



## Planned Giving

By making a planned gift to Durango Trails, you will help ensure that generations to come will have access to trails in our area. While you're securing the future of the organization, you will also be saving on taxes, increasing your income, and passing on more resources to your heirs depending on the type of gift you choose. Gifts can be made through bequests, deferred or planned giving, securities, or cash.

A planned gift for Durango Trails can be an outright gift or a life income gift. In addition, a charitable bequest can be made during your lifetime or at the time of death. If you would like more information about the many options available for planned giving, please contact the office at [Info@DurangoTrails.org](mailto:Info@DurangoTrails.org).

### **Some of the ways to make a planned gift include:**

#### **Bequests**

The easiest and most common method of charitable planned giving is by means of a bequest in your will. A will is the legal expression of your wishes for the disposition of your property to take effect at death. Beneficiaries (the heirs who receive the bequests) are the individuals and organizations especially important to you. Whether for the entire estate, or any portion of the estate, a fixed amount or a percentage of total assets, bequests are easy to make.

#### **Sample Bequest Language:**

*"I wish to give the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_ percent of my estate) to Trails 2000, a Colorado nonprofit organization, for its general purposes."*

#### **Gifts of Stock or Other Securities**

Giving stock to a charitable organization is a wonderful way to expand the amount you can afford to donate. If you have owned the stock for more than a year, you may be able to get a tax deduction for the gift, which is determined with your financial advisory and accountant. When you donate property, you may be able to deduct the "fair market value," which is the average of the highest and lowest trading price for

the stock on the day you make the transfer. Please call about specific information to transfer stock.

### **Sample Stock Bequest Language:**

*"I wish to give (a specific number of shares of a specified security) to Durango Trails, a Colorado nonprofit organization." Transferring stock during life just requires a transfer of the stock certificate itself (and then re-issuance by the company).*

### **Retirement Account Beneficiary Designation**

Retirement plan assets are an excellent choice to fund a charitable gift to Durango Trails. If you leave your traditional IRA, 401k, 403b or other qualified retirement plan assets to anyone other than your spouse, the individual beneficiary may have to pay income tax on the funds received. In some instances, if the estate is subject to estate tax, the combination of income tax and estate tax can amount to over 70% of the decedent's retirement account. By making Durango Trails the beneficiary of your retirement plan, the full amount of your retirement assets will benefit the organization.

### **Gifts of Life Insurance**

A gift of life insurance can provide a significant charitable deduction. You could purchase a new policy or donate a policy that you currently own but no longer need. To receive a deduction, designate Durango Trails as both the owner and beneficiary of the life insurance policy. Consult with your insurance agent for the details.

### **Charitable Gift Annuity**

With a charitable gift annuity, a sum of money or certain other property is given to Durango Trails in return for fixed annual payments for you (and your spouse, if you wish). Gift annuities are especially attractive for older people, since payments are larger for those at older ages. If you have property (such as securities or real estate) that has increased in value, consider using it to fund a charitable gift annuity. The capital gains taxes which would be due if the property were sold can be deferred, or partially avoided, provided you have owned the property long enough for it to qualify as long-term property. An income tax deduction is allowed in the year the gift is made. It is based on the age(s) of the person(s) receiving the income, the frequency of payments, and other factors. Durango Trails cannot give legal advice or financial advice, so consult your attorney, estate specialist or CPA to determine if any of these options are right for you.

## **Charitable Trust**

You can make a gift today and retain annual income for the remainder of your life or another period of time you choose through the use of charitable remainder trusts and other similar gift plans. These plans also yield an income tax deduction in the year the gift is completed. They may be used effectively in planning for retirement, caring for the elderly, or providing funds for educational expenses for children, grandchildren, or other loved ones.

Please keep in mind that circumstances vary from individual to individual. Consult your attorney or estate specialist before making final decisions. Durango Trails cannot give legal advice or financial advice, so consult your attorney, estate specialist or CPA to determine if any of these options are right for you. When designating Durango Trails in your estate plans, use the following information:

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