

Your Legacy



Today... Tomorrow



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE ACADEMY

Our Mission

Christian Heritage Academy, an independent, parent-governed school, offers an exemplary education based on biblical values to children of Christian families, equipping them to be lifetime followers of Jesus Christ.



Planned Giving

At Christian Heritage Academy



The founding families of Christian Heritage Academy left an enduring legacy and foundation for ministry: “...to equip children to be lifetime followers of Jesus Christ.” Since six families began to pray in 1984 about starting a Christian school in the northern suburbs of Chicago, God has touched thousands of lives through CHA. We are equipping servant-leaders who are impacting their high schools, university campuses, workplaces and the world — for the glory of God. The story of Christian Heritage is one of praise and thanksgiving to the One who has faithfully, and abundantly provided for every need.

Just as our school was founded through prayer, we continue to step out in faith through prayerful dependence upon a mighty God.

Will you join us in this commitment to the next generation of Christ’s followers? We want to invest in that which will last for eternity: *people*. Your prayers and gifts make a difference.

This brochure will explore the different options for making gifts to Christian Heritage Academy, and ideas for your future consideration. As always, we encourage you to talk with a CHA Board member, Development Department staff members, and your own financial advisers and family members as you consider making a significant gift. If you have already made a planned or deferred gift to Christian Heritage Academy, please let us know so that we may include you in our **Heritage Circle** — our way of honoring these special gifts to our school.



Giving to Christian Heritage Academy *Today...*

Cash

You may always give a cash gift and this is the easiest contribution process; typically, all such gifts qualify as an IRS charitable contribution. You may make a pledge over a period of years if such an arrangement is desired.

Gift of Securities and Real Estate

Stocks, bonds, or mutual funds which have increased in value since their purchase provide a wise charitable gift to Christian Heritage Academy. You can deduct the fair market value of the securities (held for at least twelve months) and pay no capital gains tax, which can dramatically increase the amount of your gift compared to outright gifts of cash.

Note: If you are considering a gift of stock that has decreased in value from the time you purchased it, you may maximize your tax benefits by selling the stock and claiming it as a “loss” for tax purposes, and then forwarding the proceeds for CHA to receive the income tax deduction. As always, a tax adviser is your best source of information for your specific tax situation.

Personal Property

Personal tangible property (such as jewelry, stamp or coin collections, and art work) can be given to Christian Heritage Academy. The charitable contribution deduction will vary depending upon the type of gift; an authorized appraisal of the contributed property is recommended.

Please contact Christian Heritage Academy’s Development Office to discuss any gifts of personal tangible property.





Giving to Christian Heritage Academy *Tomorrow...*

Deferred or Planned Gifts

Planned giving involves integrating a donor's charitable gift into his or her overall financial, tax, and estate planning objectives so as to maximize benefits to both the donor and Christian Heritage Academy. Planned gifts typically come from a donor's assets rather than income, and can be either outright or deferred. If you are considering a planned gift, we highly recommend that you consult with your own financial or legal advisers prior to making a gift.

Bequest or Codicil to a Will

A bequest is a gift you leave to Christian Heritage Academy in your will. If you already have a will, it can be modified with the simple addition of a document known as a codicil. Upon your death, the gift (bequest) is distributed to CHA. A bequest is a wonderful way for individuals, regardless of financial means, to ensure that future generations of students will continue to be equipped to be lifetime followers of Jesus Christ.

Through your will, you can ensure the future mission of Christian Heritage Academy by making one of three types of bequests:

Specific Bequest

The donor can designate a specific dollar amount, specific percentage, or specific property to Christian Heritage Academy.



"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD..."

(Psalm 78:4)

"I want my life and resources to impact future generations in praise to the Lord."

Nancy Goodman
Principal, Christian Heritage Academy



Residual Bequest

The donor's estate will pay all debts, taxes, expenses, and specific bequests. The remaining (or "residual") amount will be transferred to Christian Heritage Academy.

Contingent Bequest

Donors may ask that Christian Heritage Academy receive all or a portion of his/her estate only under certain circumstances. For example, the donor can name Christian Heritage Academy as a beneficiary of the estate only if there are no surviving close family members. Childless couples sometimes provide for the entire estate to go to the surviving spouse, or if the spouse does not survive, to the designated charity.

While you should always seek the counsel of your attorney and financial adviser on matters relating to your estate planning, following is suggested language for including Christian Heritage Academy in your will or codicil:

"...I give, devise, and bequeath (a specific dollar amount or percent of the residue of my estate) to Christian Heritage Academy, fully incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois."

Qualified Individual Retirement Account, 401(k) or Similar Account

Many individuals are finding that retirement plan assets accumulated for support of a surviving spouse are not needed. If so, naming Christian Heritage Academy as the plan beneficiary may provide important estate tax benefits, as well as leaving a legacy for future generations of Christian Heritage Academy students.

