



National Park Legacies

Gift and Financial Planning Information

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Payments That Won't Shrink

When you carefully plan your charitable giving, one big advantage can be achieving several goals at once.

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is a perfect example. With a CGA, you transfer cash or other property to a charitable organization, such as National Parks Conservation Association. You then receive fixed payments for the remainder of your life and/or for the life of another person if you wish. This can be a convenient way to make a gift while also providing additional income to you and/or your loved ones.

Rates increase with age

A gift annuity pays a predetermined percent of the amount transferred to fund it. Several factors influence the payment rate which, once set for a particular annuity, can never be reduced.

The age of the annuitant (person receiving the annuity payments) is one determining factor. Generally, the older you are when you create a gift annuity, the higher the rate of payment. The number of annuitants also affects the payment rate. If the annuity is to be paid for two persons' lives, the payments will generally be smaller.

For example, a 76-year-old could receive 6.5 percent, while an 85-year-old enjoys 8.1 percent. Two persons

ages 85 and 76 would receive 6.2 percent under the terms of a gift annuity from which they both would receive payments for life.

Once established, the payment rate for a gift annuity never changes, and the amount you receive each year is backed by all the assets of NPCA.

Benefits to you

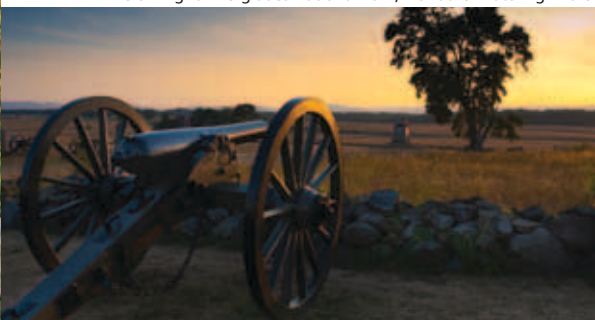
Because a portion of the assets used to fund the gift annuity will eventually be used for charitable purposes, you will benefit from a generous income tax savings as well as payments that may be taxed at more favorable rates than other income. You will also enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you have made a gift that will help preserve the National Parks for generations to come.

Improve retirement income

If you want to make a gift and also enhance your income, especially during retirement, a gift annuity may be the answer. Many who have seen the benefits of this gift plan have established more than one gift annuity, thus providing a steady stream of income for retirement years.

Read on to learn how the features of a gift annuity can offer surprising benefits for you and NPCA.

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A Way to Give and Enhance Retirement

Charitable gifts may at first seem at odds with prudent retirement planning. Won't charitable gifts reduce, not enhance, the amount available to provide needed income during retirement years? Surprisingly, thanks to the benefits of charitable gift annuities, many friends of NPCA have found they can make gifts they may not have thought possible, while actually improving their well-being in retirement years.

Boost income today

To fund a gift annuity, you make a gift of cash or securities to National Parks Conservation Association. NPCA will then make fixed payments to you, and/or another person you name, for the rest of your life. (See chart at right for rate examples.) Gift annuities can be used as part of retirement planning to help build income for those who are already retired, or to provide an income stream for those who are planning now for future retirement.

Benefits at a glance

The benefits of a gift annuity include:

- A dependable source of fixed income for as long as you live.
- A substantial federal income tax deduction in the year you fund your gift annuity.
- A portion of each payment is normally received free of income tax for a period of time.
- Capital gains tax can be avoided or delayed.
- Amounts used to fund an annuity generally avoid estate taxes.
- Payments can benefit others, such as a spouse or loved one.
- The satisfaction of knowing that your gift will help preserve our National Parks for future generations to enjoy.

Gift Annuity Payment Rates

Selected rates for one person		Selected rates for two persons 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 write for current benefits and rates for other ages.

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Build Income Over Time

We frequently hear from those who have participated in NPCA's gift annuity program saying how satisfied they have been with their gift annuity. In fact, many friends establish more than one.

Creating a series of gift annuities over time can be a good way to make gifts that will support the work of NPCA while increasing your income in retirement years.

You can establish a gift annuity each year or more often, if you like. Each additional gift annuity will generally result in a higher payment rate, more income, and greater tax savings. See the chart above for an illustration of how rates increase for gift annuities created annually over time.

Not only will payments from each annuity be higher, but over time you will be setting aside more funds to provide a secure source of income. You will also be removing more assets from both your taxable and probate estate.

Income tax deductions will normally increase as annuities are funded in future years, as will the amount that is received free of income tax.

An Increasing Income Stream Using Multiple Gift Annuities

Age When \$10,000 Gift Annuity Is Created	Approximate Charitable Deduction	Gift Annuity Rate	Annuitant Receives Annually
65	\$3,000	5.5%	\$550
70	3,800	5.8	580
75	4,400	6.4	640
Total received in payments each year after age 75			\$1,770

White Sands National Monument,
New Mexico. © Peter Rimar

Facts About Gift Annuities

Here are some interesting facts that may be helpful as you consider the benefits of creating a gift annuity with National Parks Conservation Association.

- The minimum amount to fund a gift annuity with NPCA is \$10,000.
- The minimum age to fund a gift annuity with NPCA is age 65.
- NPCA follows the rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities, an agency that has helped determine gift annuity rates since 1927.
- Gift annuities provide a stable source of income for life.

If you would like additional information about the NPCA gift annuity program, or would like a personalized illustration, please contact Morgan Dodd at 1-877-468-5775.

“I Like the NPCA’s Approach”



Marilyn Morgan

From Sequoia to the Everglades, Marilyn Morgan has visited numerous United States National Parks.

“I got out my map (from the National Parks Conservation Association, of course) and realized I’ve been to more parks than I thought,” she said. “Practically everywhere you go in the United States, there is a national park to visit.”

More than a dedicated visitor to the parks, Marilyn is also a dedicated supporter.

“After so many visits to National Parks and Monuments,” said Marilyn, “I was interested in an advocacy organization that works for preservation, conservation and in the public interest. I like the NPCA’s approach.”

Marilyn said she chose to establish a gift annuity with the NPCA because “I was looking for a place to put my money that would provide me an income stream in addition to my savings and retirement plan. I really like the idea of simultaneously supporting an organization whose goals were the same as mine.” Marilyn has since established a second gift annuity.

As a member of the Mather Legacy Society, Marilyn joins many others who care deeply about preserving national parks for future generations and have expressed their support by making a gift to NPCA in their estate plans.

Marilyn’s interests connect with the National Parks and what they offer: She enjoys birding, studying geology and American history including native peoples, art and historical artifacts. She also volunteers with the Mount Wilson Observatory as newsletter editor and is a technical writer for Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, where she resides.

Marilyn feels strongly that the National Parks provide many opportunities to learn about history, geology, native peoples, conservation and nature.

“So many Americans today grow up in a world not with nature but with virtual nature—television, movies and so on,” she said. “It’s great to see pictures and films, but it’s an entirely different and deeper experience to encounter the world firsthand.”

Thanks to Marilyn’s annuity gifts and others like them, the National Parks Conservation Association will continue to advocate on behalf of America’s National Parks, so they can continue to offer firsthand access to nature for years to come.



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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.

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