



Support the Future of Child Crisis Arizona

Our Mission, Your Impact

Each person's heart is strengthened by the connections they have to the people around them. Each relationship creates a new link from one heart to another. At Child Crisis Arizona, it is our duty to ensure that each child's heart is cared for. With your generosity we are able to help children and youth build the strong connections that they can rely on. Your impact even goes beyond the children and youth we serve every day, ultimately strengthening families and our wider community by protecting the most vulnerable among us.

We cannot thank you enough for your support.

Why We Need Your Help

Our mission is to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect. In times of crisis, we are there to help. When no crisis threatens, we are there to strengthen families, build resiliency and prevent crisis situations. Though we receive some government and grant funding, we rely predominantly on the generosity of our supporters to sustain our urgently needed programs.

"What has kept me involved for so many years is Child Crisis Arizona's ability to adapt and change based on trends in the child welfare system. No matter what, Child Crisis Arizona has continued to answer the call. They've always been incredibly mindful of resources and have continued to make sure funding goes directly toward programs that kids need."

— Becky Burnham
Child Crisis Arizona Supporter



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Safe kids. Strong families.

Our programs include:

Emergency Children's Shelter — We operate shelters for children up to age 10 who have experienced abuse or neglect, which are open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

Group Home & Transition Housing Program for Foster Youth — We operate a group home and independent living for foster youth, ages 10–21.

Foster Care and Adoption — We have one of the largest foster care and adoption programs to license, train and certify individuals and families interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents.

Early Education Services — We operate year-round Early Head Start and Preschool programs in Phoenix and Mesa that serve families living below the Federal Poverty Level.

Counseling — We offer specialized counseling to children who have experienced a variety of challenges as well as support groups, education and clinical support for kinship families.

Family Education — We offer no-cost resources available to anyone through our online parenting classes, workshops, support groups, family events and basic necessities.

How You Can Help

There are many ways to make an immediate impact on our work or to create a legacy of protecting children that will sustain our mission for years to come. Here are some creative gifts to consider, all of which have financial benefits to you or your loved ones:

- Donating appreciated stock
- Transferring gifts from your IRA
- Recommending grants from your donor-advised fund
- Naming Child Crisis Arizona as the beneficiary of a retirement fund, life insurance policy or other account
- Creating a gift in your will that costs you nothing now

We're here to suggest helpful ways you can support our shared mission of protecting children and youth, and strengthening families. We can guide you on many different types of gifts and help you find one that best matches your needs and philanthropic goals.

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Ways to Reduce Estate, Capital Gains, and Income Taxes

A Legacy of Safe Kids and Strong Families with Benefits to You

Supporters of Child Crisis Arizona seek simple yet powerful ways to provide children and youth in Arizona a safe environment, free from abuse and neglect. Here are some smart strategies to maximize your impact and potentially reduce your taxes while strengthening our community.

Using a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

A donor-advised fund is a great tool for extending your giving. You can avoid capital gains by transferring appreciated stock to your donor-advised fund. Or you can bundle multiple years of giving together and transfer the money into your donor-advised fund in one tax year. Doing so may enable you to itemize to reclaim your charitable deduction.

Reducing Taxes with Appreciated Assets

Do you have assets, such as a house or rental property, investment stocks or land, that you no longer need or want? Giving appreciated assets that you've held for more than one year (stocks, real estate, land, etc.) allows you to receive a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the asset and greatly reduces the capital gains taxes you would pay on the appreciated amount.

Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are 70½ years of age or older and have a traditional IRA, you may transfer up to \$100,000 each year (or up to \$200,000 per married couple) to Child Crisis Arizona directly from your IRA.

A Gift of a Life Insurance Policy

Do you have a life insurance policy that has outlasted its original purpose? You can use it (or a percentage of it) to reduce your taxes and create a gift for Child Crisis Arizona.

Gifts by Bequest

If you name Child Crisis Arizona as a beneficiary in your will or living trust, designating the gift of your choice (for example, cash, real estate, personal property or securities), you can maintain complete control of your assets during your lifetime and can save on income taxes, capital gains taxes and estate taxes.

Name Child Crisis Arizona as Your Beneficiary

It's simple — request a change of beneficiary form from the company holding your assets (for example, your IRAs, 401(k) and other retirement plans, bank accounts, commercial annuities, life insurance policies and other assets) and include Child Crisis Arizona as a full or partial beneficiary. By doing so, you can reduce income taxes and possibly estate taxes for your loved ones.

Charitable Gift Annuity

You make an irrevocable donation to Child Crisis Arizona and receive fixed and guaranteed annual payments for the rest of your life at an attractive rate as well as an income tax deduction. You may also realize capital gains tax savings on gift annuities funded with stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have appreciated in value.

Charitable Remainder Unitrusts and Annuity Trusts

Charitable remainder unitrusts pay out a percentage of trust assets, resulting in income payments that rise or fall depending on the assets' annual value. Charitable remainder annuity trusts work similarly but pay out a fixed amount each year. You may receive an even greater income tax deduction or tax-free growth if using a deferred charitable remainder trust.

As you consider your role in ensuring a bright future for vulnerable children, youth and families in our community, we strongly recommend consulting with your financial advisor and our team to discover the best tax-wise giving strategies for you.

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How to Create or Update Your Estate Plans

Planning ahead keeps you in control. But where and how should you start your estate planning? Or do you need to update an existing plan? This guide offers you tips on how to organize your plans and make sure they are up to date with your current life situation.

How Do I Start An Estate Plan?

- Make a list of everything you own — such as real estate, bank and investment accounts, retirement accounts, life insurance, personal collections, jewelry, cars and boats. Nothing is too trivial!
- Decide who will receive your assets — your family, other loved ones and the causes you care about supporting.
- Choose a qualified guardian for your minor children and name that person in your will.
- Depending on whether you have a will or living trust, choose your executor or successor trustee, who will be responsible for seeing that the terms of your will or living trust are completed properly.
- Execute powers of attorney that name the person(s) who will make healthcare and financial decisions for you if you become unable to do so.
- Appoint a healthcare agent to make end of life decisions for you if you become unable to do so.
- Consult with an attorney who specializes in estate planning, who will create or advise you in creating a will or living trust and other necessary estate documents.

When Should I Revisit a Plan?

Reasons you may want to review and possibly revise your estate plan include:

- Family members passing away
- Your wishes changing
- New federal and state laws
- New family members are born or adopted.
- You marry, divorce or remarry
- Your children achieve financial independence/marry
- Change in guardians, executors or trustees
- The value of your assets increases or decreases substantially
- You acquire or lose a significant asset
- You have not revisited your estate plan in three to five years
- You have moved to a new state
- Your health status has changed jobs

If you checked any of the above scenarios, it is a good time to update your plan.



“The opportunity to help abused and neglected children and families in need is one we all must take seriously if we want our state to be a positive place to live. Protecting children and creating strong families is vital to a healthy community and vibrant economy.”

— Byron Sarhangian, Child Crisis Arizona Supporter

Your Support Is Critical

As you create or update your plans, we hope that you will consider leaving a legacy of safe kids and strong families through Child Crisis Arizona. We provide emergency shelter, foster care, adoption, counseling, early education and parenting support services to Arizona's most vulnerable children, youth and families. This work becomes part of your life story when you make a legacy gift to Child Crisis Arizona.

If you'd like to continue your support for Child Crisis Arizona by making a gift in your will or trust, please consider using the following language:

"I give to Child Crisis Arizona, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 817 N. Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201, or its successor thereto, _____ *
[written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

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