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## Diving Into Charitable Giving: QCD, DAF (Donor Advised Fund), CTs (Charitable Trusts), Concentrated Stock Positions

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# Objectives



- Discuss charitable giving strategies.
- Learn some of the pros and cons of philanthropy.
- Learn about the tax ramifications of charitable giving.



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# Top 10 Rules for Charitable Planning Strategies

- 1. Never give cash.
- 2. Use the charitable swap.
- 3. Learn 'bunching' and other new tricks.
- 4. Give retirement RMD first and more at death.
- 5. Take deductions today for transfers tomorrow.
- 6. Match deductions with Roth conversions.
- 7. Buy life insurance with tax deductions.
- 8. Earn more by avoiding capital gains tax.
- 9. Grow tax free.
- 10. Maintain wealth over multiple generations.

Thanks to Russell James, PhD at Texas Tech University for his rules on charitable planning strategies.



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#### Rule #1 - Never give cash

# Charitable giving and tax planning



#### **Albert and Shirley**

- 24% bracket
- Give \$5,000 to charity
- \$15,000 existing itemized deductions
- 2025 Standard Deduction is \$33,200
- \$5,000 donation—no federal tax benefit



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# Qualified charitable distribution (QCD): Giving after 70½\*

- ▶ Up to \$108K cap from IRA per person (2025)
- Must go directly to the charity
- Counts as all or part of your RMD but it is not reported as income
- No deduction for the charitable donation on income tax
- Cannot give the QCD to a private foundation or a DAF (Donor Advised Fund)
- If you convert to a Roth, you must first take the RMD, then the QCD, then convert. You cannot convert an RMD.

\*Always consult a tax professional before taking action

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# Option #1: What's the cost of a non-QCD contribution?\*

- ► Charity gets \$5,000
- ▶ \$5,000 satisfies RMD
- ▶ \$5,000 is reported as taxable income
- Tax bill on distribution at 24% tax bracket equals \$1,200
- Total cost of charitable contribution: \$6,200

Checking Account
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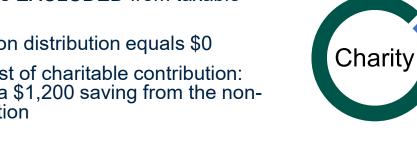
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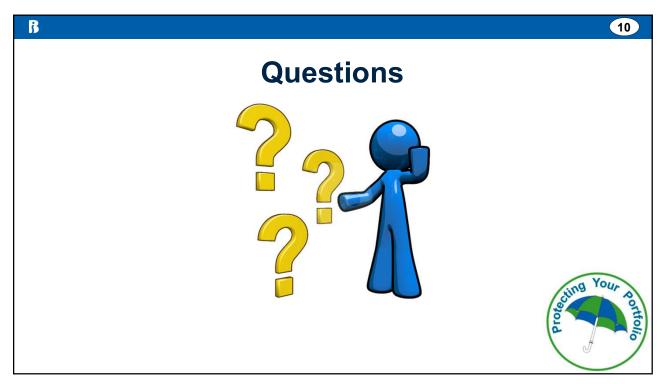
# Option #2: What's the cost of a QCD contribution?\*

- ► Charity gets \$5,000
- ▶ \$5,000 satisfies RMD
- ▶ \$5,000 is EXCLUDED from taxable income
- ► Tax bill on distribution equals \$0
- ► Total cost of charitable contribution: \$5,000-a \$1,200 saving from the non-QCD option



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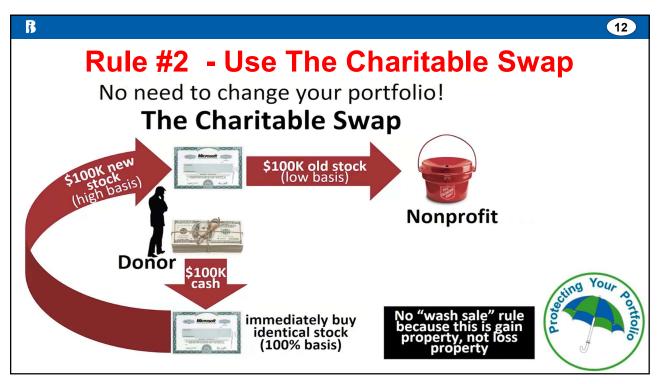


