Make a Gift & Receive Income For Life

Do you have an asset, such as securities or real estate, that you would like to give to Carnegie Mellon University, but you need the income the property provides? Or do you have an asset from which you would like to receive more income, but you hesitate to sell it because taxes on your capital gain would take a big bite out of your proceeds? If so, you should consider donating your asset to a charitable remainder trust.

With a charitable remainder trust, you can make a gift to Carnegie Mellon University to support the University and receive lifetime income. Because a charitable remainder trust is tax-exempt, there is no capital gains tax when the trust receives your appreciated assets or when it sells them. The trust can put the full fair market value of your asset to work first for you and ultimately for Carnegie Mellon University. In addition, you receive an income tax charitable deduction for a portion of the trust amount that can be used immediately to reduce your income taxes.
How a charitable remainder trust works:

- You transfer assets to a trust.
- You choose a trustee to oversee the operation of your trust or serve in that role yourself. Carnegie Mellon University is happy to serve as trustee if you fund your trust with assets worth $100,000 or more and you name Carnegie Mellon University the beneficiary of the remainder of the trust’s assets.
- You choose the income beneficiaries of the trust. It can be you, you and your spouse, loved ones, devoted employees, or anyone else you wish. The trustee manages the trust assets and pays income each year to these beneficiaries.
- The payments made to beneficiaries may be the same amount each year, offering the security of fixed payments, or vary based on a percentage of the trust value, offering the possibility that payments may grow over time.
- When the trust term ends, usually upon the passing of the income beneficiaries, its remaining assets go to Carnegie Mellon University for use as you have directed.

**EXAMPLE: Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust**

Anna, age 84, has various appreciated stocks in her brokerage account with a combined value of $500,000. The stocks cost $200,000 to purchase and provide her with approximately $10,000 in annual dividend income. Anna would like to increase her cash flow, not worry about market fluctuations, and arrange for an endowment at Carnegie Mellon University.

Anna determines that creating a charitable remainder annuity trust will achieve her goals nicely. She transfers her $500,000 in stock to an annuity trust with a 5.0% payout rate.

**Benefits**

- Anna will significantly increase her cash flow from her gift assets, from $10,000/year to $25,000/year.
- She will receive an immediate income tax charitable deduction of about $351,340*.
- Her trustee will be able to sell her stock immediately in order to diversify her trust’s investments without paying any capital gains tax. As a result, all of her assets will be working for her and for Carnegie Mellon University.

* Anna’s income tax charitable deduction will vary depending on the timing of her gift.
A trust can be tailored to your needs:

- Increase your cash flow
- Provide supplemental retirement income
- Provide for other family members

NEXT STEPS:
To receive further information and assistance on a charitable remainder trust, or to learn more about how your gift can help Carnegie Mellon University, please contact our Office of Gift Planning.

- call (412) 268-5346
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*Because everyone’s situation is different, we encourage you to seek professional legal, estate planning, and financial advice before deciding on a course of action. This information does not constitute legal or financial advice and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice.

“There’s a sense of pride in being part of the university’s philanthropic community.”
— Janel Miller (E’80, ’84)

By supporting Carnegie Mellon University with your philanthropic donations, you are helping Carnegie Mellon meet the changing needs of society by building on its traditions of innovation, problem solving, and interdisciplinarity.

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