

Beneficiary Designation & Deferred Gifts

Beneficiary designations provide a very simple form of charitable giving for the donor who wishes to remember charity but does not have the cash or assets to make the gift during his or her lifetime. Beneficiary designations also can help a donor decrease the size of his or her taxable estate thereby reducing income taxes. The suggested minimum appraised value for such gifts is \$100,000.

Life Insurance

Life insurance provides an attractive method of gifting that is usually overlooked. Life insurance makes it possible for you to convert a modest lifetime contribution into a much larger gift of insurance proceeds at death. The gift of a policy results in an immediate charitable deduction. If the policy is paid up, the deduction is the amount of the replacement value, but not more than your cost basis. If the premiums are still being paid, the deduction will be roughly equal to the cash surrender value. After the gift is complete you can make additional annual deductible cash gifts to enable the institution to pay each year's premium.

Retirement Plans

Pensions, profit sharing plans, group insurance and stock option plans all have written provisions for the disposition of the benefits upon your disability, retirement or death. You can assign WRHS as the beneficiary of any of these plans.

IRA's are the best way to accumulate money but often are the worst way to distribute money because they are so heavily taxed. If you have more money accumulated in an IRA than you spend during your lifetime, it is a good idea to make charity the beneficiary of the residual in your IRA.

Savings Accounts

A savings account can be transferred to WRHS upon your death. You can obtain a simple form that allows this transaction to take place. It is an order per your instructions, that "payable on death" your savings account will transfer to WRHS.

Life Estate Agreement

You can receive a sizeable charitable income tax deduction by making a gift to WRHS of your personal residence or farm. Parcels of gifted property must be virtually debt-free in order to be accepted by WRHS. You can do this and still retain full use and rights to the property during your lifetime. This arrangement is particularly attractive to elderly and for those who wish to end contention over future disposition of the family home.

It is important to note that a donor is not required to transfer the entire acreage attached to a personal residence or farm, but may keep or sell a portion of the property and still receive the special tax benefits for a remainder interest gift to the charity.

The information provided is intended as a general guide. Tax Laws are changed frequently and you should contact your financial advisors about the tax consequences of any gift.