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# **Community Foundation**

- Tax-exempt, nonprofit, publicly supported and nonsectarian philanthropic institution that builds permanent funds to support the charitable interests of donors.
- Often geographically oriented (your town or region).
- Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®) will help you determine what is your best course of action.
- Manage the donated assets to provide funding for the charities or causes donors have specified.
  - Must be 501(c)(3) charities.

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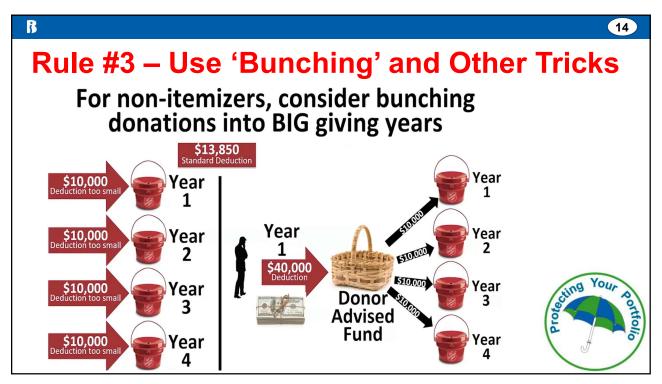
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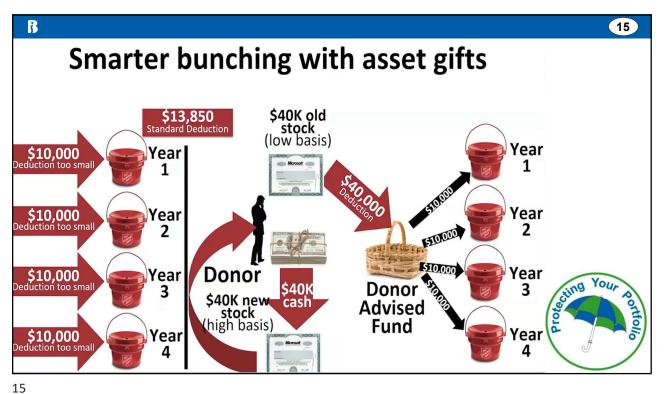
## But What If . . .?

- "I plan on keeping this asset for a step-up in basis."
- Be humble. You cannot know the future.
- Will there be step-up in basis 10, 20, or 30 years from now?
- What will capital gains rates be? Brackets?
- Sunset of other tax breaks.
- Tax on net worth?
- More tax efficient to give appreciated assets than to write a check.



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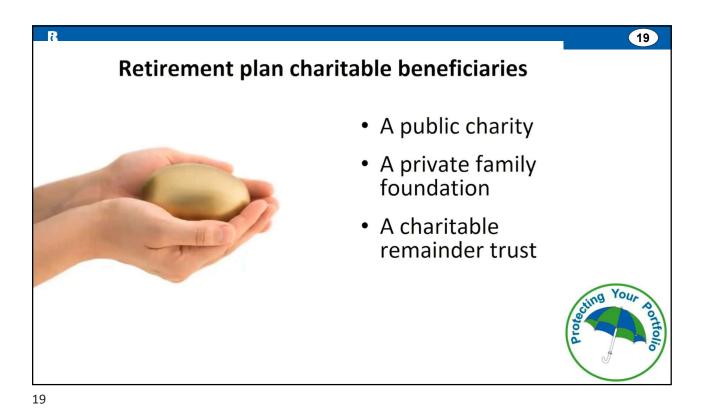


