

# Legacy giving options

## GIFTS FROM YOUR ESTATE

### Bequest in your will or trust

- you can make a bequest gift of a percentage of your estate, the remainder of your estate, specific property or a specific dollar amount
- the estate may receive a tax deduction in the amount of the charitable bequest
- if you already have a will, an attorney can help arrange a charitable bequest with a simple amendment or codicil
- the Foundation is here to help you create your own easily modifiable legacy plan to your favorite charitable organization(s) at no cost

### Sample bequest language:

*I give X% of my estate to the Jewish Community Foundation of Orange County (TIN 95-3645825) to establish an endowment fund to benefit (name of charitable organization(s))*

### Retirement plan (401(k) or IRA) designation

- you can name one or more charities as after-death beneficiaries of a retirement plan
- the most tax-wise option: whereas retirement plan distributions to heirs can be extremely high (exceeding 70% in some cases), retirement plan distributions to charity incur no taxes
- you can specify a percentage, a specific amount, or the remainder of the account
- contact your plan administrator for a form

## GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE NOW

In addition to cash, you can give:

### Appreciated, marketable securities

- incurs no capital gains tax
- provides a tax deduction for the fair market value
- can be donated in increments when the timing is right for your family when placed in a donor advised philanthropic fund at the Foundation

### Life insurance

- you can give a new policy or a policy that is no longer needed
- provides a tax deduction for the value of the policy
- if the Foundation is the owner and beneficiary of the policy, instead of paying premiums to the insurance company, you make tax-deductible gifts to us and we pay the premium
- upon the death of the insured, the proceeds will fund your legacy gift to your favorite charitable organization(s)

### Real estate and other appreciated property

- is deductible at fair market value
- incurs no capital gains tax
- a popular asset for creating charitable remainder trusts and charitable lead trusts, which provide financial benefits both to the community and the donor

### Charitable lead trust

- tax-smart method of giving to both family and charity
- established with real estate or other income-generating property
- makes charitable payments regularly
- at the end of the term, transfers property to children with reduced gift and/or estate taxes, and no taxes on appreciation

## GIFTS THAT PROVIDE INCOME

### Charitable gift annuity

- provides the donor and/or another person such as their spouse, child or parent with income for life
- created in exchange for cash or marketable securities
- at the expiration of benefits, creates a meaningful legacy gift to charitable organization(s)

### Deferred gift annuity

- works the same way as a normal charitable gift annuity
- starts providing income at a fixed date in the future (rather than immediately)
- Until payments begin, the annuity may grow in value, providing more income for the donor and/or a larger gift for charity

### Charitable remainder trust

- enables you to make a gift that produces income for you or for loved ones
- take a pro-rated tax deduction now, leave the remainder to charity
- may reduce estate taxes accordingly
- can make fixed payments, or payments that change with the size of the trust
- upon the end of the term, the remainder of the trust becomes your legacy gift for your favorite charitable organization(s)

*Please note that these descriptions are informational only, and do not constitute legal or tax advice. Please consult with a financial or estate planning professional to understand the implications of a gift for your particular circumstances and goals.*

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