

Q&A

CAN A PLANNED GIFT WORK FOR ME?

Planned gifts, large and small, all make a difference. Your planned gift, added with others, will have significant impact.

HOW DOES MY PLANNED GIFT SUPPORT THE Y?

Planned gifts are typically directed to the YMCA endowment and carefully invested. The income generated from your gift is used to further the work of the YMCA for generations. This is a gift that keeps on giving over many years.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DIRECT GIFT TO THE Y AND A GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

Direct gifts are used for immediate needs. Gifts to the endowment fund are retained and invested. The income generated by the endowment is used year after year to support the purpose you designate.

WHAT IF I WANT TO SEE THE IMPACT OF MY GIFT DURING MY LIFETIME?

You may donate to an existing YMCA endowment fund today, or create your own named endowment fund that will begin supporting the YMCA during your lifetime.

HOW CAN I BE SURE MY GIFT WILL SUPPORT MY COMMUNITY?

You designate the purpose and use of your gift in writing when you create a planned gift or endowment fund. Your gift will support your community now and in the future.

I'M TURNING AGE 70½ IN A FEW MONTHS. CAN I MAKE THIS GIFT NOW?

No. The legislation requires you to reach age 70½ by the date you make the gift.

I HAVE SEVERAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS—SOME ARE PENSIONS AND SOME ARE IRAS. DOES IT MATTER WHICH RETIREMENT ACCOUNT I USE?

Yes. Direct gifts to a qualified charity can be made only from an IRA. Under certain 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 the YMCA of South Palm Beach County. To determine if a rollover to an IRA is available for your plan, speak with your plan administrator.

CAN MY GIFT BE USED AS MY REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION?

Yes, absolutely. Beginning in the year you turn 72, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your RMD.

DO I NEED TO GIVE MY ENTIRE IRA TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX BENEFITS?

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

WHEN DO I NEED TO MAKE MY GIFT?

We must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA, please mail your check by Dec. 18 in order to give us time to process your gift before the end of the year.

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

No. Under the law, you can give a maximum of \$100,000 per year. 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.

MY SPOUSE AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MORE THAN \$100,000. HOW CAN WE DO THAT?

If you have a spouse (as defined by the IRS) who is 70½ or older, they can also give any amount up to \$100,000 from their IRA.

CAN I USE THE TRANSFER TO FUND LIFE-INCOME GIFTS LIKE CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS OR CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES?

Unfortunately, the law does not permit using a qualified charitable distribution to establish a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. However, you can designate some or all of your retirement plan assets to fund a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust after your lifetime. A charitable trust or gift annuity provides lifetime income to your family or other loved ones. When the gift arrangement ends, the balance will support the YMCA of South Palm Beach County.

I'VE ALREADY NAMED THE YMCA OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY AS THE BENEFICIARY OF MY IRA. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS IF I MAKE A GIFT NOW INSTEAD OF AFTER MY LIFETIME?

By making a gift this year of any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA, you can see your philanthropic dollars at work. You are jump-starting the legacy you would like to leave and giving yourself the joy of watching your philanthropy take shape. Moreover, you can fulfill any outstanding pledge you may have made by transferring that amount from your IRA as long as it is \$100,000 or less for the year.

FOR THOSE 59 ½ YEARS OLD OR OLDER

If you're at least 59½ years old, you can take a distribution and then make a gift from your IRA without penalty. If you itemize your deductions, you can take a charitable deduction for the amount of your gift.

AT ANY AGE

No matter your age, you can designate the YMCA of South Palm Beach County as the beneficiary of all or a percentage of your IRA and it will pass to us tax-free after your lifetime. It's simple, just requiring that you contact your IRA administrator for a change-of-beneficiary form or download a form from your provider's website.

Tip: It's critical to let us know of your gift because many popular retirement plan administrators assume no obligation to notify a charity of your designation. The administrator also will not monitor whether your gift designations are followed. We would love to talk to you about your intentions to ensure that they are followed. We would also like to thank you for your generosity.