

DONOR PROFILE ALUMNA'S GIFT LINKS THE PAST TO PRESENT

CHRISTINE PROVOST
(MA MUND '91)

Christine Provost (MA MUND '91) has always been a bit of a sleuth—linking together disparate items until they make sense. She finds the connection between science and religion a natural one and has spent her life pursuing both.

The Mundelein graduate plans to leave part of her estate to the Gannon Center and credits her degree in religious studies for pointing her on a path that always included her faith.

A native of Holyoke, Massachusetts, Christine fell in love with chemistry in high school. "I enjoyed fooling around in the lab and have never considered it work: it was always play time," she said.

She earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry and a master's in forensic chemistry before landing a job at the Michigan Department of Public Health in Lansing.

"I liked problem-solving and doing experiments," she said. "It really suited my analytical mind and was, in a way, very creative."

After three years in Michigan, Christine became a forensic chemist for the Chicago Police Department. Along the way, she stayed close to her faith, working with various ministries at her parish where its director suggested she consider a master's degree in religious studies at Mundelein.

"I loved the idea of exploring something new—a different part of me," she said. "Not the scientific



side, but the spiritual side."

While volunteering in her parish and working at Swift Adhesives, Inc., in Chicago, Christine earned a second master's degree in religious studies at Mundelein College. In 1994, she was transferred to North Carolina, where she continued to use her faith knowledge to help adult learners study for confirmation.

After retiring in 2013, Christine returned to Chicago and reconnected with the Gannon Center by contributing financially and mentoring Gannon Scholars.

"I've always believed that women need a place of their own to excel and explore their role in the global community," she said. "The Gannon Center provides that, and Piper Hall is the link to the center's Mundelein heritage and also to the greater Loyola community."

May we include you?

Many of our alumni and friends have included Loyola in their wills. We honor those who have done so with membership in the Society of the Shield. Would you like to know more about how you can become a member of this society? Please fill out and return the enclosed card for more information, or to let us know that you have already included Loyola in your plans.

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GIFT PLANNING OPTIONS FOR YOU

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If you are interested in creative ways to support Loyola and its students, receive fixed payments, and enjoy significant tax benefits, you should consider a charitable gift annuity. This issue examines the many advantages of charitable gift annuities and answers questions you may have about this type of gift. Loyola's Gift Planning team is available to help you determine the options that are best for you. LEARN MORE at LUC.edu/giftplanning.



A GIFT ANNUITY IS A SMART AND POPULAR CHOICE

There are some attractive reasons for donors to make gifts during their lifetimes rather than later through their estates. A charitable gift annuity is one type of gift that can immediately benefit both you and the charities that you support, like Loyola. You can give now to Loyola and receive fixed annual payments for life while benefiting Loyola students.

Six questions about charitable gift annuities

1 What are charitable gift annuities?

A charitable gift annuity is a simple, written agreement between a donor and a charity. In the agreement, the charity agrees to pay an annual amount quarterly, semi-annually, or annually in exchange for an irrevocable donation of cash, stock, or even real estate. The annuity provides fixed payments to one or two people for their entire lives, with the remaining funds going to Loyola. And since a gift annuity is a donation, there are no sales commissions or broker fees charged. You will receive the full annual payments as listed in the written annuity agreement.

2 I rely on the income my investments and savings generate. Can I make a contribution for a gift annuity and still maintain my standard of living?

Yes. Not only can a gift annuity allow you to maintain your standard of living, but it may also increase your annual cash flow.

First, it provides you with a fixed stream of payments for life. The specific rate you receive depends on your age, with older donors receiving a greater percentage than younger ones. (Younger donors can delay payments for a couple of years and receive a higher payout rate later on). You receive credit for a charitable contribution in the year that you fund the annuity, even if you delay payments to a later date.

\$100,000 gift annuity					
AGE OF ANNUITANTS FOR AN IMMEDIATE ANNUITY	PAYOUT RATE	ANNUAL PAYOUT	TAX-FREE PORTION*	CHARITABLE DEDUCTION	TAX SAVINGS 32% BRACKET
One annuitant					
65	5.1%	\$5,100	\$3,177	\$36,796	\$11,774
70	5.6%	\$5,600	\$3,763	\$40,159	\$12,851
80	7.3%	\$7,300	\$5,387	\$49,363	\$15,796
Two annuitants					
65 and 65	4.5%	\$4,500	\$2,740	\$31,767	\$10,165
70 and 70	5.0%	\$5,000	\$3,280	\$32,756	\$10,482
80 and 80	6.2%	\$6,200	\$4,507	\$42,759	\$13,683
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One annuitant					
50 deferred to 60	6.8%	\$6,800	\$2,632	\$36,625	\$11,720
60 deferred to 65	8.1%	\$8,100	\$3,215	\$48,904	\$15,649
65 deferred to 70	10.5%	\$10,500	\$3,654	\$65,621	\$20,998

*For the life expectancy of the annuitants

Second, the payments you receive from a gift annuity may exceed the interest on popular investments like CDs, money market funds, and bank savings accounts.

In addition, your contribution for a gift annuity may enable you to claim an income-tax charitable deduction.

3 Are there any other tax advantages?

Definitely. You can claim a current income-tax deduction for the charitable portion of your contribution. Just as with any annuity, part of each payment you receive from a gift annuity over your life expectancy is tax free.

Save your itemized deductions

You may have discovered this year that you were unable to qualify for itemized deductions on your federal taxes because your standard deductions were not greater than the new thresholds of \$24,400 for married couples and \$12,200 for single individuals. A charitable gift annuity may help you get above the standard deduction and may allow you to itemize your deductions

Because of this, the real return from a gift annuity can be even higher than the stated rate of a traditional investment (such as the fully taxable yield from a CD, a money market fund, or a bank savings account).

Note: If you fund a gift annuity with appreciated stock or real estate that you have owned for more than 12 months, you may reduce long-term capital-gain tax on some of the increased value since your purchase of the stock or real estate. The gain you do recognize will be spread over your lifetime. In such cases, part of your annuity will be taxed as ordinary income, part will be tax free, and part will be taxed at lower capital-gain rates.

4 Will a gift annuity cause more of my Social Security income to be taxable?

No. Actually, it is possible that a gift annuity may result in less of your Social Security income being subject to tax.

Why? All income—even tax-exempt income—can work against you for purposes of determining how much of your Social Security income is taxable. Here is the good news: the tax-free portion of your gift annuity payout is not taxable income.

Depending on the asset(s) you use to fund the gift annuity, you may actually increase your cash flow and lower the amount treated as taxable income.

5 I am concerned that my spouse will also need income from all of my assets. Can a gift annuity make payments to both of us and then to the survivor?

Absolutely. As shown in the chart, a gift annuity can pay one or two people for their whole lives. Adding a second beneficiary just causes a small

reduction in the annuity rate and in the income-tax deduction.

6 Can I use a gift annuity to help take care of my elderly parents or an adult child with disabilities?

Yes. You can name anyone to receive payments from a charitable gift annuity that you set up. The payout rates will be determined by the ages of the people you choose to receive the payments. A gift annuity can provide a lifetime of income for one or two of your family members. Payments can be made consecutively, and you can even name yourself as the final annuitant. The annuity payout rate is determined by the age of the people receiving the payments.

If you would like more information or a free, no-obligation illustration of how a gift annuity could work for you, complete and mail the enclosed card, or contact Joseph Like, director of Gift Planning, at jlake@LUC.edu or 312-915-7641.



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Society of the Shield Appreciation Luncheon – June 4, 2019.
More information to follow.