



DONATE STOCKS AND BONDS INVEST IN HIGH-QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

By donating securities, your generous contributions will provide Friends Center for Children the ability to facilitate our mission to educate children, empower families, inspire teachers, engage community, embrace diversity.

Gifts of Stock

If you would like to make a contribution of stock, please contact our Development Department at 203.468.1966 or development@FriendsCenterForChildren.org prior to your donation with the name of the stock and the number of shares you wish to donate so we may properly acknowledge your gift. We will provide you or your financial advisor with all the information necessary to transfer your gift of stock.

Giving a gift of publicly traded stock that has increased in value and that you have owned for more than one year may provide greater tax benefits than making a donation of cash. Your charitable income tax deduction is equal to the fair market value of the stock, and you may avoid paying the capital gains tax on any increase in the current value over the original cost of the stock. You may also save by not incurring brokerage fees because you are transferring ownership rather than selling the stock.

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Gifts of Bonds

By giving or leaving your bonds to Friends Center for Children, you may be able to reduce, or even avoid, income taxes. Savings bonds are normally taxed when they're cashed in, reissued to another person, or reach their final maturity. Although savings bonds cannot be directly donated to a charitable organization during your lifetime, there are three easy ways to use your bonds to support the Friends Center community:

- Redeem your savings bonds and use the cash equivalent to make a gift supporting the FCfC. By redeeming your savings bonds, you will trigger a tax liability to you on the interest income, but if you itemize, you will receive the benefit of a charitable tax deduction to help offset the additional taxable income.
- Leave the bonds to the FCfC through your will. Because we are a tax-exempt organization, we will receive the full value of the bonds, which could have otherwise been reduced by up to 35 percent for income taxes. For a small percentage of people, federal estate taxes might also reduce the amount available.
- Leave the bonds upon your death to a charitable remainder trust. Lifetime payments will benefit your chosen loved ones and then the balance will support our mission.

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