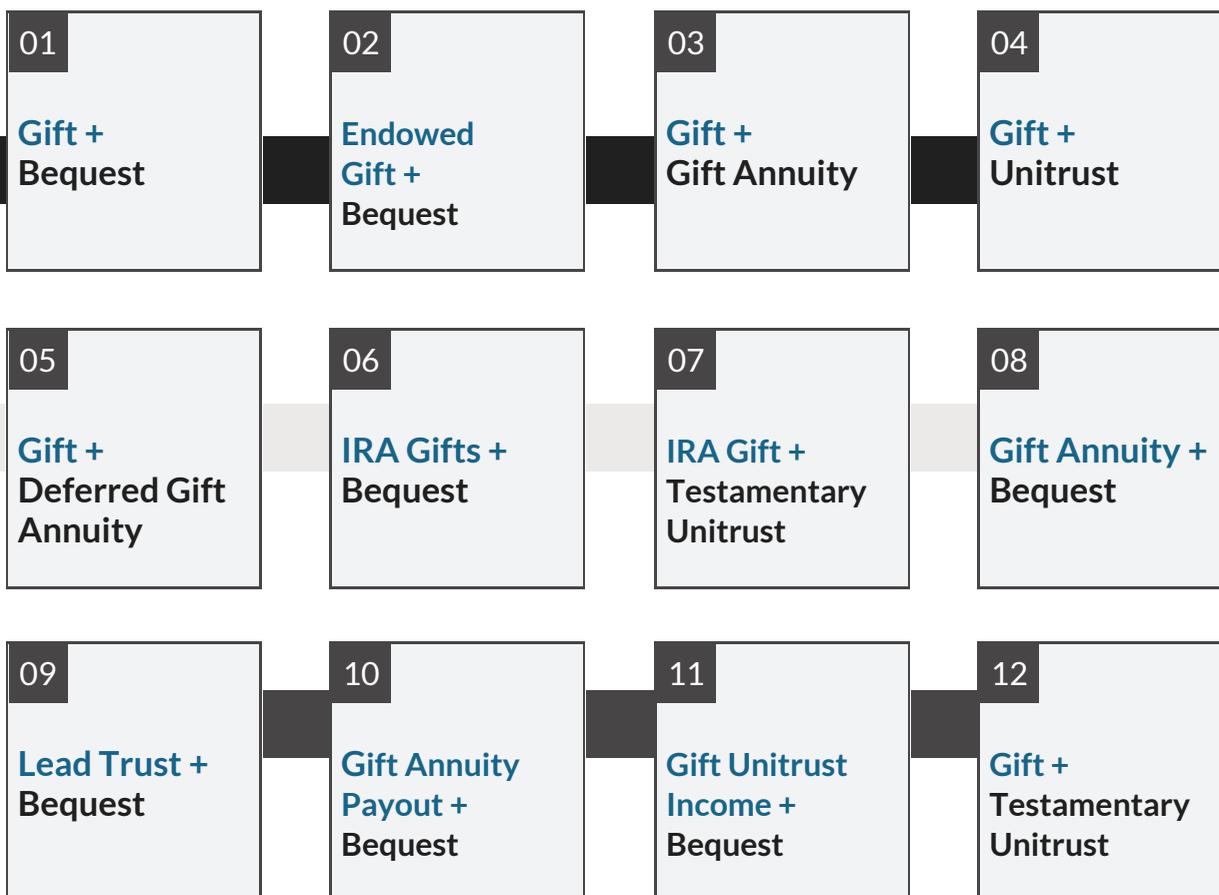
You avoid gains on the part that is a gift.

Tax Deduction

You receive a current federal income tax deduction for the part of the property given to us.

Blended Gifts

A blended gift combines a current gift and a planned gift.
It's a way for you to support the causes you care about and make your giving go further.



A current gift:
you see the impact of your giving today.
A planned gift:
you know your giving will make a difference in
the future.

The most popular planned gift remains the
charitable bequest. Most blended gifts are a
combination of a current gift (often a major gift)
and a charitable bequest.

The gift and bequest combination is most appealing to donors!

LEGACY

If you make annual gifts, please also consider continuing your giving by leaving a gift (bequest) in your will or estate plan.

FLEXIBLE

Bequests are a flexible way to give. If your circumstances change, you can change your mind and update your will or trust.

TAX Benefits

You will enjoy tax savings with an outright gift and avoid estate tax with the bequest (if you have a taxable estate).



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CAN UNDERSTAND AND AFFORD, SO ALL
PEOPLE MAY EXPERIENCE ITS LIFE-CHANGING
MESSAGE.*

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