Consult Your Advisors

Please consult your legal/financial counsel as you plan your gift. S/he can help you make the largest possible gift at the least net expense to you. Personal financial circumstances may vary and must be carefully considered to receive maximum benefit from existing tax laws.

For more information about creating a gift that will help shape the future of WTCI-PBS or to notify us of an estate gift that you have already made, please contact:

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The staff and Board of Directors of WTCI-PBS deeply appreciate your faithful support of our mission and programming.

Through your caring and thoughtful planning for the future, you can enable WTCI to continue to enrich lives through quality programs and services that educate, engage, and inspire a lifetime of learning and exploration.

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**Gifts of Securities**

Publicly traded appreciated securities that you have owned for more than one year can be transferred to WTCI. WTCI would then sell the securities and retain the proceeds, which can be applied to whatever purpose you designate. As the donor, you receive an income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities while also avoiding capital gains tax.

**Gifts Through Life Insurance**

You can designate WTCI as a life insurance policy beneficiary. This allows you to provide a gift to the station while also benefiting your heirs, because policy proceeds distributed to a nonprofit are exempt from estate tax.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions**

Also known as IRA Charitable Rollovers, Qualified Charitable Distributions are funds from your IRA that can be donated to a qualified nonprofit organization like WTCI without first recognizing it as income. If you are above the age of 70.5 and have a Traditional IRA, you are eligible to make a QCD. Up to $100,000 in IRA funds can be counted as QCDs annually, or $200,000 for married couples. Funds go directly from your IRA to the charity without needing to be withdrawn, and the QCD is excluded from your taxable income.
How You Can Create a Legacy

Planned Gifts through Wills or Trusts

A will or trust is one of the simplest and most common ways to provide for WTCI-PBS in your estate plans. Gifts through a will or living trust leave a legacy that will inform and educate future generations for years to come.

Bequest Benefits

A bequest is generally a revocable gift, which means it can be changed or modified at any time. You can choose to designate that a bequest be used for a general or specific purpose so you have the peace of mind knowing that your gift will be used as intended. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. If you have a taxable estate, the estate tax charitable deduction may offset or eliminate estate taxes, resulting in a larger inheritance for your heirs.

Sample Bequest Language

If you are considering making a bequest to WTCI-PBS, we recommend the following language:

“I hereby give, devise and bequeath _______ to Greater Chattanooga Public Television Corp., a non-profit organization located at 7540 Bonnyshire Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416, Federal Tax ID #62-1137597, for the organization’s general use and purpose.”

Charitable Lead Trusts

Charitable lead trusts allow you to combine a charitable donation with gifts to children or other family members. The lead trust pays income to the charity for a specified number of years. At the end of the trust’s term, the principal is transferred to family members. This type of trust is often used to make intra-family asset transfers with substantial gift and estate tax savings.

Gifts of Real Estate or Personal Property

You can make a gift of real estate or personal property to WTCI, removing a large taxable asset from your estate and benefiting by receiving an income tax deduction equal to the appraised fair market value of the property, with no capital gains tax due on the transfer.

Gifts Through Retirement Plans

Like a gift of life insurance, you can name WTCI as the beneficiary of a portion or all of an IRA, 401(k), or other Retirement Plan. The amount designated passes to the nonprofit and your heirs avoid income and estate tax.