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*Gift Annuities Made Easy:*

**A Gift That Gives Back**



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## Make a Donation and Receive Lifetime Income in Return While You Create Your Ocean Legacy

Imagine the ocean 100 years from now...

At Ocean Conservancy, everything we do works toward creating a cleaner, healthier ocean—not just today, but for generations to come. We may not always be able to see the fruits of our labor right away, but our children and grandchildren will be able to thank us for what we've done. The work we do right now to reduce plastic pollution, protect all marine life, tackle the climate crisis and end overfishing will have a long-lasting impact beyond our own lifetimes.

And you can protect the ocean both today and years from now when you create a charitable gift annuity with Ocean Conservancy.

### How Does It Work?

- You irrevocably donate cash or appreciated securities worth \$10,000 or more to Ocean Conservancy. In return, you will receive fixed payments for life.
- Your payment rate is based on your age (payments start at age 65 or later) and will never change, no matter how long you live or how the market fluctuates. The older you are, the higher your payout rate will be.

### A Perfect Gift for Linda and William



For more than 15 years, giving to Ocean Conservancy has been a priority for Linda and William Richter. Both are members of the Ocean Legacy Society and have established several charitable gift annuities to benefit Ocean Conservancy—including one funded by a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA. “There are a lot of organizations with good intentions,” they share, “but that doesn’t mean they can deliver. And Ocean Conservancy does.” Bill likes to share with others an essay he has written, “Doing Well by Doing Good,” that explains different ways of giving and the benefits of each. “I like to let people know that there are a lot of ways to give and some of them are really beneficial to them—including charitable gift annuities.” Beyond the

financial benefits, the Richters remind us that there is a higher value in giving: “Something in our very being is enhanced by giving back to the world that has given us so much.”

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- You decide whether you want your charitable gift annuity to benefit one or two people, and it can include a spouse or other loved one.
  - You choose when you want your payments to start—right away or at a later date.
  - Ocean Conservancy charitable gift annuities are available for supporters who are at least 65 years of age when payments start. However, if you're in your late 50s (or you are over 65 but do not need payments now), you can create a gift annuity and defer payments to a later date.

## Why a Gift Annuity May Be Right for You

There are many benefits to creating a gift that pays you income for life. Charitable gift annuities offer you:

- A secure, fixed income stream for you and/or a spouse or other loved one in your retirement.
- Possible tax savings when you fund your charitable gift annuity using appreciated stock.
- Flexibility to start your payments now or at a future date.
- After your lifetime, your gift will help ensure a healthy ocean future.

## New in 2025: Fund Your Charitable Gift Annuities Using Your IRA

You can now make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA to create a charitable gift annuity. There are some rules:

- You can exercise this option only once during your lifetime.
- There is an aggregate limit of \$54,000 (\$108,000 for spouses each contributing \$54,000 from their individual IRAs).
- The entire payment you receive from your charitable gift annuity will be subject to income tax.
- The payments can only benefit you and/or your spouse.
- There is no income tax deduction for this contribution, although there is no tax on the QCD either.
- You must be 70.5 or older to make a QCD.

Our gift planning team can help you decide whether or not this is the right option for you.



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## Examples

### Immediate Payment Gift Annuity:

Judith, age 80, wants to do more to help Ocean Conservancy, so she donates \$100,000 to create a gift annuity by using stock for which she originally paid \$30,000. Her payment will be 8.1%, which results in an annual payment of \$8,100. In addition, she will be eligible for an income tax charitable deduction of about \$48,000, and about half of her capital gain will never be taxed.

### Deferred Payment Gift Annuity:

Sara, age 63, still enjoys working and doesn't plan to retire until she's 70, at which point she will enjoy the additional income from a \$75,000 charitable gift annuity. Her payment rate at age 70 will be 8.7% and her fixed annual payment will be \$6,525, a nice supplement to her retirement income. A portion of her payment will be tax-free, and she will receive an immediate tax deduction of approximately \$37,216.

### Flexible Deferred Payment Gift Annuity:

Allison is 58 years old and wants additional income for retirement, but isn't sure when she will retire or when she will need the additional income. She donates \$100,000 to create a flexible deferred gift annuity, which allows her to start receiving payments at any age between 65 (when she would receive an annuity of about \$7,900) and 75 (when she would be eligible for an annuity of about \$15,400). The longer she waits, the higher her payments will be. She receives an immediate charitable deduction of approximately \$39,410.

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## To leave a gift to Ocean Conservancy, we recommend you use this language:

*Ocean Conservancy, Tax ID 23-7245152, with its principal office in Washington, DC.*

## We Are Here to Help

We welcome the opportunity to assist you as you consider a future gift to Ocean Conservancy. We understand that leaving Ocean Conservancy a gift in your will or trust or by naming us one of your beneficiaries takes careful consideration. Contact us about creating your ocean legacy.

If you have already left a gift for Ocean Conservancy, we hope you will let us know. We would like to thank you and welcome you to the Ocean Legacy Society, our way of recognizing the exceptional individuals who have made protecting the ocean a part of their lasting legacy.



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