

# WAYS TO GIVE

**FRIENDS** of the  
**CHILDREN**  
Western Montana

*With your support, we can break generational cycles of poverty.*

## INDIVIDUAL DONATION

Help create brighter futures by including Friends of the Children in your annual giving. A donation of any amount directly supports the children and families we serve. Multi-year or monthly giving ensures sustained impact, with convenient options like PayPal, credit, or debit card.

## EMPLOYER MATCH

Part of our programming includes wrap-around care for families of the children we serve (we call it 2Gen), helping to create stability for our program youth. Double the impact of your donation on a child's life by utilizing your employer's charitable giving or payroll deduction programs.

## STOCK DONATION

Avoid capital gains tax by donating appreciated securities. It's a simple way to invest in our vision that one day, every child in western Montana who needs a Friend will have one.

## SUSTAINABILITY FUND

At Friends of the Children, we make a 12+ year commitment to each child we serve, and we take that commitment very seriously. By contributing to our Karen Erickson Sustainability Fund, you can help secure the future of our mission. This fund serves as a vital reserve, providing financial stability for major initiatives such as capital campaigns or addressing unexpected budget challenges. Your investment ensures we can continue transforming lives for many years to come.

## IRA-QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

If you're over 71 and receive the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can support our work by making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). QCDs do not count as income and you are not required to pay taxes on the charitable donation. So, not only do you get a nice tax break, but your contribution also helps to disrupt poverty in our community!

## DONOR ADVISED FUND

Donating through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a meaningful way to advance our mission while maximizing the impact of your giving. We've made the process simple—just click the link to recommend a grant directly from your DAF and make a lasting difference for the children and families we serve.

## LEGACY GIFT

Leave a lasting legacy by including Friends of the Children in your will or estate plans. It can be a specific amount or a percentage of your total estate. Whatever the amount, your legacy gift will directly benefit our program youth and leave a lasting impact on our ability to sustain this work for generations to come.

## LEARN MORE

There are many ways to give. Please contact Jamie McConnell, Development Director, to learn more about these options.

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# A GUIDE TO CHARITABLE GIVING OPTIONS

At Friends of the Children - Western Montana, we are deeply grateful for the many ways donors choose to support our work. Whether you're interested in maximizing tax benefits, giving through your estate, or making a meaningful legacy gift, this guide can help you explore the giving method that's right for you.

## What is a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) and How Does it Work?

A Donor-Advised Fund is a charitable account you set up through a giving intermediary (e.g., Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable, Missoula Community Foundation, etc.). You contribute cash or assets, receive a tax deduction, and recommend grants to charities over time.

- ✓ Immediate tax deduction
- ✓ Assets grow tax-free
- ✓ Flexible, easy to manage
- ✗ Cannot be used for personal benefits (e.g., event tickets)
- ✗ Some fees may apply

## Donating Appreciated Stocks and Securities

Donating appreciated stocks you've held for more than a year allows you to avoid capital gains taxes and claim a deduction for the full fair market value. Appreciated stock refers to shares that have increased in value since you purchased them, meaning you would owe capital gains tax if you sold them outright.

- ✓ Avoid capital gains tax
- ✓ Larger impact than selling first
- ✓ Full value is tax-deductible
- ✗ Must be long-term holdings (older than 1 year)
- ✗ Other nonprofits may not accept stocks directly

## IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you're age 70½ or older, you can give up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a charity. This counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and lowers your taxable income.

- ✓ Reduces taxable income
- ✓ Satisfies RMD
- ✓ No need to itemize deductions
- ✗ Must be age 70½+
- ✗ Funds must go directly to the charity
- ✗ Can't be used for donor-advised funds

## Wills & Estates

Planned giving allows you to designate a gift to charity in your will, trust, or as a beneficiary of assets like life insurance or retirement accounts.

- ✓ Leave a lasting legacy
- ✓ Reduces estate taxes
- ✓ Simple to update over time & doesn't affect current finances
- ✗ No immediate tax benefit
- ✗ Requires legal coordination

## Charitable Gift Annuities and Trusts

A **charitable gift annuity** is a way to support a nonprofit while also receiving guaranteed fixed payments for life. You make an upfront gift, and in return, the nonprofit pays you (or a designated recipient) a steady income for life. After your lifetime, the remaining balance supports the organization's mission.

A **charitable trust**—such as a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) or Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)—is a more complex planned giving vehicle that can provide income to you or others for a period of time, with the remainder going to charity (or vice versa).

- ✓ Lifetime income stream
- ✓ Partial charitable tax deduction
- ✓ May reduce capital gains or estate taxes
- ✓ Leaves a legacy to charity
- ✗ Irrevocable gift
- ✗ Payments are fixed and may not keep up with inflation
- ✗ Charitable trusts require legal setup and administration
- ✗ Minimum age and gift size may apply