



Tax-Free Gift with an IRA

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can take advantage of a way to benefit Helping Services for Youth & Families and receive tax benefits in return. You can give up to \$100,000 from a traditional IRA directly to a qualified charity such as ours without having to pay income taxes on the money.

This law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to Helping Services this year and into the future.

Why would you consider this gift?

- The gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the impact of your donation.
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income or a tax deduction. You will benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- If you have not already taken your required minimum distribution for the year, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I have already named Helping Services for Youth & Families as the beneficiary of my IRA. What are the benefits if I make a gift now?

A: By making a gift this year from your IRA, you can see your philanthropic dollars at work. You are starting the legacy you would like to leave and giving yourself the joy of watching your philanthropy take share.

Q: I have several retirement accounts. Does it matter which retirement account I use?

A: Yes. Direct rollover to a qualified charity can be made only from an IRA. Some circumstances, however, you may be able to roll assets from a pension, profit sharing, 401(k) or 403(b) plan into an IRA and then make the transfer from the IRA directly to Helping Services for Youth & Families. To determine if a rollover to an IRA is available for your plan, speak with your plan administrator.

Q: Can my gift be used as my required minimum distribution?

A: Yes. If you have not taken your required minimum distribution, the IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement. Please contact your IRA custodian to complete the gift.

Q: When do I need to make my gift?

A: We must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA account, please mail your check by Dec. 20 in order to give us time to process your gift before the end of the year.



Q: Do I need to give my entire IRA to be eligible for the tax benefits?

A: No. You can give any amount under this provision, as long as it is \$100,000 or less this year. If your IRA is valued at more than \$100,000, you can transfer a portion of it to fund a charitable gift.

Q: I have two charities I want to support. Can I give \$100,000 from my IRA to each?

A: No. Under the law, you can give a maximum of \$100,000. For example, you can give each organization \$50,000 this year or any other combination that totals \$100,000 or less. Any amount of more than \$100,000 in one year must be reported as taxable income.

Q: My spouse and I would like to give more than \$100,000. How can we do that?

A: If you have a spouse (as defined by the IRS) who is 70½ or older and has an IRA, he or she can also give up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA.

NOTE: Please consult with your tax professional if you are consider gift via the IRA charitable rollover. This is intended to be informative, not a recommendation. Feel free to contact Helping Services at info@helpingservices.org or 563-387-1720 with any questions.