

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Sample Article

A Practical Way to Give

Jacqueline Simone has established two charitable gift annuities through the Catholic Community Foundation. She explained, “The charitable gift annuity is something that I established years ago that’s bearing fruit. I made the decision for two reasons, one very practical and the other one as a result of my beliefs that we should help the poor. I think it’s a wonderful program. It answers my immediate needs for income and it’s wonderful knowing that the money will eventually be going to the poor.” Simone, who also made this gift to honor her late husband Frank, has designated St. Vincent de Paul as the beneficiary of her annuity. “This means a lot to me that some of the material goods that I have will be going to the poor,” she said.

While reluctant to call attention to her own charitable giving, Simone understands the importance of sharing her experience with others in the hope that they, too, will consider this practical gifting vehicle. “There are a lot of people who don’t know this exists,” she explained. “In this age when there are so many people hurting financially, and there is real hunger, real homelessness and real poverty, it doesn’t make sense to have an estate that is just sitting there. It’s much better to know it’s being designated to help those who need it.”

Helping to provide for others who are less fortunate is a cornerstone of our Catholic faith. One practical way to achieve this goal is by establishing a charitable gift annuity. This financial planning vehicle makes it possible for donors to transfer cash or marketable securities to a cause in which they believe, while still ensuring a steady income for themselves for the remainder of their lives. In addition to the emotional and spiritual benefits of giving, the donor can enjoy tax savings and favorable treatment of capital gains.

The Benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity

In these times of low interest rates, many of our senior members struggle because of the low cash flow of their investments. Many have found that a charitable gift annuity can increase their monthly cash flow while providing a future gift to their parish, school or ministry. There is an income tax deduction on part of the gift, which is available in the year of the gift. Charitable gift annuities can be a good replacement for low interest CD’s.