Your community can be your beneficiary

Making a charitable gift of life insurance, real estate or stock through the Arizona Community Foundation can help you turn your investments into community good. Life insurance provides a simple way to give a significant gift; real estate and stock gifts help put your gains to good use in your community.

How it works

Life Insurance. You make ACF the owner and irrevocable beneficiary of your paid-up life insurance policy or a current policy for which you are still paying premiums. You receive a tax deduction for the approximate cost or fair market value, whichever is less. If the policy is paid up, you may receive an immediate tax deduction. If it is not, you can claim continuing tax deductions on premium payments you make directly or through gifts to the Arizona Community Foundation.

Real Estate. You identify real property that you would like to give. An appraisal will help you establish its estimated market value. We assess the real estate for compliance with our gift acceptance policies and gather appropriate documentation.

Stock. You make a gift of appreciated stock to the Arizona Community Foundation. Because ACF is a public charity, capital gains tax is avoided.

Consider the options

When your gift is placed into an endowment, it is invested over time and grants are paid from a portion of the investment returns. Your gift and its earnings are a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever. You can choose to have your gift:

- Placed into any of the existing charitable funds of ACF and its Affiliates.
- Used to establish a new fund in your name or that of a loved one through which you recommend grants to your favorite causes. After your lifetime, the fund can carry on your legacy.

Types of funds

If you wish to establish a new fund, there are several types of funds to consider:

- A Named Fund for the Common Good allows your gift to serve the broadest array of community needs, including future needs as they arise.
- A Field of Interest Fund supports programs and organizations within a particular field you select.
- An Advised Fund allows you to remain actively involved in suggesting ongoing uses for your gift.
- A Designated Fund permanently benefits one or more specific nonprofit organizations.

Find out more about your options for giving at www.azfoundation.org/giving