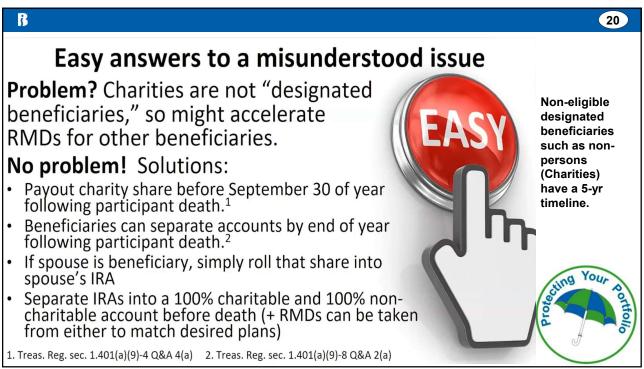


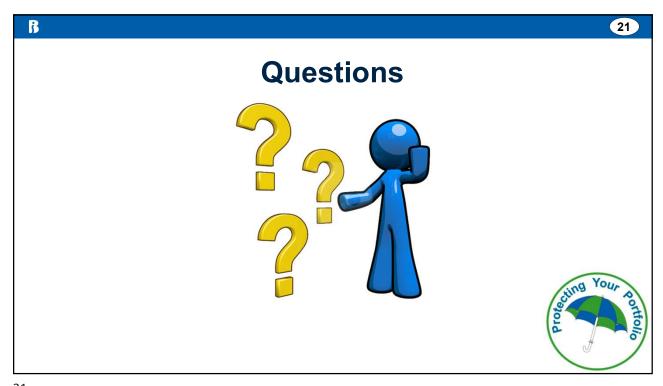
17 IRA(child); House(charity) IRA(charity); House(child) \$1,000,000 House \$1,000,000 to charity \$1,000,000 IRA \$1,000,000 to charity \$1,000,000 IRA \$1,000,000 House -\$370,000 (37% federal income tax) -\$0 (no income tax) \$1,000,000 to child -\$144,000 (14.4% California state income tax) \$486,000 to child **SECURE** now requires faster withdraw (10 years)

B 18 What Else Can I Do? Leaving the IRA to family with a stretch CRT **PROBLEM SOLUTION** • Naming a Charitable Remainder • The non-spouse IRA beneficiary must take it all out (and pay taxes) within 10 years Trust (CRT) avoids this limit These withdrawals may have to start The IRA pays to the CRT with no immediately · Limits tax deferral and tax-free growth Tax-free growth continues inside the CRT Family members pay taxes only on their CRT income which can ng Your last for life

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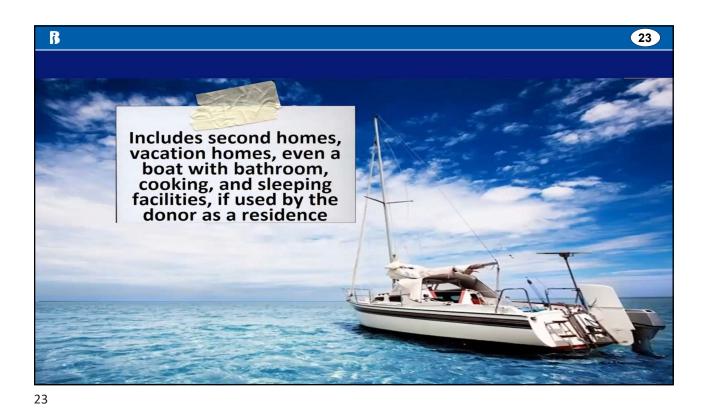


