## **GUIDE FOR GIVING**

	DESCRIPTION	ADVANTAGES	
Direct Donation	Cash or property donated to a public charity or community foundation.	<ul> <li>Immediate benefit to charity</li> <li>No associated costs</li> <li>Current income tax deduction normally allowed</li> </ul>	
Charitable Bequest	As a part of a will, a charitable bequest specifies a particular asset, or fixed dollar amount, or percentage of estate be given to a charitable organization upon donor's death.	<ul> <li>Revocable at any time</li> <li>Gives donors access to assets until death</li> <li>Unlimited tax deduction for the estate</li> </ul>	
Donor- Advised Fund	Public charity that pools donations with other donors' gifts and invests them; fund makes grants to charitable recipients upon recommendation of donor.	<ul> <li>Contribution usually fully deductible each year</li> <li>Account can be named</li> <li>Flexible giving in future years</li> <li>Can give anonymously</li> <li>Fees and expenses are low</li> <li>Consolidated charitable giving</li> <li>Can establish legacy with successors to account</li> </ul>	
Charitable Gift Annuity	In exchange for assets, a charity guarantees to pay a specified life income payment to beneficiaries. The charity receives the remainder at death of the beneficiaries. No additional gifts are allowed.	<ul> <li>Fixed amount of income provided each year for life</li> <li>Part of income is a tax-free return of principal</li> <li>The charity receives the remaining assets at income beneficiary's death</li> <li>A portion of contribution deductible in current year</li> </ul>	
Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	Donor and/or other beneficiaries receive payments of a fixed amount determined when the trust is established. No additional gifts to the trust are allowed.	<ul> <li>Portion of contribution deductible in current year</li> <li>Annual income for donor or other non-charitable beneficiary</li> <li>The charity receives remaining assets at income beneficiary death or trust termination</li> <li>Fixed income each year</li> <li>Can be for lifetime or for term of years not to exceed 20 years</li> <li>Trust is normally tax-exempt</li> </ul>	
Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Donor and/or other beneficiaries receive a fixed percentage of the value of the trust's assets valued annually. The charity receives remainder of trust at income beneficiary's death or trust termination.	<ul> <li>A portion of contribution deductible in current year</li> <li>Income for the donor or other non-charitable beneficiary</li> <li>Charity receives remaining assets at income beneficiary's death or trust termination</li> <li>Trust is normally tax-exempt</li> <li>Can be for lifetime or term of years, not to exceed 20 years</li> </ul>	
Charitable Lead Trust	Assets are placed in trust, charity receives payment, property is eventually returned to the donor, donor's descendants or other non-charitable beneficiary.	<ul> <li>Assets may be passed on to heirs</li> <li>Generates income for charity during donor's lifetime or over a specified number of years</li> <li>Can provide gift, estate and generation-skipping tax advantages</li> </ul>	

	DISADVANTAGES	GENERAL TAX RULES	DONOR INCOME
Direct Donation	<ul> <li>Donor needs to research and choose specific charities before year-end</li> <li>Deduction is subject to AGI restrictions</li> <li>Some charities are not equipped to accept securities</li> <li>Donor receives no income from assets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Income tax deduction for amount of cash donation up to 50% of AGI</li> <li>Generally, deduction for full market value of long-term • property with no capital gains tax paid, up to 30% of AGI</li> <li>Estate tax liability reduced</li> </ul>	No
Charitable Bequest	<ul> <li>No immediate tax benefit</li> <li>Bequest must be paid from estate</li> <li>Probate adds costs, delays, and complexity</li> </ul>	• Estate tax deduction for value of donation	Yes, until death when assets are given to charity
Donor-Advised Fund	<ul> <li>Deduction is subject to Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) restrictions</li> <li>Final authority to make grants rests with Foundation Trustees</li> <li>Donor receives no income from assets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Income tax deduction for amount of cash donation limited up to 50% of AGI</li> <li>Generally, deduction for full market value of long-term property with no capital gains tax paid, limited up to 30% of AGI</li> <li>Estate tax liability reduced</li> <li>Avoid capital gains tax for gifts of long-term appreciated assets</li> </ul>	No
Charitable Gift Annuity	<ul> <li>Charity liability for annuity: If the charity has financial difficulties, the income beneficiary may not receive income</li> <li>Deduction is subject to AGI restrictions</li> <li>Transfer of long-term appreciated assets gives rise to tax liability to donor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current income tax deduction for actuarially determined value of gift ultimately passing to charity</li> <li>Estate tax liability reduced</li> <li>Reduce capital gains tax liability for gifts of long-term appreciated assets</li> <li>Annuity principal is returned to donor tax-free as portion of each annuity payment over term of the annuity</li> </ul>	Yes, fixed
Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	<ul> <li>Deduction is subject to AGI* restrictions</li> <li>Income-to-income benefits are generally taxable</li> <li>Must have individual or institutional trustees</li> <li>Cannot accept additional donations</li> <li>More complex to establish and fees are generally higher than some alternatives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current income tax deduction for actuarially determined value of gift ultimately passing on to charity</li> <li>Estate tax liability reduced</li> <li>Avoid capital gains tax for gifts of long-term appreciated capital assets</li> </ul>	Yes, fixed
Charitable Remainder Unitrust	<ul> <li>Deduction is subject to AGI restrictions</li> <li>Income-to-income benefits are generally taxable</li> <li>More complex to establish and fees are generally higher than some alternatives</li> <li>Must have individual or institutional trustees</li> <li>Some CRTs cannot accept future donations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Current income tax deduction for actuarially determined value of gift ultimately passing on to charity</li> <li>Estate tax liability reduced</li> <li>Avoid capital gains tax for gifts of long-term appreciated capital assets</li> </ul>	Yes, variable
Charitable Lead Trust	<ul> <li>Tax treatment is complex</li> <li>More complex to establish and fees are generally higher than some alternatives</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Income tax benefits vary depending on type of trust</li> <li>Estate or gift tax liability may be reduced</li> <li>Avoid capital gains tax for gifts of long-term appreciated capital assets</li> </ul>	No, original asset reverts back to remainder beneficiary, can be donor
		*AGI = Adjusted Gross Income	