



Charitable Gift Annuities

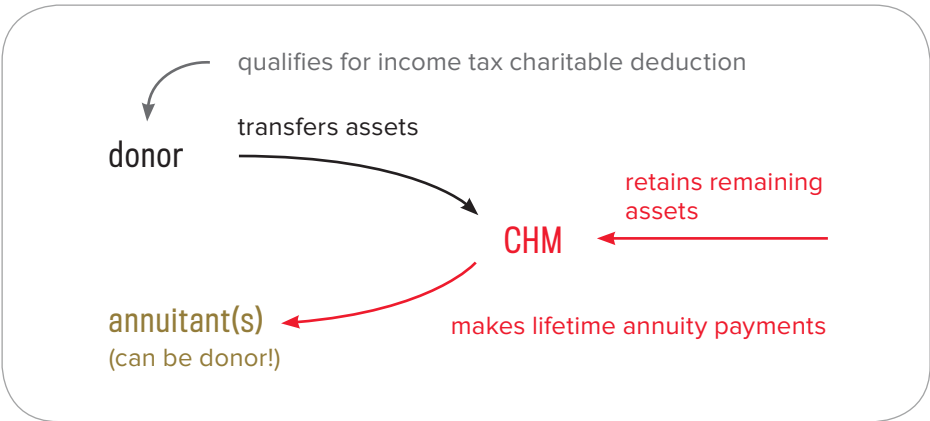
A charitable gift annuity is a contractual agreement between a donor and a charity. The donor makes an irrevocable gift and the charity makes fixed payments to the donor and/or a chosen beneficiary for life. Payments are based on the age of the annuitant(s) and the amount of the gift.

Concept applied:

A donor can use a charitable gift annuity to make a significant gift and receive favorably taxed annuity payments that provide an additional lifetime income stream. Generally, the older the annuitant, the higher the payout rate.

How it works:

Susan Meisterhans makes an irrevocable gift of appreciated stock using a charitable gift annuity. In return, the qualified charity agrees to make lifetime annuity payments to Susan based on her age, the gift annuity rate, and the gift amount. Susan enjoys favorable taxation—part of each payment is tax-free return of principal, part is long-term capital gain, and the remainder is taxed as ordinary income.



Why is it useful?

A charitable gift annuity lets a donor make a significant gift with a modest amount of cash or property. A donor receives favorably taxed payouts for life, qualifies for an itemized deduction, and avoids immediate capital gains tax (when donating appreciated property).



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This complex present and even more uncertain future requires a new citizenship—one that is equipped with knowledge, inspired by vision, and empowered to take action; one that values problem-solving, critical thinking, and collaboration; one that sets innovation and leadership in pursuit of equitable growth; and one committed to creating a sustainable future and improving the quality of life for this generation and the next.

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