

ESTATE GIFTS AND YOUR LEGACY

A profound impact on the future of your community.

Giving through your estate can be a powerful expression of what you value and can profoundly impact the future of your favorite nonprofit organizations. While estate giving can seem big, complicated, or even out of reach for many, that shouldn't be the case. In its simplest form, an estate gift is a planned gift given to an organization after your lifetime. Regardless of the size, a gift of this type is a beautiful way to leave your legacy and carry on the good work you began in your lifetime.

Estate gift plans provide valuable future support to an organization while allowing you to retain the flexibility to update your plans as circumstances change.

Below are two simple estate gift options. Your advisor can discuss additional ideas with you.

Charitable Bequest

A bequest is giving assets to a nonprofit organization by providing an estate plan. While not required, it is recommended that before including an organization in your will or estate plan, you talk with the organization about their current and future needs. This will ensure the designation is worded so the gift can be carried out after your lifetime. Bequests can designate a specific gift amount, asset, or percentage of your estate and can be changed at your discretion.

Example Wording:

Percentage of Estate

I hereby bequeath to the ABC Nonprofit, a nonprofit corporation of the State of <STATE> (EIN #XX-XXXXXXX), located in City, State ______percent (%) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate as an unrestricted gift or designated gift for a purpose.

Specific Amount

designated gift for	purpose.
in (CITY, STATE), the sum of	dollars as an unrestricted gift or
corporation of the State of (S ⁻	TATE) (EIN #XX-XXXXXXX), located
I hereby bequeath to the ABC Nonprofit, a nonprofit	

Beneficiary Designations

Another easy way to provide for an organization after your lifetime is as a beneficiary of all or part of your retirement plan, IRA, or life insurance policy. This can be tax efficient and done simply by including the organization's full name, tax identification number, and address on the beneficiary designation form. You may choose later to enter into a separate agreement with the organization related to the use of this future gift.

"We support this nonprofit and its good work today, so it makes sense to continue that support through our estates. It was really easy to plan a gift that is even larger than we can give now because at that point, we won't need the money anyway! Most of all, we feel great about our plan and the good we will do through it."

—Lizand Glen