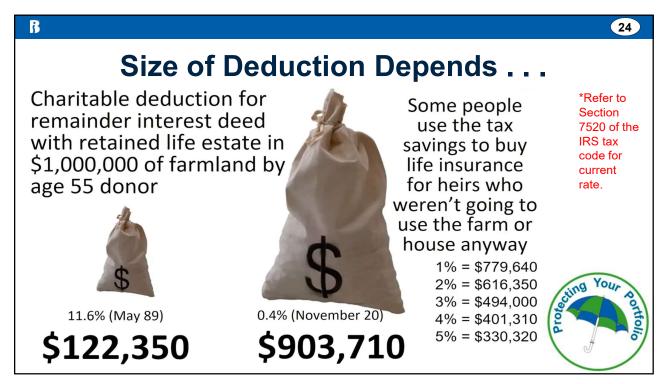


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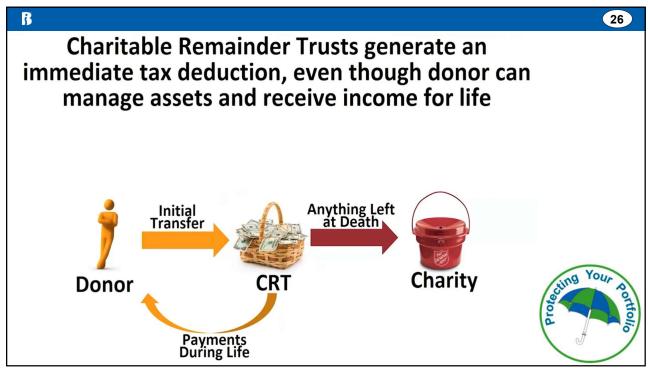
# #5 – Deduction Today for Transfers Later

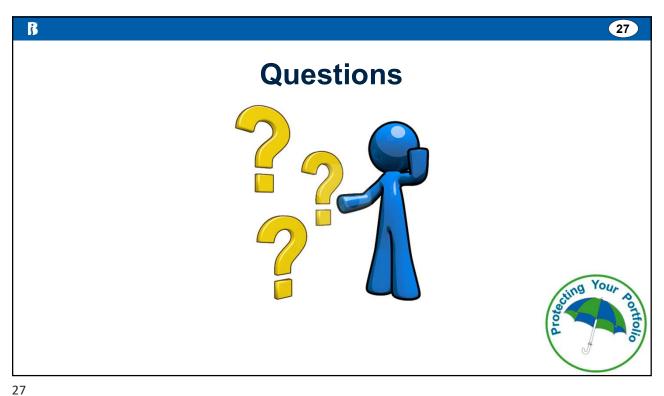
- Retained Life Estate Deed
  - Deeds inheritance rights for a piece of real estate to someone or something else (charity).
  - Donating inheritance rights to personal residences or farmland with a retained life estate deed creates an immediate charitable tax deduction.
  - This is an irrevocable decision. Transferred by recording a deed (not a trust or contract).
    - e.g., "To John A. Donor for life, remainder to XYZ Charity, Edmond, OK 73013"











# Rule #6 - Those Roth Conversions

Where can I find offsetting deductions?



Put money into a

- Charitable remainder trust
- · Charitable lead trust (grantor)
- · Charitable gift annuity
- · Donor advised fund
- Private foundation

Or give a remainder interest in a residence or farmland to a charity



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# **Donor Advised Fund - DAF**

- Simple, efficient, flexible.
  - o Avoids administrative annoyances.
  - o You choose organizations and amounts.
  - o Alternative to private foundation.
- Can continue past your death.
  - o Engage your family in philanthropy.
  - o Make your focus clear.
- Offset tax on a Roth Conversion with a DAF contribution from a taxable account.



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# **Charitable Gift Annuity - CGA**

- Easy to set up. Lower minimum than a trust. Can add to the CGA over time if you use <u>taxable</u> funds.
- Can use IRA money to fund the CGA one time only.
  - $_{\odot}\,$  \$54,000 in 2025. Adjusts for inflation. Counts towards QCD.
- Fixed payments to donor, based on annuity rate set at the time of the gift, age dependent.
- Can delay the start of the payments.
- Backed by the charity's assets. Choose carefully.
- Immediate charitable income tax deduction if you use taxable account funds.



