



# Life Insurance and Charitable Planning

Using life insurance to help with estate liquidity issues has been a standard practice for many years. However, with the proper structure, life insurance can also help create a zero-tax estate plan by gifting the policy into a Charitable Fund with Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. A Charitable Fund helps expand a donor's range of assets, both amplifying generosity now and establishing a legacy for the future. Here are four ways to give a gift of life insurance:

**1. Make Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF) the primary or contingent beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy:**

While this strategy does not create a current tax income deduction for the client, it does create a federal estate tax deduction for the full amount of the proceeds payable into the Charitable Fund.

**2. Direct Donation of Dividends:**

A life insurance policy holder can contribute dividends of a life insurance policy into a Charitable Fund. This eliminates out-of-pocket contributions and still creates a potential tax deduction.

**3. Direct Donation of an Existing Policy:**

Donors who have an existing life insurance policy but no longer need the coverage can gift the policy directly into a Charitable Fund account with KCCF. According to IRS regulations, the Charitable Fund administrator must become the owner and sole beneficiary of the life insurance policy. KCCF also requires a policy to be a paid-up cash value policy (whole life).

***Note:** Contributing an existing policy will require an appraisal to determine the value of the contribution for tax purposes. Please contact KCCF to learn more about this process.*

**4. Direct Donation of a New Policy:**

By making KCCF owner and beneficiary of a new life insurance contract, you can make a potentially tax-deductible contribution to KCCF in the amount of a single premium payment. KCCF will pay the life insurance policy in whole and hold the policy for your legacy giving purposes. Please contact KCCF to learn more about this process.

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## Why Consider Us?

**Credibility** – We are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with more than 140 years of committed support for the Catholic Church, as well as for the suffering, needy and persecuted everywhere.

**Alignment** – Our investments are consistent with Catholic moral teachings, and grant recipients are reviewed so that no grants are awarded to organizations with a mission or identity that in any way runs counter to the Catholic faith.

**Value** – We offer “value with values,” providing high-quality, low-cost services designed to meet your needs and align with Church teaching.

**Stewardship** – Donating through KCCF puts your resources to good use, knowing that charities are vetted for their values and missions.

**Accessibility** – Regardless of the size of your organization, gain access to the philanthropic solutions usually reserved for large, well-staffed institutions.

## Partnering with Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund

We would welcome the opportunity to hear about your philanthropic goals and to discuss how Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund can play a role in helping you pursue those goals.

To learn more about KCCF, please contact our donor support line toll-free at 1-833-877-0728 or email us at [charitablefund@kofc.org](mailto:charitablefund@kofc.org).

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