

TROSA Planned Giving

TROSA is a nonprofit organization located in Durham, North Carolina. Established in 1994, TROSA offers a comprehensive, long-term, residential substance abuse recovery program and is now the largest state-licensed residential therapeutic community in North Carolina.

What is Planned Giving? The term “planned giving” refers to gifts made to TROSA or any charity which require some additional planning before they are able to be completed. These planned gifts provide much-needed, longer term funding to TROSA while providing tax and other benefits to the donor.

Why should I make a planned gift? Although the majority of TROSA's funding is raised internally through our businesses, close to \$1 million annually has to be raised through philanthropic support from foundations, corporations, and individuals. Each and every contribution makes a difference and goes to help the over 400 people who presently benefit from TROSA's residential program which is comprised of vocational training, education, communication, peer counseling/mentoring, leadership training and aftercare.

What Can I Give? Donors can make planned gifts to TROSA using cash or other assets, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, vehicles, certain equipment, real estate, business interests, retirement plan assets, life insurance, and numerous other items.

How Do I Give? There is a myriad of planned giving options from which a donor can choose. Some of the more common examples include: bequests from a will or living trust; a gift with a retained use; a donation of life insurance policies; the designation of TROSA as a beneficiary of retirement plan assets or life insurance proceeds; or, the establishment of a charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, or one of several other charitable vehicles.

Bequest. A bequest is the simplest and best known type of planned gift to make and one of the easiest to implement. The bequest is accomplished simply by leaving property to TROSA through your will or trust. (*Note:* Sample bequest language to include in your will or trust can be provided upon request.) TROSA may also be named as a beneficiary for property which passes through a beneficiary designation (such as individual retirement accounts or life insurance policies).

Bequests are useful planned giving tools because they allow you to retain ownership and use of the property or assets during your life, while fulfilling your desire to benefit TROSA after you pass away. Additionally, the bequest to TROSA will provide a federal estate tax benefit to the donor.

Charitable Remainder Trust (“CRT”). A CRT is a type of trust which provides income to you (or other individuals of your choosing) for a period of time of your choice, after which TROSA receives the remaining assets in the CRT. The CRT also provides a current federal income tax deduction to the donor.

Charitable Lead Trust (“CLT”). A CLT is a type of trust which provides income to TROSA for a period of time of your choice, after which the CLT distributes the trust property to you or to a beneficiary of your choosing. The CLT also provides a current federal income tax deduction to the donor based on the present value of the payments which will be paid to TROSA.

Life Estate. A life estate is an arrangement whereby you transfer the title for a personal residence or real property to TROSA while retaining the right to occupy and otherwise enjoy the full use of

the property for a period of time of your choice. This life estate option provides the donor a current tax benefit for the remainder value of the personal residence or real property which passes to TROSA.

Bargain Sale. A bargain sale occurs when you sell property to TROSA for less than fair market value or gift a mortgaged property to TROSA. In return, you may receive a cash payment, debt relief, and a potential charitable deduction.

Other Planned Giving Opportunities. Other planned giving opportunities exist and may be more appropriate courses of action based on your individual needs and circumstances. Regardless of the option undertaken, planned giving serves an integral role in allowing TROSA to continue to save hundreds of lives every year.

We believe that deciding upon and understanding what planned giving option is right for you is just as important as making the gift itself. Therefore, to learn more about TROSA's planned giving opportunities please call (919) 419-1059 to talk with our development department. You may also visit the website of our Planned Giving attorneys at www.SeidelGamber.com to receive more information, or contact Seidel Gamber, PLLC at (919) 240-5436 or by email at Information@SeidelGamber.com to schedule your *free planned giving consultation*.

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