# Watch Your Unused Deductions

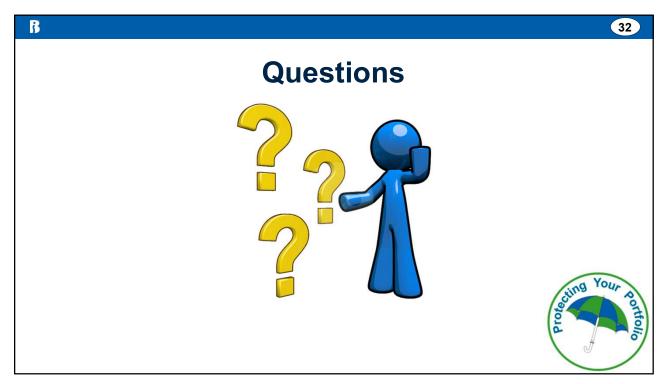
- Charitable deductions may be limited (with five-year carryover) to 20%, 30%, 50%, or 60% of income depending on gift and recipient.
- Pull future income forward into current year.
- Large Roth conversion.



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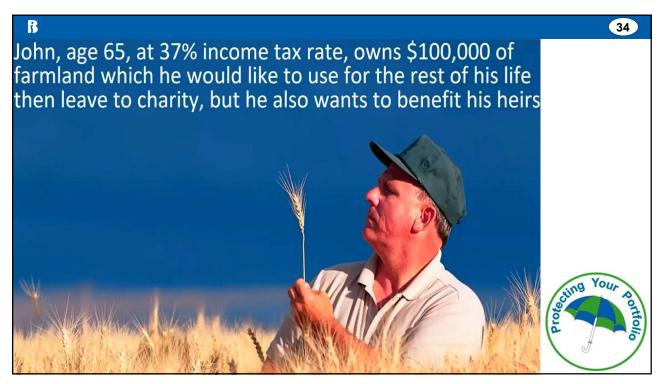
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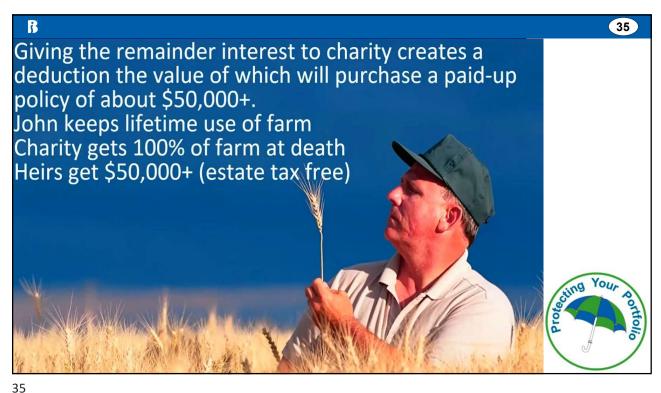
# Rule #7 - Buy Life Insurance with Tax Deductions

- Giving your assets to a charitable trust leaves less for your heirs.
- Use the trust income to buy a life insurance policy with a value 50% of what you gave to charity.
   Since it is tax-free to beneficiaries it's close to being an equivalent.
- Use an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT) as Owner of the policy if you have a taxable estate.



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36 Rule #8 – Earn More By Avoiding **Capital Gains Tax**  You hold a large, highly appreciated asset that generates little income (vacant land, non-dividend paying stock). • How can you convert it to income generating property?

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# **Option 1**

- · Sell the asset.
- Pay capital gains tax.
- Earn income on the remaining amount.

\$1,000,000 stock \$1,000,000 gain (assume zero basis) \_\_\$238,000 tax (23.8% fed + ?% state) \$762,000 left to invest



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# Option 2

- Transfer the asset to a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT).
- Earn income for life on the full amount.

\$1,000,000 stock \$1,000,000 gain \_\_\_\_\_\$0 tax (CRT pays no tax)

\$1,000,000 left to invest



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# **Our Example**

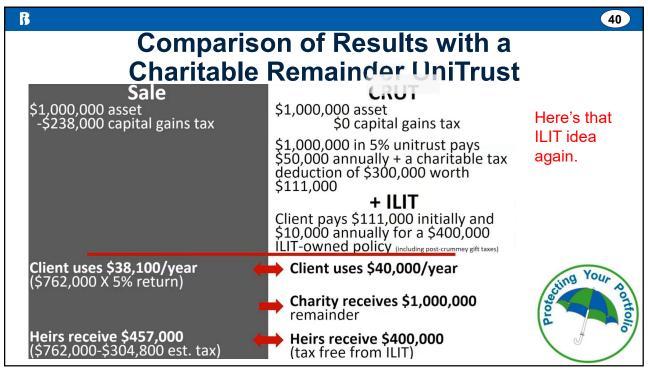
- Priscilla wants to sell a \$1M non-income producing zero basis asset then spend the interest income of 5% while leaving principal for heirs.
- Federal tax rate: Capital gains 23.8%.

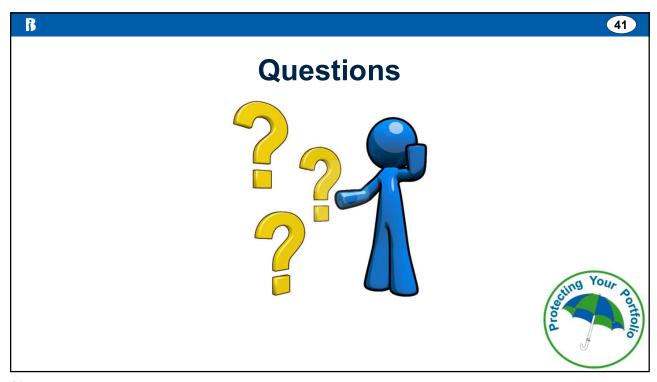
Income tax on the interest – 37%.

Estate tax (?) - 40%.



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# Rule #9 - Grow Tax-Free

- Growth inside a DAF is tax-free. You enlarge your gifts.
- Growth inside a CRT is tax-free. Only distributions are taxed.
- Growth inside a private foundation is tax-limited (1.39% rate).
- Your advisor can manage the investments. Their fee may soon have to be paid by a taxable account outside of the DAFs. Lots of push back.

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B 43 Which Is Better For Heirs? **Direct Investment** Max Payout CRUT •3M simulations run. (No Charitable Gift) •Age 60 male & 55 (any payment below female. (run out of money) projected consumption) ·Varying life spans. **Failure Failure** ·Vary returns w/ 9.9% 7.9% LgCap std. dev. •Start at 2.8% consumption then (Average PV of initial \$) (Average PV of initial \$) adj. for inflation. Consumed Consumed •20% basis asset. 53.10% 52.88% (Average PV of initial \$) (Average PV of initial \$) for Heirs for Heirs 47.12% 61.48% Yeoman, John C. (2014). The economics of using a CRT to fund a retirement portfolio. The Journal of Wealth Management, p 40-50.

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# Rule #10 – Maintain Wealth Over Multiple Generations

- · Generational wealth is difficult.
  - The government takes a chunk of the assets at each generation.
  - The rest is divided into smaller pools for more beneficiaries.
  - The government then takes a chunk of all subsequent earnings.
  - o At some point you will have a greedy, spendthrift heir.



