FACTSHEET: Charitable Gifts Made Through IRA Distributions

A Flexible Way to Support SilverSource

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What is an IRA distribution?

An IRA distribution gift is a charitable contribution made after you take a withdrawal from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Unlike a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), the funds are paid to you, and you then make a gift to SilverSource. This option is available to donors of any age with a traditional or Roth IRA.

IRA distribution gifts may allow you to support the causes you care about while potentially receiving a charitable deduction if you itemize.

How does this differ from a QCD?

A QCD is a direct transfer from your IRA to a qualified nonprofit and may reduce your taxable income.

An IRA distribution gift is a withdrawal paid to you, followed by a charitable donation you make separately.

Key differences:

- Tax treatment: IRA distributions are generally taxable; your charitable gift may be deductible if you itemize.
- Eligibility: IRA distribution gifts are available to donors of any age; QCDs are limited to donors 70½ or older with a traditional IRA.
- Flexibility: IRA distribution gifts can exceed the annual QCD limit.

You may consider this option if you:

- Are under 70½ and not eligible for QCDs.
- Want to make a gift larger than the annual QCD limit.
- Prefer to manage the distribution yourself before giving.

Why an IRA Distribution Gift may be right for you:

- May provide a charitable deduction if you itemize.
- Can be combined with other giving strategies (DAFs, stock gifts, bequests).
- Allows gifts larger than QCD limits.

How to make an IRA Distribution Gift

1. Contact your IRA custodian (e.g., Fidelity, Vanguard) to request a distribution.
2. Deposit the distribution into your personal account.
3. Make your charitable gift to SilverSource by check or online donation.
4. Keep documentation of both the distribution and your gift for tax purposes.

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Important Note

This method is not a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you are 70½ or older, a QCD may offer additional tax advantages. Please see our QCD factsheet for details.
Your gift helps seniors remain safe, housed, and supported. Contact Sam Connor at Sconnor@silversource.org or 475 275-0961 to learn more.

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