

Giving Appreciated Securities

For many people, investments in securities represent a significant portion of their assets. Stocks and other investments are often an important part of long-term plans. Your investments can be an excellent vehicle for charitable gifts. Stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other securities that you have owned for more than one year not only make convenient gifts, but can also provide tax benefits.

Why Use Securities for a Gift?

If you own securities that have appreciated in value over time, you may own substantial capital gains tax if you sell them. If you use such assets to fund a charitable gift, you may completely avoid the capital gains tax while obtaining a federal tax deduction for the full value of the securities. Giving appreciated securities helps conserve cash for other uses and you may be able to make a larger gift than you thought possible.

What Securities to Give

Appreciated Securities. For maximum tax benefits, it is usually best to give securities that have increased in value the most. Or, you may want to give particular securities as a part of efforts to simplify your portfolio.

Depreciated Securities. It is usually best to sell securities that have gone down in value and then gift the cash proceeds. You may be able to claim tax benefits for the capital loss and also for the charitable gift.

Mutual Funds. Mutual funds that have appreciated in value may be a good choice for charitable gifts. You should consult your financial advisor for more information.

How to Make a Gift of Securities

If you own securities outright and have the certificates in your possession, give the Foundation a signed stock power and the unendorsed stock certificate. The stock power form is available from your financial services advisor. Your gift is considered complete on the date given to the Foundation or the date of the postmark, if mailed. In the case of mutual funds or securities for which you do not hold a certificate, ask us about the most efficient way to complete your gift.