

Your Giving Options

Great giving options tailored to your unique situation – choose the one that's right for you.

Cash

This is a simple and common way to make a gift by check or credit card to benefit any fund. Donations of cash are deductible if you itemize in the year of contribution.

Bequests

You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to one or more funds, and in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds

Many gifts of appreciated securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds provide a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the donated asset. If you have owned them longer than one year, you will pay no capital gains tax on the transaction and you can deduct the full fair market value.

Bank Accounts and CDs

Name us as the payable-on-death beneficiary of your bank accounts or certificates of deposit. You own the assets for your lifetime and have them available for your use. Upon your death, the assets pass directly to us, without going through probate, for the benefit of the fund(s) you selected.

Life Insurance¹

Rather than cancel policies you no longer need, select a fund to name as the beneficiary, or simply donate the policies to us outright.

Retirement Plan Assets

Your most efficient estate planning option may be leaving all or a portion of your retirement plan to us to benefit one or more funds of your choosing, because tax laws often subject these assets to income and estate taxes upon your death. At the same time, you can pass more tax-favored assets to your family. Many techniques can be used to avoid income taxes up to 39.6 percent. An IRA charitable rollover is one such option that is a great choice for people age 70½ or older.

Real Estate

This is a simple donation if you own property that is not mortgaged, has appreciated in value, and you no longer need or use. Donating it to us is an effective way to benefit funds of your choosing while deducting the fair market value of the gift and eliminating all capital gains taxes. Plus, you have removed that asset from your taxable estate.

Charitable Gift Annuity¹

Also known as a CGA, this simple option enables you to make a gift to us now, get immediate tax benefits, and ensure you or a loved one receive fixed annual income for life. The older you are, the higher your annuity rate. For donors who do not wish to receive income payments, a deferred charitable gift annuity, otherwise known as a DGA, is a popular option that provides the maximum tax advantage for the gift.

We are here to connect you with the best giving option to meet your financial and charitable needs.



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Charitable Remainder Trust¹

You can place cash or property in a trust that pays annual fixed or variable income to you (or another named beneficiary) for life or a period of time not to exceed 20 years. Income tax benefits are available for the year you establish the trust. At the end of the trust's term, the remaining assets transfer to us for the benefit of the charitable fund(s) you selected.

Charitable Lead Trust¹

This type of charitable trust pays income to one or more charitable organizations, typically for a period of years, after which the remaining trust assets pass to family members.

Retained Life Estate¹

You can transfer the deed of your personal residence or farm to us now and retain the right to live in and use the property for your lifetime. You will receive a current charitable deduction in an amount that is based on your life expectancy and the value of the property.

Bargain Sale

In this scenario, you agree to sell property to us at less than its fair market value, with the difference between the sale price and the fair market value being your charitable deduction. The net result is often more favorable than selling the property at fair market value and making a charitable contribution from the capital gain.



Fair Market Value

The price a willing buyer and a willing seller can agree on.



Beneficiary

An individual or organization designated to receive benefits or funds under a will or other contract, such as an insurance policy, trust or retirement plan.



Probate

The court process for determining the validity of a deceased person's will and distributing his or her assets.



Capital Gain

The increase in value of an asset, such as stock or real estate, since its purchase.

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¹Gift may qualify for Montana Endowment Tax Credit.

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