

Retained Life Estates

One way to make a meaningful gift to Spectrum Health Foundation without changing your lifestyle during your retirement years is a gift of a remainder interest in your home. You donate your home to Spectrum Health Foundation, yet retain the right to live there for the rest of your life.

You receive an immediate income tax deduction for the present value of our remainder interest in your home. This can increase your cash flow or help offset taxable distributions from retirement accounts or capital gains tax liabilities.

Your gift will significantly impact Spectrum Health Foundation's ability to care for those in need while also providing you immediate financial benefits - without disrupting your everyday lifestyle.

Example: Mr. Doe, age 80, recently widowed, made a gift of his \$300,000 home to Spectrum Health Foundation and retained the right to continue living there for the rest of his life. Mr. Doe is pleased to know he can immediately benefit from a \$184,479 charitable deduction for the expected value of our remaining interest in his home and still enjoy living there for the remainder of his life. In addition, he has the satisfaction of knowing that the home he and his wife purchased together will eventually become a significant asset to Spectrum Health Foundation, which they have regularly supported through the years.

You will continue to be responsible for the home's ongoing taxes, insurance, structural maintenance and upkeep. Also, we mutually agree upfront about what will occur if you no longer wish to live in the home after you have donated it, or if you become physically unable to continue living there.

Here are some considerations if you are contemplating a gift of your home to Spectrum Health Foundation:

- First, as with all gifts of real estate, we must review and approve the transfer.
- You will need an independent appraisal of your home to establish its value for the deduction.
- If there is a mortgage or lien on our home, it could make the transfer more complex and possibly result in taxable income for you.

Our office will guide you on all these matters in collaboration with you and your advisors.

For more information visit our website at give.spectrumhealth.org/plannedgiving.