

Ways to Give

	Beneficiary Designation	Bequest	Charitable Remainder Trust	Charitable Lead Trust	Donor Advised Fund (Remainders)	Life Insurance	Qualified Retirement Assets	Real Estate & Securities
DESCRIPTION	A meaningful gift made through a simple transfer of a financial account, after your lifetime.	A gift through your will or revocable trust enables you to provide significant support when you no longer require the asset.	An irrevocable gift to a trust that provides you or a loved one income for life or a set term. At termination, the remainder goes to the League.	A generous gift of income payments to the League for a set period (up to 20 years), after which the assets transfer back to grantor or heirs.	Your own charitable account from which you recommend distributions to your favorite nonprofits.	A generous gift of a policy that may no longer be needed.	A generous gift whose value to the League may be significantly greater than to family due to double tax treatment.	Appreciated real estate, securities, and personal property can be game-changing gifts for the League.
NEXT STEPS	Change the beneficiary named at your bank or financial institution.	Name the League in your will or living trust. You can choose a percentage or specific value.	Establish trust and name a trustee. Then transfer assets. (Appreciated assets avoid capital gains tax.)	Establish trust and name a trustee. Then transfer assets. (Appreciated assets avoid capital gains tax.)	Open a fund and transfer assets. (Appreciated assets avoid capital gains tax.)	Name the League as beneficiary or change ownership of a paid-up policy.	Name the League your beneficiary on a simple form from your plan administrator.	Consult, early on, with your advisors and the League to determine next steps.
MINIMUM	No minimum	No minimum	\$1MM*	\$1MM*	\$25K*	No minimum	No minimum	Case specific
BENEFITS	(1) Quick and simple. (2) No visit to your attorney.	(1) Retain the asset for your use during your lifetime. (2) Fully deductible for estate taxes.	(1) Fixed or variable income for life. (2) May have both income and estate tax benefits, depending on structure. (3) May be able to change beneficiary.	(1) May remove trust assets from estate, depending on structure (2) After the trust, assets go to heirs with little or no tax.	(1) Simple personal giving solution. (2) Multiple opportunities to give. (3) May involve family in charitable distributions. (4) Immediate income tax deduction.	(1) Potential income tax deduction. (2) Proceeds not subject to estate tax.	(1) Heirs receive fewer tax-burdened assets.	(1) Relief from burden of managing assets. (2) Removes property from estate, while avoiding capital gains tax.

*Minimums may vary between institutions.

Consult your qualified professional advisors on how a gift might fit into your estate planning and your eligibility for tax benefits.

Charitable Beneficiary DESIGNATIONS

Making a charitable gift of your financial account after your lifetime is as simple as completing a beneficiary form. This form dictates the beneficiary, so the asset is not controlled by your will. Below are some common financial accounts that you can gift after your lifetime:

Bank Accounts: a POD or payable on death designation transfers the bank account to the POD beneficiary. You may wish to consider designating the League as a POD beneficiary of a bank account that is not needed by heirs.

Investment or Brokerage Accounts: a TOD or transfer on death designation directs your financial advisor or broker to move the designated investments to a new owner after your lifetime.

Qualified Retirement Plans: IRA, 401(k), and 403(b) accounts may be worth significantly more if you donate them rather than if you pass them to a beneficiary other than a spouse. And it can have a real impact on the League's mission. Roth IRAs may also be designated but do not have such significant tax savings as qualified retirement accounts.



Donor names the League as beneficiary



Remaining balance funds the League's work, after donor's lifetime

Charitable BEQUEST

A will represents a person's final wishes and intentions. After providing for your loved ones, please consider making a legacy gift to the League through a bequest in your will or living trust that provides enduring support for the League's vital work.

TOOLS TO MAKE A BEQUEST:

- If you have not done so, you will need to make a will or create a living trust. This is a significant and important undertaking.
- If you have a will or living trust, you will need to add a codicil to the present will or make an amendment to the present trust.

TYPES OF BEQUESTS:

Specific Bequests: You may leave specific cash, securities, or property.

Residuary Bequests: You may gift the remaining balance of the estate after all specified distributions are made and obligations have been satisfied.

Contingent Bequests: You may gift all or a portion of the estate if one or more of the beneficiaries do not survive you.



Donor creates will or trust, naming the League as a beneficiary



Estate funds the League's mission, after donor's lifetime

Charitable LEAD TRUST

You can arrange for a greater share of your assets to be passed to your heirs, while providing a generous stream of income to the League.

The charitable lead trust is a powerful and effective gift planning tool that receives and holds assets for a set period of years, and during those years it distributes charitable income to the League. After termination of the trust, the remaining assets transfer to your heirs at a significantly reduced tax liability.

This gift is typically used by families who are able to forego use of the asset and its income for an extended period of time, after which the assets come back to your heirs with little or no tax consequence. With significant future tax benefits, there is no immediate deduction for a lead trust.

While the charitable lead trust can be a powerful tool in gift and estate tax planning, there are many decisions that impact the charitable benefit and the benefit to your heirs. It therefore requires careful consideration and experienced professional advisors to ensure proper setup, operation, and maximum benefits.



