

## **Gift Annuity Essentials**



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## Agenda

- Tax Aspects
- Gift Annuity Rates
- State Regulation
- Applications
- Program Operation
- Marketing
- Controlling Risk



## **Charitable Gift Annuity**

- Donor irrevocably transfers cash or property to charity
- Charity pays fixed amount to one or two annuitants for life
- Rate based on age(s) of annuitant(s)
- Unlimited obligation of charity
- What remains at death ("residuum") goes to the charity



## **Charitable Gift Annuity**

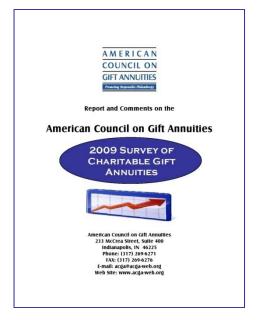




#### **Facts About Gift Annuities**

## According to 2009 or 2013 ACGA surveys:

- Average gift \$43,371\*
- Average age of annuitants 79\*\*
- 57% of annuitants are female\*\*
- 12% of annuities are deferred\*\*
  - additional 1% are flexible deferred\*\*



<sup>\* 2009</sup> ACGA Survey

<sup>\*\* 2013</sup> ACGA Survey



#### **Profiles of Donors**

- Immediate gift annuities:
  - Attractive to those mid-70s and older
  - Retired
  - Fiscally conservative, uncomfortable with debt
  - Not wealthy or don't think they are
  - Annual fund donors, usually very low amounts
  - Worried about outliving their resources
  - Often single (widowed)



#### **Profiles of Donors**

- Deferred gift annuities
  - Mid-50s to mid-60s (per ACGA 2013, 73% are 70 or younger)
  - Want supplemental retirement plan
  - Deduction now, income later
- Flexible deferred gift annuities
  - Similar profile to DGAs
  - Not sure when will retire/want income to start
- Annuity for someone else
  - Elderly parent, sibling, child, employee



## Gift Annuity Charitable Deduction

- Deduction computed indirectly
- Present value of payments subtracted from gift
- Difference equals charitable deduction
- Present value of payments = purchase price of annuity



## **Gift Annuity Charitable Deduction**

Example: Ms. Palmer, age 74, \$100,000 cash donation,

5.7% annuity, 2.2% discount rate

Present value of annuity	Gift value (deduction)
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
\$56,552	\$43,448



## Gift Annuity Charitable Deduction

## Present value of annuity payments based on:

- Value of property contributed
- Age of annuitant
- Annuity rate
- Payment frequency
- IRS discount rate
- IRS mortality table (2000CM)



## **Deduction Comparison: Payment Frequency**

- Single annuitant, age 74, annuity rate 5.7%, \$100,000 contribution, discount rate 2.2%.
- Deduction amount when payments are:

Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-Annual	Annual
\$ 43,347	\$ 43,448	\$ 43,599	\$43,908

 The more frequent the payments, the lower the deduction (the higher the present value of the payments); effect is minor



## **Deduction Comparison: IRS Discount Rate**

- Single annuitant, age 74, annuity rate 5.7%, \$100,000 contribution, quarterly payments.
- Deduction amount when discount rate is:

1.2 %	2.2 %	3.2 %	4.2 %	5.2%
\$ 39,149	\$ 43,488	\$ 47,252	\$ 50,632	\$ 53,649

 The lower the discount rate, the lower the deduction (the higher the present value of the payments); effect is significant



## **Taxation of Payments: Gift of Cash**

- Bargain sale
  - Part sale (purchase), part donation
- Purchase price returned pro-rata over life expectancy
- Tax-free portion of payment = return of purchase price
- Balance of payments is ordinary income



## **Taxation of Payments: Gift of Cash**

Example: Ms. Palmer, age 74, \$100,000 cash donation,

5.7% annuity, 2.2% discount rate

- Present value of annuity payments = \$56,552
- Returned over life expectancy of 13.1 years
- Taxation of payments:

Tax-free is  $$56,552 \div 13.1 = $4,315$ 

Ordinary income is \$5,700 - \$4,315 = \$1,385



## **Taxation: Gift of Appreciated Property**

- Portion of stock is gift to charity
- Portion of stock used to "purchase" annuity
- Cost basis and capital gain allocated to both portions
- If donor is annuitant, gain attributable to purchase price returned pro-rata over life expectancy



## **Taxation: Gift of Appreciated Property**

Example: Ms. Palmer, age 74, \$100,000 stock donation, \$40,000 cost basis, 5.7% annuity, 2.2% discount rate

Present Value of Annuity \$56,552		Gift value (deduction) \$43,448	
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>D</b>
\$22,621	\$33,931	\$17,379	\$26,069

