

Charitable Giving Guide

As you are aware, donating cash is an impactful way to support the charities you love. However, there are other ways of giving to consider which may provide you with additional benefits. Below you will find descriptions of a number of non-cash assets, their potential benefits, and helpful tips on donating them.

In the spirit of our shared commitment to serving the community, we wanted to share this resource that could both amplify the impact of your generosity and offer potential financial benefits for you.

Keep this guide
as a reference
for all your
charitable
giving!

QUESTIONS?

The Foundation has experience with many kinds of complex gifts. Our staff is happy to answer your questions!

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Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

A QCD is a transfer of funds from your IRA/retirement fund directly to a qualified charity.

Why Donate a QCD?

- If you are 70 ½, it enables you to make a significant impact, even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- It satisfies your required minimum distribution (RMD), reducing your taxable income.
- It provides a wonderful way to make a gift during your lifetime from an asset that would be subject to multiple levels of taxation if it remained in your taxable estate.

How to Donate your QCD

1. Calculate your required minimum distribution for the year.
2. Decide which account(s) to make withdrawals from and how much (max \$100,000 qualifies for QCD, indexed for inflation).
3. Choose the 501(c)3 organization(s) you want to support. Your broker will need the name and address of the charity. Some may request EIN or tax-ID number
4. Instruct your broker/retirement administrator to write a check directly to charity. Make the gift by December 31 to qualify for that year.

Stocks/Securities

Securities typically refer to a wide array of financial assets that can be traded - like stocks and bonds.

Why Donate Securities?

- Avoid paying capital gains tax on stocks that have increased in value since you purchased them.
- Claim the full fair-market value of the donated stocks as a charitable contribution on your income taxes.

How to Donate Securities

1. Find the charity's brokerage account information (you can ask the charity and some have it listed on their website).
2. Send this information to your broker:
 - DTC # / Charity's Brokerage Firm
 - Brokerage account number
 - Name of the Charity
 - Contact Name
 - Optional: Charity address, phone number, & tax-ID number (or EIN)
3. Contact the charity to let them know to expect your gift. Be sure to tell them what stocks you donated and approximately how much the gift will be so that they can properly attribute the gift to you.

Real Estate

Real Estate typically refers to property consisting of land or buildings.

Why Donate Real Estate?

- You may have purchased the property many years ago for much less than it is worth today. Avoid paying capital gains tax on property that has increased in value since you purchased it.
- Claim the full fair-market value of the donated property as a charitable contribution on your income taxes.
- The Foundation can act as trustee for the sale of your property. Many nonprofits are not equipped to accept this type of asset, so the Foundation can serve as your partner.

How to Donate Real Estate

1. Draw up a gift agreement with the charity. They may need to do due diligence in order to determine if they can accept the gift.
2. Get an appraisal of the property.
3. Transfer the title into the charity's name.

Cryptocurrency

Cryptocurrency is any form of currency that exists digitally or virtually and uses cryptography to secure transactions.

Why Donate Cryptocurrency?

- Gifts of cryptocurrency are treated as property by the IRS, which means they are subject to the same charitable deduction rules as real estate. The donor is required to get an appraisal for gifts over \$5,000.
- Cryptocurrency donations can significantly reduce the transaction fees involved in traditional cash donations.

How to Donate Cryptocurrency

1. Contact charity to ask for a QR code or account/transaction text string.
2. Do a wallet-to-wallet transfer of coins using a charity's preferred exchange platform (e.g. Coinbase).

Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

*A Donor Advised Fund is not a type of gift, but rather a **way** of giving. Think of a DAF like a charitable checking account – the money you put in is tax deductible and all the grants you make must go to qualified 501(c)3 public charities.*

Why Give Using a Donor Advised Fund?

- It's one centralized account where you can make all your donations, helping you organize your giving and simplify your tax returns (you'll only need one charitable gift receipt).
- DAFs can accept all the complex assets listed above (excluding QCDs). Some charities cannot accept all types of non-cash assets. Donate assets to your DAF and then we send grant checks to charities of your choice.
- The money you donate grows tax-free in your DAF for any amount of time before it is granted.
 - For example, if you make a large real estate donation to your DAF, you get the full tax deduction during the year you make the gift. However, instead of giving it all to one charity in a lump sum, a DAF can grant the money to support your favorite charities over any period of time.

How to Open a DAF at CCF

1. Review our DAF agreement (which can be found on our website) and let us know if you have any questions.
2. Fill in the agreement and sign.
3. Send the initial deposit.
4. Your fund is now open and ready to grant!



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