All IRA or other retirement accounts must designate a beneficiary. Naming Christian Heritage Academy as the beneficiary of a retirement plan reduces the size of the estate to be taxed and can result in significant tax savings for surviving beneficiaries. Many people do not realize that if the beneficiary of a retirement plan is someone other than a spouse, he or she (or perhaps the surviving children if they are designated beneficiaries) may only receive less than half of the assets after both estate and income taxes are paid.

Designating Christian Heritage Academy as the beneficiary of a traditional retirement account avoids income taxes as well as estate taxes. At a donor's death, Christian Heritage Academy may receive all or a stated percentage of the designated retirement account, and the donor's estate will receive a charitable deduction for the value of the assets distributed to CHA.

Whole Life Insurance

Often, individuals own life insurance that they purchased for financial security when they were younger. Circumstances may have changed so that the life insurance is no longer needed, and the existing whole life policy can be given to Christian Heritage Academy.

When you irrevocably sign over ownership of your policy to CHA, you will receive an immediate charitable deduction (usually very close to the policy's cash value). The amount of the deduction will depend on whether the policy is paid in full.

You may also purchase a new policy and name Christian Heritage Academy as irrevocable owner and beneficiary. For this type of gift, you are entitled to a charitable deduction for the value of the initial premium and will receive additional deductions as you make later premium payments.

Trusts

A trust is a legal agreement that specifies how the assets placed under the trust will be managed. The charitable trust is an attractive method to achieve a variety of goals including providing a significant annual gift to CHA or your heirs. There are two types of charitable trusts — the remainder, and the lead trust. See your financial adviser for more information regarding charitable trusts.

Charitable Remainder Unitrust

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust creates two interests — one for you and one for Christian Heritage Academy. Yours is the present interest — the right to receive income for life or for a set number of years. CHA's is the remainder interest — or the right to receive the assets in the trust when it terminates. Cash, appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares) and sometimes developed or undeveloped land that is not subject to a mortgage, can be used to establish a charitable remainder trust.

The Unitrust is an individual trust providing for annual income to a donor and/or named beneficiaries that can increase or decrease year-to-year based on annual valuation of the trust's assets. Benefits to donors include:

- Donor or named beneficiaries receive annual income higher than most stock dividend rates;
- Income tax deduction that is proportional to the projected principal amount after the life income is paid;
- Elimination of capital gains tax on sale of appreciated assets.

The Charitable Remainder Unitrust is normally established and managed by an outside fiduciary party, such as a bank or another financial institution.



"It's hard to find a better place to make an investment of your money than Christian Heritage Academy."

John Jones, Sr.
Chairman Emeritus,
Glenview State Bank

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

Just as a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, a Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust offers the assurance of a fixed dollar income. The donor and/or beneficiary receives annually an amount of dollars fixed irrevocably at the time the gift is established and stated in the trust agreement. Benefits to donors include:

- Donor or named beneficiaries receive fixed annual income;
- Income tax deduction that is proportional to the projected principal amount after the life income is paid;
- Elimination of capital gains tax.

The Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust is normally established and managed by an outside fiduciary party, such as a bank or another financial institution.

Charitable Lead Trust

Similar to a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, a Charitable Lead Trust establishes two interests — one for Christian Heritage Academy and then one for your beneficiaries. First, Christian Heritage Academy receives income interest from the Trust for a set term of years. After the Trust terminates, your beneficiaries receive the remainder interest in the Trust. Most donors name their children or grandchildren as beneficiaries.

The Charitable Lead Trust is normally established and managed by an outside fiduciary party, such as a bank or another financial institution.



"With much prayer, and with God's provision for every need along the way, an idea – once just a dream – has become a reality."

Dr. Wayne Grudem
CHA's first Board of Directors' President



Donation of Real Estate While Retaining Life Residency

A donor may transfer the title of his or her home to Christian Heritage Academy while retaining residency for life. The donor is responsible for taxes and maintenance of the home. Benefits accrued to donors through this type of gift include:

- Donors can make a significant gift to Christian Heritage Academy while continuing to live in familiar surroundings;
- Donors can avoid estate tax if the home has appreciated significantly in value.

Your attorney and financial adviser can determine if this type of gift to Christian Heritage Academy would be appropriate for you and your family.



“Children are a gift from God...”

Psalm 127:3



A Legacy of Giving

“A good man leaves an inheritance to
his children’s children...”

Proverbs 13:22

Heritage Circle

We invite you to join our **Heritage Circle**, a special group of Christian Heritage Academy friends and donors who have named Christian Heritage Academy in their wills, or have made other special deferred gifts. By demonstrating your commitment to Christian Heritage Academy through planned giving, **Heritage Circle** donors ensure a legacy of giving to our students, teachers, and families. In addition to honoring your commitment and contribution, the **Heritage Circle** provides an opportunity for Christian Heritage Academy to share information on any new planned giving opportunities or requirements. If you have already left Christian Heritage Academy in your will or estate plan, please let us know so that we can be prepared to properly fulfill your wishes.

For more information on giving to Christian Heritage Academy, please talk with a staff member in the Development Office or your financial adviser. We consider all gifts to Christian Heritage Academy to be confidential and will hold your considerations and questions in the strictest confidence.





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