

Securities

Giving through the Community Foundation

A **gift of securities** is a way to enjoy added tax savings by gifting stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares.

Giving securities may be appropriate if ...

- You own stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that you bought at least one year ago.
- Those securities have grown significantly in value since you bought them.
- Those securities provide you with little or no income.

What benefits will I enjoy?

Securities can be particularly tax-effective gifts. If you have owned the securities for at least one year, your gift will not trigger any capital gains tax, regardless of how much the securities may have appreciated in value over time. Moreover, the fair market value of the securities on the date of gift will be deductible in full, limited only if such gifts exceed 30% of your adjustable gross income (taxable income) for the year. Any excess deduction can be carried forward for up to five years.

The tax savings are less appealing for securities that you have owned for less than one year, or that are worth less than your original purchase price. In those situations, it may be more advantageous for you to sell the securities yourself and transfer the proceeds to the Foundation.

In addition to generating tax savings, securities gifts can support your favorite charitable causes and you and your loved ones. You may be able to increase your income by making a gift of securities to establish a:

- **Charitable gift annuity**, provides fixed, guaranteed payments to you and/or loved ones for life.
- **Charitable remainder trust**, provides income to you and/or loved ones on terms that you decide.

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Ten reasons why people choose to give through the Community Foundation

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We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the community.

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Our Community Engagement staff has **broad expertise** in community issues and needs.

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We provide highly **personalized service** tailored to your charitable interests.

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Our funds offer a way to **invest in the causes** you care about most.

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We accept a **wide variety of assets** and can facilitate the most complex forms of giving.

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We partner with **professional advisors** in the region to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

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We offer maximum available **tax advantage** for most gifts under federal law.

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We **multiply the impact** of the gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

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We build **endowment funds** that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

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We are a **community leader**, convening agencies and coordinating resources to drive transformative change.

How do I make a gift of securities?

To ensure that you receive the tax benefits described above, it is important that you transfer the securities to the Foundation, and that you (or your broker) do not sell the securities in your own account.

Most publicly traded stocks and bonds can be transferred directly from your investment account to the Foundation.

Transfer Instructions:

Please provide the following information to your broker so that he or she may direct your thoughtful gift to the Community Foundation's account at Charles Schwab & Co.:

Account Name: Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc.
 Account Number: 4033-7502
 DTC Number: 0164
 Foundation Tax ID Number: 39-1548450

It is the Community Foundation's policy to sell all shares upon receipt. The sale proceeds will be allocated to the charitable fund(s) or purpose(s) that you specify, and a formal acknowledgement of your gift (indicating the value of your gift for federal tax purposes) will be mailed to you.

Please be sure to alert us when you are making a gift of securities, so that we can promptly identify and acknowledge your gift. Please let us know also if your gift is intended for a specific charitable fund, for the community's greatest needs, or for support of the Foundation itself.

If you are making your gift at year-end, we encourage you to initiate the transfer no later than Dec. 20 to ensure your gift is completed (and your tax deduction secured) by Dec. 31.

For mutual fund shares, please contact the firm you used to purchase the shares to request the appropriate forms and instructions for a charitable transfer. Foundation staff members are available to assist you in this process. To ensure sufficient time for year-end gifts, we recommend that you initiate mutual fund transfers no later than Dec. 10.

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