If you own real estate, there may come a time when you realize you no longer need nor want the property. Selling the property is usually the first idea that comes to mind, but that can feel daunting or cause concern about potential taxes from the sale.

**Real estate can be used to create a significant charitable legacy. It is one of the most beneficial charitable gifts for both the donor and the nonprofit.**

At the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, we’ve been helping Minnesotans make gifts of real estate to support their favorite causes for decades.

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**GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE**

MAKE A GIFT OF CASH OR OTHER ASSETS TO YOUR FUND

YOU MAY RECEIVE A POTENTIAL TAX DEDUCTION AT THE TIME OF YOUR GIFT

RECOMMEND GRANTS TO SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE CAUSES

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**HOW A DONOR ADVISED FUND WORKS**

1. Talk with a Foundation Gift Planner about your charitable goals.
2. Our experienced staff will work with you and your advisors to determine if a gift of real estate is right for you.
3. Establish your own donor advised fund (DAF) and easily transfer the real estate to your DAF, which will then be liquidated tax-free.
4. The resulting cash proceeds are available to grant to the nonprofits of your choice.

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**OUR PROMISE TO YOU**

+ You will be guided each step of the way.
+ You will work with a local partner who will act in your best interest at all times.
+ Your goals are our goals.
+ You will get more than a transaction. You will get a trusted partner in giving.
+ You will work with a local team who knows the community.
How Elaine and John Used Their Lake Home to Establish a Donor Advised Fund

Elaine and John have been visiting their lake home in Northern Minnesota for decades. They’ve enjoyed many happy times there with their children and grandchildren.

Lately, they don’t visit their lake home as often due to advancing age and health issues. Their children do not want the home, and Elaine and John are unsure what to do. If they sell, capital gains taxes would be significant, and they feel sad about selling a place filled with years of happy memories.

They considered donating the property, but want to support several nonprofits—not just one. Their daughter, who is an accountant, told them about donor advised funds. With a donor advised fund, the property can be donated to the fund, sold without capital gains tax, and the proceeds then granted to their favorite nonprofits.

After talking to some friends, they learned that the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation offers donor advised funds and has helped Minnesotans with their charitable giving for over 80 years.

Elaine and John spoke with a Gift Planner and created a donor advised fund and donated their lake home. Foundation staff handled all details of the sale. Now the sales proceeds are available to grant to their favorite causes. They plan to add to their fund with a gift from their estate and involve their children in their giving.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS

- The charitable deduction is based on the fair market value of the real estate on the day of the gift.
- Capital gain is typically avoided when given to a nonprofit.
- The property is sold tax-free by the Foundation and we handle all the details of the sale.
- Real estate can be used to establish many types of gifts, such as a charitable remainder trust or retained life estate.
- Many types of real estate can be donated, such as residential, commercial, vacation, agricultural and rental properties.

Start a conversation with a Gift Planner today.
Call 651.224.5463 or email the team at philanthropy@spmcf.org.