Donor engages a trustee, establishes a trust, and transfers assets



Income is distributed to the League for a set period of years

Assets are distributed to donor's heirs without estate or gift taxes, upon trust's termination

Charitable REMAINDER TRUST

A charitable remainder trust begins with creating a trust and engaging a trustee. Assets are irrevocably transferred into the trust and invested in order to make income payments to you or your designated beneficiary. At the trust's termination, the remaining trust assets become a generous gift to the League. There are two types of trusts:

Annuity Trust: A predictable income of at least 5% of the original amount of the trust.

Unitrust: Variable income of at least 5% of the trust's assets valued annually.

BENEFITS FOR YOU:

Income: Payments to you or others you designate for life or a fixed period.

Tax Deduction: You may be eligible for a tax deduction the year the trust is established.

Capital Gains: You may avoid up front capital gains tax, if you fund your trust with appreciated assets.

Estate Tax: Trust assets are not a part of estate.

Your Gift: When the trust ends, the charitable remainder of the trust is distributed as your generous gift to fund the League's work.



Donor engages a trustee, establishes a trust, and transfers assets

Donor receives fixed or variable income for life or determined period



Remaining balance funds the League's work, upon trust's termination

Donor Advised FUND (Remainders)

Through a donor-advised fund, you simplify and maximize your charitable giving.

After establishing your donor-advised fund, you make one or more tax-efficient charitable donation(s) to the fund and then advise on grant distributions to the League, as well as your other favorite charities.

By front-loading several years of charitable donations into a single tax-year gift to your donor-advised fund, you can realize the tax benefits from itemized deductions while also maintaining the freedom to recommend charitable gifts in future years.

Your donor-advised fund remains open for future additions. You choose from investment options for the fund, so it has the ability to grow and increase your giving possibilities. You can contribute cash, securities, and possibly even other assets. Contributions are eligible for the same tax deduction that you might receive by donating directly to any qualified charity.

In addition to recommending annual grants to the League, you can also pass assets to the fund by will and recommend how the remainder of the fund will be distributed after your lifetime.



Donor establishes a donor advised fund and transfers assets

Donor advises the fund to make distributions to the League and other nonprofits



Distributions fund the League's work

Gifts of LIFE INSURANCE

In situations where life insurance has served its original purpose, it can be a wonderful and significant gift to our organization. The League receives the promise of gift while you may receive income and estate tax benefits.

Here are some options and their respective benefits if you have a policy you would consider sharing to help further the League's mission:

Gift Option	Tax Benefits
Donate a paid-up policy	Deduct the approximate cash-surrender value
Name a charitable organization as the beneficiary (primary, secondary, or contingent)	No immediate tax benefits available, but the asset is not included in the taxable estate

A low-cost option for donors, this may be the most cost-effective way to make a big difference for the League.



Donor purchases new policy or gives current policy, naming the League as beneficiary and/or transferring ownership



Proceeds fund the League's mission

Gifts of RETIREMENT ASSETS

Gifts of qualified retirement assets – like IRA, 401(k), and 403(b) accounts – may be worth significantly more if you donate them than if you pass them to a beneficiary (other than a spouse). And they can have a real impact on our mission.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS:

- There is no federal income or estate tax on the donated balance of your retirement assets, making the full value available for charitable purposes. In contrast, retirement accounts received by your heirs are subject to income tax, leaving less for them.
- For estates subject to estate tax, a properly structured gift of retirement assets can pass to the League outside of the estate—and estate tax.
- During your lifetime, you continue to use and receive distributions from your retirement accounts.
- Simple set-up: designating the League as a beneficiary of your retirement plan requires a simple form.
- Flexibility: If your circumstances change, you may easily change the beneficiary designations.



*Donor names the League as beneficiary
Donor controls and uses account during lifetime*



Remaining balance funds the League's work, after donor's lifetime

Gifts of REAL ESTATE & SECURITIES

Your gift of real estate or securities can have an extraordinary impact on the League's mission. This may be ideal for you if you no longer have need for the property, if it has appreciated in value, or if it presents an administrative and financial burden.

Based upon your situation, there are different ways and times that you might donate real estate:

Outright: Make a difference by donating property today.

Bequest: Donate after your lifetime through your will or trust or direct your estate to sell the property and donate the proceeds.

Charitable Remainder Trust: Donate to a trust that pays you income and provides tax benefits, leaving the remainder for our mission.

Reserve Lifetime Use: Donate your property yet reserve its use and certain responsibilities for your lifetime.

Each of these can be complex. Due diligence is imperative to ensure the gift is in your best interests and that the property is such that it will enhance the League's mission. Please note that our normal procedure is to sell property so that proceeds can be most efficiently redeployed toward the League's mission.

Considering Your ENDOWMENT

Through an endowed gift, you can be confident that our work will continue on into the future. When you establish an endowment with the League, your fund is invested in perpetuity, distributing an annual income which will be an honored gift for all future generations.

As hard as you have worked to earn and preserve your assets, those assets can continue on even after your life well lived.

ENDOW AN ANNUAL GIFT

Annual donors are a vital part of any nonprofit's work. Many donors would gladly consider how to continue that work in perpetuity. Establishing an endowment with the League is a sensible way to ensure this happens. A gift of 25 times your annual gift will ensure its continuation in perpetuity. For many, this initial sum may not be immediately available. In this case, one might choose to establish an endowment through their will or trust.



Donor establishes an endowment trust/fund and transfers assets



Endowment funds the League every year in perpetuity