A and C reflect cost basis; B and D reflect gain



## **Taxation: Gift of Appreciated Property**

- Present value of annuity payments = \$56,552
   Cost basis: \$22,621; Gain: \$33,931
- Returned over life expectancy of 13.1 years
- Taxation of \$5,700 annual payment:

Tax-free is  $$22,621 \div 13.1 = $1,726$ 

Capital gain is  $$33,931 \div 13.1 = $2,589$ 

Ordinary income is \$5,700 - \$4,315 = \$1,385



## Tax-free Portion of Payment: IRS Discount Rate

- Single annuitant, age 74, annuity rate 5.7%, \$100,000 contribution, quarterly payments
- Deduction amount/tax-free portion when discount rate is:

1.2 %	2.2 %	3.2 %	4.2 %	5.2%
\$ 39,149	\$ 43,488	\$ 47,252	\$ 50,632	\$ 53,649
\$4,646	\$4,315	\$4,024	\$3,768	\$3,540

The lower the discount rate, the lower the deduction –
 but the higher the tax-free portion

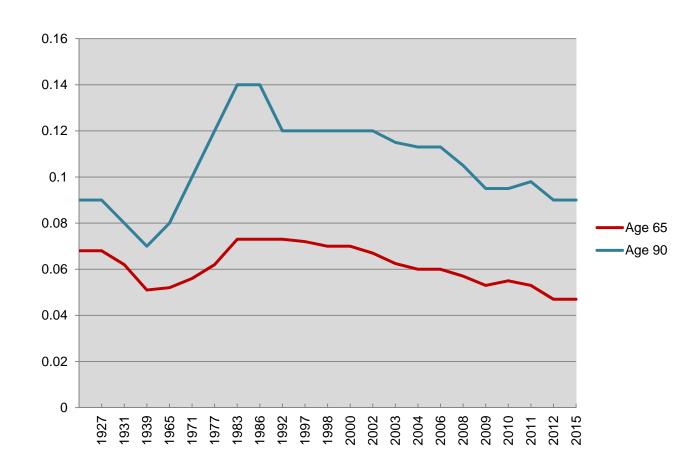


## **Gift Annuity Rates**

- Suggested by the American Council on Gift Annuities (ACGA) since 1927
- Rates reviewed annually
- Emergency rate changes
- Current rates became effective January 1, 2012



## **Historical Gift Annuity Rates**





## **ACGA Rate Assumptions**

- 50% residuum, 20% present value
- Mortality (Annuity 2000 table)
- Net return of 3.25%
- Adjustments for younger and older ages



## **Deferred Gift Annuity Rates**

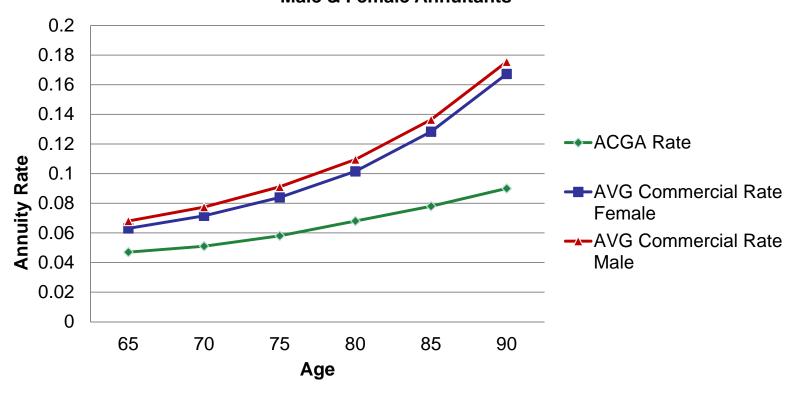
#### Calculation:

- Immediate annuity rate at date of first payment
- 3.25% annual compounding for length of deferral period (gift date to annuity start date)
- Interest factor x immediate gift annuity rate = deferred annuity rate



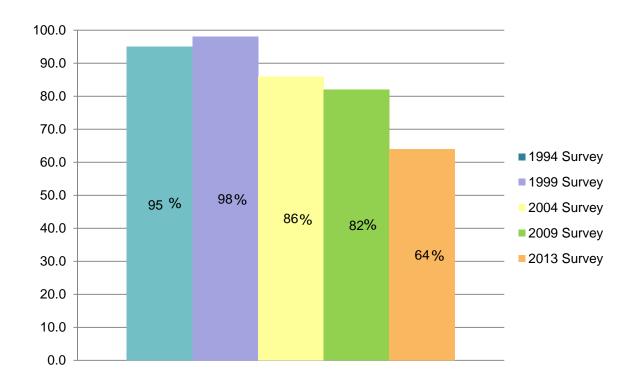
# Rates Comparison ACGA vs. Commercial (One-life)

