BUNDLING CHARITABLE GIFTS

One of the most talked about changes of the 2017 tax reform was an increase in the standard federal tax deduction to $12,000 for individuals and $24,000 for married couples filing jointly. These new minimums are contributing to the growing popularity of “bundling” charitable gifts.

The term “bundling” refers to combining two or more years of charitable contributions into one year to meet and exceed new thresholds for itemizing. A donor advised fund at InFaith Community Foundation provides the ideal solution for this type of giving. Donors make charitable gifts to their donor advised fund in a given year, claim their tax deduction and then decide when and how much to grant to favorite charities later, at times of their choosing.

BENEFITS OF GIVING

Full Range of Giving Options. You can give cash or give long-term appreciated assets and avoid capital gains.

Support Your Favorite Charities and Causes. Provide immediate and long-term charitable support, and remain anonymous if you wish.

Share Charitable Values. Fulfill your charitable giving goals and involve your family members in your giving plan if you wish.

HOW IT WORKS

DONOR STORY

The Donors. A couple in their early 60s currently give $1,000 a month ($12,000 annually) to their church. The couple has an additional $10,000 in other itemized deductions. If they continue to give in the same way to their church, their total annual itemized deductions of $22,000 no longer meet or exceed the $24,000 itemization threshold for couples filing jointly.

Their Gift. The donors created a donor advised fund at InFaith and bundled three years of annual giving ($36,000) into one year. This $36,000, plus $10,000 in other itemized deductions, exceeds the new threshold for itemizing. In years two and three, the donors will take the standard deduction and support their church, and other charities if they choose, through their donor advised fund. They plan to add their donor advised fund every three years, allowing them to support their church while making the most of the recent tax reform.

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Donors must itemize their deductions to receive a charitable income tax deduction.

Charitable giving can result in significant tax, legal and financial consequences. InFaith Community Foundation does not provide accounting or tax advice. Consult with your attorney or tax professional. According to the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), be advised that distributions from the endowment fund may include principal as well as earnings from time to time.

To ensure compliance with IRS requirements, be aware that any U.S. federal tax advice that may be contained in this brochure is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of (i) avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) promoting, marketing and recommending another party to any transaction or matter addressed herein.

InFaith Community Foundation is a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives. Through InFaith, giving is customized to each donor’s charitable interests and financial circumstances. InFaith is a proven steward of these gifts, earning consistently high ratings from Charity Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, InFaith grants millions of dollars annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, visit inFaithFound.org.

WE OFFER

- Donor advised funds, giving circles, collaborative funds and organizational endowments.
- Full range of giving options, from simple to complex.
- Flexibility to give to any charity.
- Maximum tax benefits based on when and how charitable gifts are made.
- Donor-centered services including online access and family and women’s giving resources.
- Mission-based investment options for charitable assets.