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Have you ever wanted to step up your IHS support but thought a major gift was out of reach?

We have good news!

There are ways you can increase your giving today, while preserving your assets for retirement, and providing for family.

Here are some gift options to consider:	Estate Gifts from a Will or Trust	Designating us as a beneficiary in your will or trust is a simple way to commit to our cause, and it will not affect your cash flow during your lifetime. In addition, it's easy to revoke this type of gift if your situation or goals change.
	Beneficiary Designations	Naming us as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, financial account, or annuity is another easy way to help further our mission. You can continue to benefit from these assets during your lifetime. A beneficiary designation may also be changed at any time.
	Life Insurance	If you have an old, unneeded life insurance policy, you can donate it to us and take an immediate tax deduction. You can also name us as a beneficiary of your policy.
	Appreciated Securities, Real Property	If you own investments or real estate that you no longer need or wish to sell, a gift of these assets is another way you can benefit us without impacting your cash flow. You may also benefit from capital gains tax avoidance by giving rather than selling these.
	Tangible Personal Property	If you have valuable assets such as artwork, collectibles, jewelry, etc., that you no longer want or need, consider giving these assets to us and benefit from an income tax deduction this year.
	Retained Life Estate	If you own your home and wish to remain living there, you can transfer your home (farm or vacation home) to us while retaining the right to use the home during your lifetime. Enjoy the added benefit of an income tax deduction! Popular for second homes.
	Business Interests, Closely Held Stock, and Partnerships	Talk to us about ways to make current gifts from your business or to avoid capital gains tax when you are ready to transfer or sell your business.

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