

Charitable Lead Trust:

A charitable lead trust is the mirror-image of a charitable remainder trust, in that:

St. Mary's Food Bank receives income for the life of the trust (term-of-years), with the principal reverting to the donor or donor's family at the termination of the trust.

If the principal reverts to the family, then the donor's estate receives a gift tax deduction, which, when combined with any remaining unified credit, will offset the gift tax. This is an excellent way to transfer assets to the family at reduced estate taxes.

If the principal reverts to the donor, then the donor receives an income tax deduction in the year the trust is created.

Important: Please do not change your will, trusts or beneficiary designations without first consulting with a person who is knowledgeable about the relevant areas of estate planning and taxation. St. Mary's Food Bank does not provide legal or tax advice, but we do have trained staff who can work with you and your professional advisors to help you achieve your charitable objectives.

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