Advantages of Beneficiary Designation Gifts

- **Revocable** - You can modify or revoke the beneficiary designations at any time during your lifetime.

- **Avoid Probate** - Gifting assets via a beneficiary designation will avoid the probate process.

- **Easy to Do** - Simply fill out a brief beneficiary designation form provided by the plan or account administrator. (You will need the legal name and tax ID number of our organization).

- **Tax Savings** - By making a gift of your retirement plan to our organization, your estate will receive a 100% charitable deduction, thereby saving estate taxes, and will avoid the income taxes on those assets. By comparison, if your estate were subject to the estate tax, your retirement plan would be subject to estate taxes, and if you left your retirement plan to children or grandchildren, those assets would result in substantial income taxes. From a tax perspective, your retirement plan is a “good” asset to leave to charity and can be a “bad” asset to leave to family.

- **Inexpensive** - In most cases, there is no need to amend your will or trust, thus saving legal fees.

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**A BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION GIFT TO IMPACT OUR WORK**

Etta and her late husband Luther had been longtime supporters of our organization. She had been thinking about how she could make a significant gift to support our work. She met with her attorney to explain her goals and describe her assets. Originally, she thought about leaving her IRA to her kids and other assets to charity.

Her attorney suggested a different strategy. He explained that if her children inherited the IRA, the estate would pay estate taxes, and her children would pay income taxes on the IRA. But, by giving the IRA to charity and other assets to her children, Maria could still provide a nice inheritance to her children while avoiding the income tax!

Etta contacted her IRA custodian, who sent her an IRA beneficiary designation form. She completed the form, named our organization as the primary beneficiary of her IRA and mailed the form back. Etta was thrilled with the plan.