

GIVING REFERENCE GUIDE

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR GOOD

Your support and passion for elephants is what makes our work possible. While your past contributions have made a significant impact on IEF's anti-poaching patrols, habitat protection, and community-based programs, we understand that you may be looking for alternative ways to support our mission.

Each of these methods of giving provides unique tax benefits and can be more advantageous than cash donations depending on your financial situation. We recommend consulting with your financial advisor to determine the best way for you to support IEF's mission. Your support through any of these giving options will be instrumental as we continue our efforts to protect and preserve the world's elephant populations. We encourage you to keep this guide as a reference for giving strategies that can benefit both you and the elephants we all cherish.



Gifts of Stocks or Appreciated Assets

Donating stocks or appreciated assets such as bonds or mutual funds can be a tax-efficient way to support IEF. When you transfer ownership of securities that have appreciated in value, you may receive a charitable tax deduction for the full market value, while also avoiding capital gains tax that would be due if you sold the assets. This means your donation could be larger than if you sold the assets and donated the after-tax proceeds.



Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as IEF without having to pay income taxes on the money. This is known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution and can satisfy your required minimum distribution, reducing your taxable income. This way of giving can be particularly advantageous if you are looking for a tax-wise way to make a significant impact.



Grants from Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

A Donor-Advised Fund is like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting the charitable organizations you care about. If you have a DAF, you can recommend grants be directed to IEF. This method allows you to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants from the fund over time.

