Do you have an asset, such as securities or real estate, that you would like to give to Bryn Mawr College, but you need the income the property provides? Or do you have an asset from which you would like to receive more income, but you hesitate to sell it because taxes on your capital gain would take a big bite out of your proceeds. If so, you should consider donating your asset to a charitable remainder trust.

With a charitable remainder trust, you can make a gift to Bryn Mawr College to support and receive lifetime income. Because a charitable remainder trust is tax-exempt, there is no capital gains tax when the trust receives your appreciated assets or when it sells them. The trust can put the full fair market value of your asset to work first for you and ultimately for Bryn Mawr College. In addition, you receive an income tax charitable deduction for a portion of the trust amount which can be used immediately to save on income taxes.
How a charitable remainder annuity trust works:

- You transfer assets to a trust.
- You choose a trustee to oversee the operation of your trust or serve in that role yourself.
- You choose the income beneficiaries of the trust. It can be you, you and your spouse, loved ones, devoted employees, or anyone else you wish. The trustee manages the trust assets and pays income each year to these beneficiaries.
- The payments made to beneficiaries may be the same amount each year, offering the security of fixed payments, or vary based on a percentage of the trust value, offering the possibility that payments may grow over time. (The latter is a charitable remainder unitrust.)
- When the trust term ends, usually upon the passing of the income beneficiaries, its remaining assets go to Bryn Mawr College for use as you directed.

EXAMPLE: Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

Anna, age 76, has various appreciated stocks in her brokerage account with a combined value of $500,000. The stocks cost $200,000 to purchase and provide her with approximately $10,000 in annual dividend income. Anna would like to increase her cash flow, not worry about market fluctuations, and arrange for an endowment at Bryn Mawr College.

Anna finds that creating a charitable remainder annuity trust will achieve her goals nicely. She transfers her $500,000 in stock to an annuity trust with a 5.0% payout rate.

* The actual amount of the charitable deduction will depend on the value of the asset contributed, the ages of the beneficiaries, the trust payout rate, the timing of the trust payments, and the IRS discount rate in effect at the time. (July 2017)
A trust can be tailored to your needs:

- Increase cash flow
- Provide supplemental retirement income
- Provide for other family members

“Bryn Mawr was created and supported by numerous people – the names of whom I don’t know – long before I arrived as a student. I treasure my experience at Bryn Mawr, and it seems to me that I also have an obligation to help ensure that it will continue to be there for students in the future.”

— Gwen Gentile, Class of 1958

NEXT STEPS:

To receive further information and assistance on a charitable remainder trust, or to learn more about how your gift can help Bryn Mawr College, please contact Dianne Johnson.

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* Because everyone’s situation is different, we encourage you to seek professional legal, estate planning, and financial advice before deciding on a course of action. This information does not constitute legal or financial advice and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice.