

What is a Gift Annuity?

A **Charitable Gift Annuity** is a simple contract between a donor and the DuBois Area Catholic School. In exchange for a gift, the School agrees to pay one (or two) annuitants a fixed income for life. Therefore, it is a gift that keeps on giving! Let's explore this program in more detail.

Common Questions About Gift Annuities

Is there a minimum amount of cash and/or appreciated securities to create an annuity?

Yes. At the DuBois Area Catholic School, a minimum of \$10,000 is required for a charitable gift annuity.

Is there a minimum age to establish a gift annuity?

Yes, the minimum age is 60. However, if you are within 6 months of your next birthday, you will receive the next year's rate, therefore, those who are 59 1/2 are eligible to participate.

Once I create a gift annuity, are those funds available for withdrawal later?

No. To gain significant financial and tax benefits of the annuity vehicle, the transfer of funds from you to the DuBois Area Catholic School must be permanent and irrevocable.

How frequently will I receive my annuity payments?

At the DuBois Area Catholic School, gift annuity payments can be distributed monthly*, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, the choice is yours. (*monthly distributions for contracts of \$50,000 or larger.)

Does the DuBois Area Catholic School fully guarantee my gift annuity payments?

Yes. Charitable gift annuity payments are backed by the School's assets as specified in the contractual agreement signed by the school's Business Manager.

Can gift annuity payments be given to another person, such as a loved one (child, grandchild, special friend)?

Yes, two life annuities can be created.

Is it true that the payment rate of a gift annuity does not fluctuate with the economy, stock market, bond rates, and/or interest rates?

Yes, the annuity payment rate is established when you fund the gift annuity, and it does not change.

How are rates for charitable gift annuities determined?

The DuBois Area Catholic School follows the schedule of recommended maximum rates published by the American Council on Gift Annuities, which is a national organization of charities that has been in existence since 1927.

Can I create multiple gift annuities?

Yes. There is no limit on the number of gift annuities that may be established.

How many people can receive payment from a charitable gift annuity?

Gift annuities may be created for one or two income beneficiaries.

Are payment rates for a two-life (two person) gift annuity different than a one-person annuity?

Yes, As two people will receive payments for life (as opposed to one), two-life gift annuities pay slightly lower rates.

Can I convert a single-life gift annuity into a two person annuity at a later date?

No. The number of persons must be set at the time the annuity is created.

Can the funds I contribute for a gift annuity benefit a specific program?

Yes, although unrestricted funds are a priority, your wishes are always honored.