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Inheritance

• Small pools after division by 1/n children and estate tax

• Taxation at each generational transfer

• Taxation on all earnings

• Risk of greedy spendthrift heirs

Multi-generational management

Private Foundation/DAF

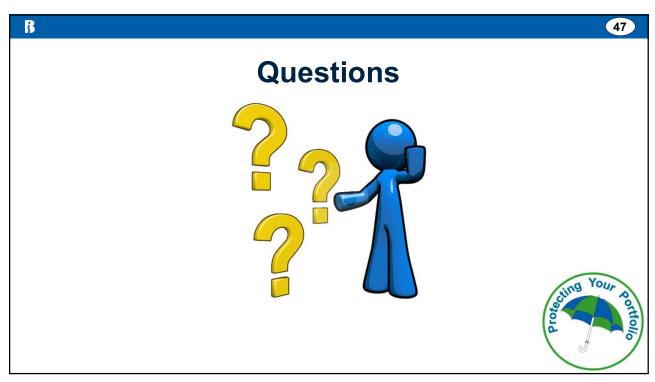
• Big pool with no division

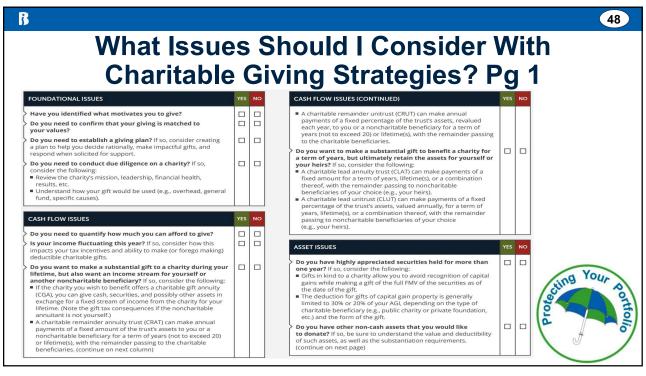
• No estate tax

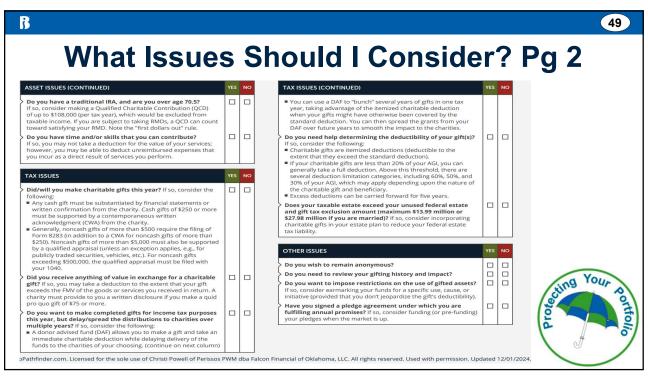
• No capital gain tax

• No or minimal income tax

• Family management (soft power)

