

Ways to Give

Unrestricted donations are greatly appreciated and are used where the need is greatest. If you wish to designate your gifts to a specific program or need, you have the option to do so.

There are a number of ways you can make a gift to ESC Foundation:

Credit card - If you would like to make a donation using your credit card, [please click here to use our secure online form](#) or [email Bill Tanner](#), Executive Director of Fund Development.

Cash – An outright gift of cash in the form of a check is the simplest method of giving. It is not subject to gift or estate taxes, and you can deduct the gift amount from your federal income tax return, up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Should the gift total exceed the gift ceiling for one year, you can carry over the remaining deduction to succeeding tax years until it's exhausted, or for up to five years, whichever comes first. Please send your check made payable to ESC Foundation to the following address:

Episcopal Senior Communities Foundation
2185 N. California Blvd., Suite 575
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Actual cash gifts are of course welcomed, but due to inherent accountability problems, cash is not encouraged. Therefore, please do not send cash in the mail and always request a written receipt when giving cash to any ESC Foundation or Episcopal Senior Communities employee.

Will – By remembering ESC Foundation with a bequest in your will or living trust, you can have an impact on the mission of Episcopal Senior Communities that goes beyond your lifetime. For information on the several types of bequests or for specific wording, please call our office.

Life Income Gifts – Life income gifts allow you to give and receive at the same time. These types of gifts include pooled income funds, charitable trusts, and gift annuities. A major benefit of each is that they allow you to bypass capital gain taxes when you sell appreciated assets, obtain significant tax deductions, and receive lifetime income. Learn more about [Life Income Planned Giving](#).

Almost any type of asset can be used to fund a life income gift but it is best to consult with our office for advice on which kind of asset works best with the various life income gift arrangements available.

Securities – Gifts of securities are deductible up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income, with the five-year carry-over option. With certain limitations, you can deduct the full fair market value of long-term appreciated securities.

Tribute/Memorial Gifts – Gifts in honor of an individual or in recognition of a special occasion or in memory of a family member or friend express what words alone cannot.

Matching gifts – Many employers have matching gift programs through which your generosity to ESC Foundation can be multiplied. As a non-profit organization, ESC Foundation is eligible for many matching-gift programs from corporations, foundations, and other organizations.