

## Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Planned Giving Overview

The term planned giving refers to charitable gifts that are arranged with forethought and planning and are executed over an extended period of time or at some point in the future. Planned gifts are a popular method of giving because they can provide powerful tax benefits and sources of income.

Planned giving can be a powerful element of wealth management strategy or estate planning process and can be arranged to benefit the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum while providing a life income source for spouses and other family members.

### Examples and Benefits of Planned Gifts

<b>Your Goal</b>	<b>Your Gift</b>	<b>How to Make the Gift</b>	<b>Your Benefits</b>
Avoid tax on capital gains.	Outright Gift of Securities or Other Tangible Assets	Transfer ownership of asset to PA Trolley Museum.	Immediate charitable deduction based on fair full market value.
Defer a gift until after your lifetime.	Bequests	Name PA Trolley Museum in your will.	Donation is exempt from federal estate taxes. You control assets during your lifetime.
Avoid taxation on retirement plan assets.	Retirement Plan Gift	Name PA Trolley Museum as the beneficiary through a qualified charitable distribution of an IRA or of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime.	Make a gift from the most highly taxed assets. Avoids income and estate tax.
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself.	Gift of Life Insurance	Give a policy that you no longer need with PA Trolley Museum as owner and beneficiary.	Current income tax deduction and possible future deductions.
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term.	Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Create a trust that pays you a percentage of the trust's assets, valued annually.	Immediate income tax deduction. Annual income for life that has the potential to increase.
Secure a fixed income for life.	Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	Create a charitable trust that pays you a fixed income for life.	Immediate income tax deduction. Fixed income for life.
Supplement income with steady payments that are partially tax free.	Charitable Gift Annuity	Enter onto a contract with PA Trolley Museum in which we will pay you fixed payments annually.	Fixed payments for life. Savings on income taxes.
Give your personal residence, vacation home, or farm now but continue to live there.	Retained Life Estate	Designate the ownership of your home to PA Trolley Museum but retain occupancy.	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of home.
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets passing to heirs.	Charitable Lead Trust	Create a trust that pays a fixed or variable income to PA Trolley Museum for a set term, and then passes to your heirs.	Reduced size of taxable estate. Keeps property in the family, often with reduced gift taxes.

The information summarized in this primer is illustrative only and is not intended to be legal or financial advice. If you are considering a planned gift, we suggest that you consult your own attorney or financial advisor to discuss your specific situation.