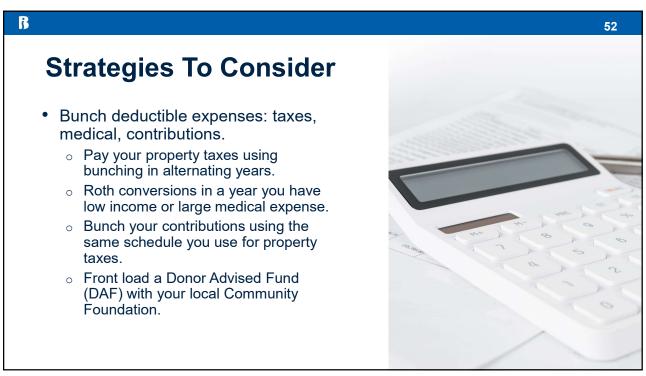






Common Charitable Giving Vehicles					
	DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)	CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST (CLT) <sup>1</sup>	CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT) <sup>1</sup>	POOLED INCOME FUND (PIF)	CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)
VEHICLE TYPE	Dedicated Charitable Fund	Irrevocable Trust	Irrevocable Trust	Irrevocable Trust	Lifelong Annuity Contract
WHAT DOES THIS VEHICLE DO?	A DAF gives donors full control over when and how much they distribute to a charity, while also providing a tax deduction	A CLT pays a stream of income to a charity for a defined period, leaves a death benefit to a person, and provides a tax deduction	A CRT pays a stream of income to a person for a defined period, leaves a death benefit to a charity, and provides a tax deduction	A PIF pays a stream of income to a person for a defined period, leaves a death benefit to a charity, and provides a tax deduction	A CGA pays a stream of income to a person for a defined period, leaves a death benefit to a charity, and provides a tax deduction
WHY MIGHT SOMEONE CONSIDER CHOOSING THIS VEHICLE?	Can keep assets invested with your custodian/advisor while maintaining control over the timing and amount of distributions	Removes assets from being subject to the estate tax while preserving/growing a legacy value to heirs (for nongrantor trusts only)	More privacy and control over the management of the trust (when compared to a PIF)	Potential for higher income (though less predictable), and allows for younger income beneficiaries	Actuarially derived income calculation, which may be suitable to those with good health and longevity
WHO RECEIVES THE INCOME/DISTRIBUTIONS?	The charity	The charity	The donor, family, or heirs	The donor, family, or heirs	The donor, family, or heirs
WHO RECEIVES THE DEATH BENEFIT?	The charity	The donor, family, or heirs	The charity	The charity	The charity
WHO RECEIVES THE TAX DEDUCTION?	The donor	Grantor: The donor Nongrantor: The trust	The donor	The donor	The donor
ARE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOWED?	Yes	CLUT: Yes CLAT: No	CRUT: Yes CRAT: No	Yes	No
CAN IT BE FUNDED WITH A QCD?	No	No	Yes, subject to limitations	No	Yes, subject to limitations
DO I HAVE CONTROL OVER THE UNDERLYING INVESTMENTS?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
DO I HAVE CONTROL OVER THE TIMING/AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTIONS?	Yes	CLUT: Yes CLAT: No	CRUT: Yes CRAT: No	No	No
IS THE INCOME FIXED, FLEXIBLE, OR VARIABLE?	Flexible	CLUT: Variable CLAT: Fixed	CRUT: Variable CRAT: Fixed	Variable	Fixed

#### B 51 Pg 2 Common Charitable Giving Vehicles CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST (CRT)<sup>1</sup> CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST (CLT)<sup>1</sup> WHO SETS THIS VEHICLE UP? A nonprofit organization or custodian A custodian An attorney An attorney A nonprofit organization IS A SEPARATE TAX No The contribution less the present value of the payments that will be made to the annuitant Grantor: The present value of the charitable interest Calculated based on several variables<sup>3</sup> WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX DEDUCTION? WHEN DOES INCOME/ DISTRIBUTIONS BEGIN? Immediately or Deferred "Excess income" generated is taxable to the trust IS THE INCOME/ DISTRIBUTION TAXABLE? No Yes Yes Yes HOW IS THE INCOME TAXED? Variable and complex taxation rules<sup>4</sup> Fully taxable as ordinary income Pro rata taxation until basis is recovered, then fully taxable<sup>5</sup> N/A Taxable at trust rates 5–50% of the FMV CRUT: Valued annually CRAT: Valued at inception HOW MUCH INCOME IS PAID OUT? Determined actuarially (e.g., age, sex, single, joint, etc.) Flexible (1) Over the lifetime of an individual (or individuals) (2) A set period of years HOW LONG DOES THE INCOME LAST? (1) Lifetime (single or joint) (2) Fixed term (1-20 years) Grantor: Yes, estate tax Nongrantor: No No itrust (e.g., CRUT, CLUT) may give one more control and flexibility, while an annuity trust (e.g., CRAT, CLAT) may give one more predictability toward a specific desired factors behind such a decision are complex and may require the assistance of a professional (i.e., an atto an annual tax return to be filed, this is generally handled by the charity that is running the PIF. Int for a PIF is determined by several factors (e.g., FMV of gift, IRS-determined rate of return, number of in ibutions follows a complex hierarchy that first taxes certain types of income before taxing other types of rrived via annutitzation and consists of gains (taxed as ordinary income) and basis (nontaxable). It become © fpPathfinder.com. Licensed for the sole use of Christi Powell of Perissos PWM dba Falcon Financial of Oklahoma, LLC. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Updated 06/10/20



Summary

- We've covered the top 10 rules for tax planning using charitable vehicles.
- We've briefly introduced some of these vehicles.
- We've cemented the 2 things we can accomplish with charitable giving.
- We've stressed talking with our Community Foundation, CPA and CFP about this.
- We're ready to combine this with other tax strategies if appropriate.



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