



TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS

Choosing the right planned gift depends on your personal circumstances and financial goals.

BEQUESTS AND ESTATE PLAN GIFTS

You may make a bequest or gift through your estate by including a provision in your will or living trust, or by naming the BMA as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. The amount left to the BMA can be expressed as a dollar amount or as a percentage of the assets to be given. It can be a transfer of cash, securities, or other property made through your estate plans.

Remembering the BMA with a bequest from your estate will help sustain and strengthen our community in years to come. Some of the advantages of creating a bequest include:

- A bequest costs nothing now, yet gives you the satisfaction of knowing you have provided for the BMA in the future
- You retain control of and use of your assets during your lifetime
- You may modify your bequest if your circumstances change
- Gifts to the BMA from your estate are exempt from federal estate taxes
- If you let the BMA know of your plans, we will be able to thank you now and recognize you as a permanent member of our Black Legacy Circle.

PLANNING YOUR BEQUEST

When planning for a bequest, you will need to consider how you would like your gift to be used to benefit the BMA—whether unrestricted in purpose or restricted to a specific program, and whether you would like it to be an expendable fund (to be spent when received) or an endowed fund (to last in perpetuity).

An unrestricted bequest allows the BMA to determine how to use the funds based on its most pressing needs. Unrestricted bequests are extremely valuable because our agency can use them to flexibly meet its future needs.

A restricted bequest directs assets to a specific fund or particular purpose, such as an annual scholarship to be released annual for a child in our afterschool program. A restricted bequest may be for an expendable or endowed fund. Because each restricted bequest is unique, the BMA encourages donors considering this type of gift to speak with our Director of Development about the appropriate language.

Expendable funds are used in their entirety, generally within a relatively short time frame. Some larger expendable gifts are used over longer periods.

Endowed funds provide income every year in perpetuity to carry out the designated purpose of the fund. Note that endowed funds have minimum required amounts. Please speak with the Director of Development if you are considering a bequest to establish an endowed fund.

CREATING A LASTING LEGACY

Endowed funds may be established by bequest for many purposes. Some possibilities include:

- Afterschool Education/scholarships
- Youth Leadership Development and training
- Clergy training and support
- Capacity Training and Technical Assistance

A fund created by your bequest can carry your name or the name of a family member or other person you wish to honor. Named funds, because of the support they offer to programs and people, are a way to share what is meaningful to you within Boston's community well into the future. Note that minimum gift amounts required for creating named, endowed funds vary, so please contact the Development Office for further information.

LIFE INCOME GIFTS

A life income gift allows you to give assets to the BMA while providing yourself or others with income for a period of time before the BMA is permitted to use your gift. You may make a life income gift by transferring securities, cash, or other property to the BMA. The Board of Directors finance committee will then manage the investment of the assets and pays an income to you, your designated beneficiaries, or both. Income payments continue for the beneficiaries' lives or, in some cases, for a term of up to 20 years. **There are several kinds of life income gifts available:**

Charitable Gift Annuities

In exchange for an outright gift, the BMA agrees by contract to pay a fixed amount each year to you and/or another beneficiary for life.

Charitable Remainder Unitrusts

You establish a trust from which you and/or other beneficiaries receive variable annual payments for life and/or a term of years. At the end of the term, the remainder of the trust assets go to the BMA for the purposes you designate.

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts

You establish a trust from which you and/or other beneficiaries receive annual payments of a fixed dollar amount for life and/or a term of years, after which the remainder of the trust assets pass to the BMA for the purposes you designate.

Pooled Income Funds

Your gift goes into an investment pool that functions like a mutual fund. Investment returns are paid to you and/or other beneficiaries for life, after which your gift is withdrawn and used to support your designated purpose at the BMA.

OTHER TYPES OF GIFTS

Charitable Lead Trusts

A charitable lead trust makes an annual payment to the BMA for a period of years, and at the end of the term, the remaining assets go to your children or other beneficiary.

Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund allows you to make a tax-deductible gift to the BMA to establish a fund today, and later advise the BMA on how you would like the gift used.

For more information about any of these options, please contact Amy Malkemes, Director of Development at amalkemes@bmaboston.org or 617-445-2737 ext. 128.