

TOOLS FOR GIVING

Planning for the future — for you and your community

Charitable Remainder Trust



Giving through a Charitable Remainder Trust allows you to receive income for the rest of your life, knowing that whatever remains will benefit your community.

How it works

- You transfer cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets into a trust.
- You receive an immediate charitable tax deduction for the charitable portion of your trust.
- The trust pays you or a beneficiary you designate regular income payments.
- Upon the beneficiary's death or after a defined period of years, the remaining assets in the trust transfer to the community foundation.
- We set up a fund in your name, in the name of your family or business, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.
- We handle all the administrative details after the fund is established, issuing grant awards to charities in the name of the fund.
- The fund you establish is invested and will grow over time. Grants addressing community needs are made forever.

A gift that pays

James Assad was retired and in his late seventies. The stocks he owned had high market values, but they paid limited dividends. In addition to increasing his personal income, James was interested in giving to the community in which he had lived his entire life, so he decided to transfer the securities to a Charitable Remainder Trust that eventually would create a fund with his local community foundation. "The income I receive from the trust is more than what I was collecting in annual dividends — by thousands of dollars. If I would have sold the stocks, I'd have paid a fortune in capital gains tax," says James. James also receives an immediate charitable deduction and pays less tax on the trust distributions. "Plus," he says, "I know that when I pass, I've done something good." In time, James' gift will create the Assad Family Unrestricted Fund to address ever-changing community needs.

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For **good**. For **ever**.™

Contact your local community foundation today.
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Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundations

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We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

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Our professional program staff has **broad expertise** regarding community issues and needs.

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We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to each individual's charitable and financial interests.

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Our funds help people **invest in the causes** they care about most.

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We accept a wide **variety of assets**, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

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We partner with **professional advisors** to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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We offer maximum **tax advantage** under state and federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

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We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

More benefits

You may choose to receive a fixed income or one that changes with market conditions — income from the Charitable Remainder Trust you establish may add up to more than interest and dividends you earned from holding the assets. You can use it to supplement your own lifestyle or that of someone other than yourself: a sibling, a dependent parent, a friend, or a former employee. You can start receiving annuity payments immediately, or defer them to increase your charitable income tax deduction.

A portion of the income may be a tax-free return of principal, while some is taxed as ordinary income or capital gains. The amount of annuity paid and the tax deduction received depend on the age of the recipient and the current annuity rate (as established by the Internal Revenue Service).

You can pick one of these options for your Charitable Remainder Trust:

- *Annuity trust* pays you a fixed dollar amount.
- *Standard unitrust* pays you an amount equal to a fixed percentage of the net fair market of the trust and is recalculated annually.
- *Net income unitrust* pays you the lesser of the fixed percentage specified by the trust agreement or actual trust income; some net income unitrusts allow you to make up deficiencies in past years.
- *Flip unitrust* is a net income unitrust that converts to a standard unitrust upon a triggering event, such as the sale of an asset used to fund the trust.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets and can receive maximum charitable and tax benefits. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact your community foundation.