

Outright Gifts

Cash and Securities

Current gifts such as cash and publicly traded securities can produce immediate income tax savings for those who itemize deductions through the entitlement of up to one hundred percent tax deduction in the year the gift is made. Note: If you are giving with securities-never donate stock that has declined in value. Sell it and realize the tax loss, then donate the cash proceeds.

Appreciated Assets

Making a gift with securities, real estate or other property that has appreciated in the value can be significantly more advantageous than making cash gifts. This carries a double tax benefit for the donor. If you have owned the assets for more than one year, you can deduct the entire value from your taxable income, including any paper profits you may have had in your investment. In addition to regular tax savings, the capital gains tax on assets given to WRHS is avoided. The greater the gain, the greater the tax benefit. Be aware that such gifts are usually deductible only to a certain percentage of adjusted gross income. However, as with cash gifts, any excess may be carried forward.

Property

When you give property, you can usually deduct the full value of the property and partially bypass capital-gains taxes. If you give securities or other assets which, if sold, would result in short-term capital gains, you cannot deduct more than the cost or the value, whichever is less. Tangible personal property such as paintings, furniture or jewelry which are contributed to and sold by the institution rather than being used in educational or charitable activities are only deductible at an amount equal to your cost.

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.