

# Charitable Gift Annuity

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is a simple agreement between you and Cleveland Clinic. In exchange for your irrevocable gift, Cleveland Clinic agrees to pay one or two annuitants (named by you) a fixed payment, each year, for life. These payments are guaranteed and backed by the general assets of Cleveland Clinic.

The amount of the fixed payments is directly related to age (the older the income recipients are at the time of the gift, the greater the fixed payments Cleveland Clinic can agree to pay). In most cases, part of each payment is tax-free, increasing each payment's after-tax value. Payments are usually made in quarterly installments.

A variety of asset types can be used to fund a CGA, including cash/check, stocks bonds or real estate.

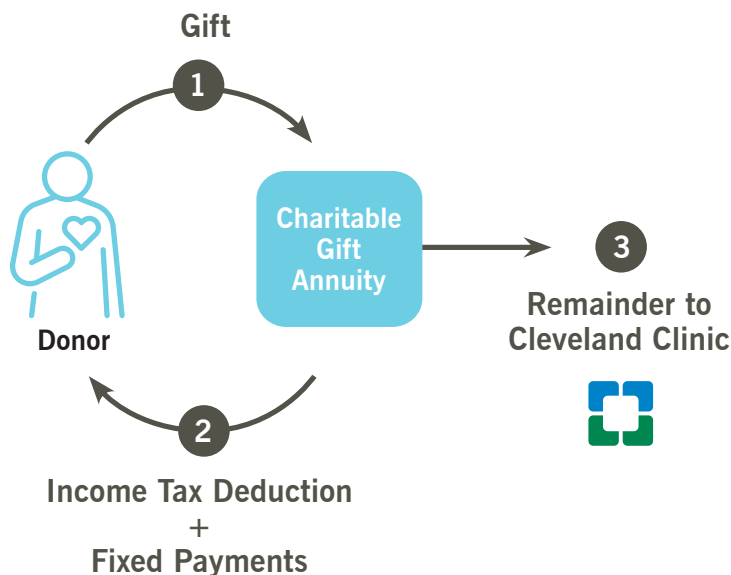
In addition to immediate payments, gift annuities can be:

- **Deferred**—the longer the payment is deferred, the higher the payment will be.
- **Flexible Deferred**—the payments are deferred for at least one year and then can be “turned on” at some point in the future by the income recipient, such as upon retirement.



## What Are The Benefits?

- A CGA is easy to understand and establish.
- You can have an immediate charitable deduction on income taxes.
- Establish fixed annual payments for life to the annuitants of your choosing.
- A reduction of capital gains tax (if you choose to fund a CGA with a long-term appreciated asset). If you name yourself as an annuitant, this tax will be spread out over many years.
- A reduction on estate taxes and probate costs.



## WHERE DO I BEGIN?

The Gift Planning team is available to answer questions about Charitable Gift Annuities, as well as other gift options for Cleveland Clinic. Call the Gift Planning office at [216.444.5021](tel:216.444.5021) or send an email to [giftplanning@ccf.org](mailto:giftplanning@ccf.org). We look forward to assisting you.