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Gift and Financial Planning Information



GIVE WHILE INCREASING INCOME

here continues to be uncertainty about tax laws and fluctuations in investment markets, and interest rates remain low. In this environment, do you know your choices if you want to give to the National Parks Conservation Association but are concerned about your own future needs?

Fortunately there are special ways to make gifts that are very attractive to many of our supporters in today's economic climate.

One such gift is a charitable gift annuity. When you give through a gift annuity, you make a gift you may not have thought possible, while also arranging for a dependable supplement to your income that will continue for as long as you and/or your spouse or another loved one live.

A gift annuity is a way to make a charitable gift that can help free you from worries that you may outlive your resources. You can enjoy an additional source of regular payments for life, which are not affected by fluctuating interest rates or the performance of investment markets.

Egret in Everglades National Park, Florida



When you arrange a charitable gift annuity with NPCA, a portion of the value of the funds used to create the annuity goes to support the work of NPCA immediately. Your gift annuity will also provide you with welcome benefits today, including income tax savings and lifetime payments that may be taxed more favorably than other sources of income.

By including the National Parks Conservation Association in your long-term plans, you will help protect the awesome wonder of America's national parks for generations to come. There are several approaches to planning your legacy gift. Read on for more information about how you can use cash or other assets to fund a gift annuity with NPCA.



Geyser in Yellowstone National Park, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming

A gift annuity with NPCA can provide an income supplement for someone special.

ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS CAN BENEFIT FROM GIFT ANNUITIES

Dince people have various financial needs and goals, different forms of gift annuities have been developed.

Gift annuity for one person

Under the terms of a single-life charitable gift annuity agreement, a donor gives money or other property and receives payments for his or her lifetime or a friend's or relative's lifetime.

Example: Marjorie, age 81, gives \$10,000 and will receive payments equal to 7.4% of that amount per year for the rest of her life. No matter how long she lives, she will receive \$740 annually as a result of making her gift in this special way. And because of the charitable gift portion, she will be entitled to a charitable income tax deduction of over \$4,800.

Gift annuity for two people

Under the terms of a two-life charitable gift annuity, two people share in annuity payments. They can receive payments as long as either lives. Or one can receive payments for life, with the second to receive payments at the end of the first person's lifetime.

Example: Stuart and Harriet, ages 82 and 79, decide to fund a charitable gift annuity with \$20,000. They decide to have payments made to them for life. Annual payments of \$1,260 (6.3% of the amount transferred) will be made for as long as either of them lives.

Gift annuity payment rates

Selected rates for one person		Selected rates for two people of the same age	
Age	Rate	Ages	Rate
90+	9.5%	90/90	8.3%
85	8.1%	85/85	7.1%
80	7.2%	80/80	6.3%
75	6.4%	75/75	5.7%
70	5.8%	70/70	5.4%
65	5.5%	65/65	5.1%

For illustrative purposes only.

Please contact us for current benefits and rates for other ages.

Since payments are made to two individuals, the payment rate for Stuart and Harriet's annuity is lower than Marjorie's. However, a portion of each payment may be free from federal income tax for a longer period of time.

More tax incentives

In addition to the other benefits of a gift annuity, you are entitled to a federal income tax deduction for the value of the amount that will go for charitable use. You can enjoy gift and estate tax savings as well.

Contact us for additional information about the tax benefits of a gift annuity with NPCA.



INCREASE INCOME FROM LOW-YIELDING ASSETS

George and Judith, both age 83, purchased securities now worth \$100,000 for \$75,000 five years ago. They receive just 1% in dividends and are concerned that this investment may decline in value in the future. At their ages, a gift annuity would provide payments each year of 6.7%, or \$6,700, which is more than six times the income they currently receive.

Because a portion of the amount they transfer will be used to support the mission of the NPCA, George and Judith are entitled to a charitable deduction that can eliminate tax on over \$43,000 of their income. They will also owe no capital gains tax on the increase in value at the time they fund their gift annuity.

As an additional benefit, for the first 10 years they receive payments, George and Judith will not be required to pay income tax on nearly half of those payments. Of the portion that is taxed, almost half will be taxed at capital gain rates, a lower rate than they pay on their other income. The fact that the gift annuity payments are taxed this way will result in even more spendable income for them.

IS A GIFT ANNUITY FOR YOU?

If you are among those who would like to make charitable gifts as part of your long-range financial and estate planning and have assets that are not providing the level of income you would like to receive, compare the benefits of creating a gift annuity today to a future gift.

	Future bequest	Gift annuity
Income today	Low earnings from money markets or similar investments	Generous payments based on age of the recipient(s)
Tax deduction	None	Deduction that can reduce income tax now
Tax-free payments	None	Annuity payments partially tax-free for a period of time
Future tax savings	No estate tax on bequests	Gift annuity not part of estate



Valley Forge National Historical Park, Pennsylvania

Tax Savings Help You Give More

- A portion of the amount given for a gift annuity may be claimed as an itemized deduction for federal income tax purposes.
- Part of your annuity payments may be tax-free for a period of time.
- Assets used to fund your gift annuity are generally removed from your taxable estate.
- Capital gains tax can be lowered and delayed when you fund a gift annuity with property that has increased in value.
- Additional tax savings may apply depending on your state of residence.

SUPPORTING AN 'IRREPLACEABLE TREASURE'

Some of John Will's favorite memories recall the wild wondrous beauty of our national parks—the deep blue sky behind Clingman's Dome during a childhood vacation to the Smoky Mountains, coming

across a doe and her fawns grazing by a stream on the trail to Emerald Lake in the Rocky Mountains, a Christmastime snowfall in one of Zion's many canyons. He was eager to share similar outdoor experiences with his wife Han, whom he met during a church-sponsored work program in her native Netherlands some 50 years ago, their two children and, later, their four grandchildren.

"My father always planned a summer vacation, most often to a national park," recalled John, a retired minister who grew up in Texas. It seemed only natural that such outings would become frequent fare for John and his family. "We traveled quite a bit. Han and I served as missionaries in Honduras and also spent seven years in the Middle East and Central and South America when I was a foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department." On trips home, visits to the parks were a way to reconnect with the country's untamed beauty.

John and Han feel that our national parks need a strong advocate to push for improved infrastructure,



Han and John Will at the Arches National Park

protection from outside development and exploitation, and increased public awareness of the park system's many challenges.

"As the nation approaches the National Parks

Centennial in 2016," said John, "we need to make our families and friends aware of the irreplaceable treasure that is ours in our national parks."

Firm believers in supporting causes that reflect their core values, John and Han have established charitable gift annuities with NPCA and other organizations that share their longterm interests and goals.

"We enjoy the additional income, and the tax deduction played a role in our decision, but not a major one," said Han. "For us, it's important to know that the parks will receive continued advocacy and support and therefore have a future."

"Each visit to a national park pumps up the adrenaline!" said John. "What new thing, what new experience, what new beauty lies just round the next bend in the trail?

We look to the NPCA to keep it that way, such that our granddaughters and their children may be able to say the same."



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NPCA accepts gifts of \$10,000 or more to establish charitable gift annuities (CGAs). With an NPCA gift annuity, you may choose to start receiving income payments at age 65 or older.

For more information about how you can make a bequest, charitable gift annuity, or a planned or outright gift to NPCA's endowment, please call Morgan Dodd toll-free at 1-877-468-5775. We look forward to helping you achieve your philanthropic goals.