



There are a variety of ways to give life insurance—each with its own set of advantages so that you can choose what’s right for your specific financial situation and charitable interests.

Many are familiar with how life insurance provides for loved ones upon death. This same principle of life insurance can be used to benefit your favorite charities and causes. A gift of life insurance through the Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF) enables you to make a significant charitable gift upon your death—larger than what might be possible today.

WAYS TO GIVE LIFE INSURANCE

Give a new contract. By making the LCF owner and beneficiary of a new life insurance contract, you can take a charitable deduction for ongoing premium payments as you make them. While most choose to pay premiums in cash, you can also use appreciated stock to pay premiums and bypass the capital gain associated with the asset. This further reduces the ultimate cost of your gift of life insurance.

Give an existing contract. If you have a paid-up life insurance contract that you no longer need, you can change the owner and beneficiary to the LCF. You will receive a charitable tax deduction, plus you can take a charitable deduction for any additional premiums you pay.

Name the LCF as beneficiary. You can name your charitable fund at the LCF as beneficiary of an existing life insurance contract you already own and designate all or a portion of the proceeds, depending upon your wishes. While you can’t take a charitable deduction for the premiums you pay, the proceeds directed to charity provide an estate tax deduction. Should your needs or interests change down the road, you can change the beneficiary designation of your life insurance contract.

BENEFITS TO YOU, THE DONOR

There are a number of benefits to giving charitable life insurance through the Lutheran Community Foundation.

Life insurance is an economical gift. Most people can give substantially more because the premium will purchase a much larger ultimate benefit than most donors can afford to give. If the owner of the policy is a charity, the premiums paid on the policy are tax deductible to taxpayers who itemize their deductions. This makes the gift even more affordable.

Life insurance is flexible. You design the life insurance policy to fit your giving situation and your charitable fund according to your giving interests. Through the LCF, you can name multiple, diverse benefiting charities—Lutheran and/or non-Lutheran—through one life insurance contract. And if you wish to change your recommendations for benefiting charities, simply contact the LCF—you need not change your life insurance contract. You can also remain anonymous to one or more of the benefiting charities, if that’s your wish.

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DONOR
STORY

The Donors. A couple in their 40s is committed to charitable causes that support animal welfare. While they don’t have a large estate, they have the ability to make affordable gifts of life insurance premiums to make a larger gift in the future.

Their Gift. The couple made the Foundation the owner and beneficiary of a \$50,000 charitable life insurance contract, and their annual payments are tax deductible. Upon their deaths, life insurance proceeds will go to two Donor Advised Field of Interest Funds established by the donors—one to benefit socially responsible care for domestic animals, and one to benefit wildlife and the natural environment.

BENEFITS TO YOUR FAVORITE CHARITIES OR CAUSES

Long-lasting support to charities or causes. Proceeds from the life insurance policy are paid promptly to the LCF and allocated to your charitable fund. Your gift will provide ongoing support to your recommended charities far into the future. Based on the size of the gift, a portion of the death benefit may be distributed in a lump sum to one or more charities if that is your wish.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact the LCF at 1-800-365-4172. You may also wish to visit TheLCF.org to further explore your giving options using the Giving Options Tool.

Charitable giving can result in significant tax, legal and financial consequences. Because the LCF cannot give tax or legal advice, you are strongly encouraged to consult with your personal tax and legal advisors.

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.



YOUR PARTNER IN GIVING

The Lutheran Community Foundation is
a public charity working nationally
to help people give to their
favorite charities and causes.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Breadth of giving options, including bequests, cash, stock, real estate, life insurance, or charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts that first pay a lifetime income to the donor or another party.
- Charitable fund options to match your charitable interests, including donor advised funds and collaborative funds.
- Flexibility to recommend Lutheran and/or non-Lutheran charities, and the option to change charities if you wish.
- Maximum tax benefits based on when and how your gifts are made. Gifts can be made during a donor's lifetime or at the time of death.
- Donor-centered programs and online services to help you reach your charitable goals.