## Comparison of ACGA and Commerical Rates One-Life Annuity Male & Female Annuitants





# Comparison of Median Residuum (based on ACGA Survey results)





## **Federal and State Regulations**

#### Federal

- Disclosure statement (Philanthropy Protection Act)
- Forms 1099-R and 1096

#### State

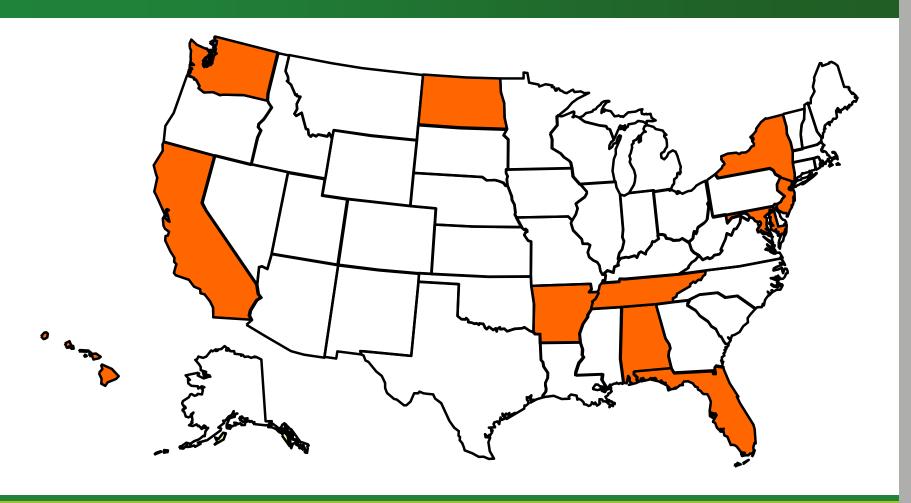
- Charity subject to laws of states where it markets and issues gift annuities
- If donor moves, does not subject charity to new state's laws



## **States With Significant Regulation**



= Reserves, Annual Reporting, or Detailed Application





## **Common Gift Annuity Scenarios**

- Funded with cash or publicly-traded securities
- One donor, who is also the annuitant
- Couple, who contribute jointly-owned or community property for a joint-and-survivor annuity



## Gift Annuity Funded with Cash

- Ms Sylvester, age 75
  - \$50,000 invested in CDs
  - 2 percent interest
  - \$720 after-tax income

- \$50,000 gift annuity
  - \$2,900 before-tax income
  - \$2,708 after-tax income

## Comparison of Cash Flow from \$50,000 Cash

Prior to the Gift:	
Interest (2%)	\$1,000
Income tax on interest (28% rate)	(\$280)
Net spendable	\$720
After the Gift:	
Annual payment	\$2,900
Ordinary income	\$684
Tax-free	\$2,216
Income tax (28% x \$684)	(\$192)
Net spendable	\$2,708



## Gift Annuity Funded with Stock

- Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, 79 and 76
  - Stock, value of \$50,000 and cost of \$20,000
  - 3 percent dividend
  - \$1,275 after-tax income
- \$50,000 two life gift annuity
  - \$2,650 before-tax income
  - \$2,264 after-tax income



## Comparison of Cash Flow from \$50,000 Stock

Prior to the Gift:	
Dividends	\$1,500
Income tax on dividends (15% rate)	(\$225)
Net spendable	\$1,275
After the Gift:	
Annual payment	\$2,650
Ordinary Income	\$615
Long-term capital gain	\$1,221
Tax-free	\$814
Income tax (33% x \$525, plus 15% x \$1,880)	(\$386)
Net spendable	\$2,264



## **Deferred Annuity as Supplemental Pension**

### Dr. Hecht, age 50

- \$50,000 deferred annuity
- Payments to begin at 65
  - Immediate rate for age 65 = 4.7%
  - Deferred rate = 7.6% (compounded for 15 years)
- \$3,800 annuity payment beginning in 2031
  - Tax-free = \$1,710
  - Ordinary income = \$2,090
- Charitable deduction = \$15,986



## Flexible Deferred Annuity as Supplemental Pension

What if Dr. Hecht is unsure when he wants to start receiving payments?

- \$50,000 flexible deferred annuity
- Payments may begin early as 60 or late as 75
  - Annuity if payments start at 60: \$3,050 (6.1%), \$1,571 tax-free
  - Annuity if payments start at 75: \$6,450 (12.9%), \$3,051 tax-free
- Charitable deduction = \$12,156 (compare to \$15,986 if deferred to 65 with no flexibility)



## **Controlling Gift Annuity Risk**

- Offer gift annuities only if charity financially sound
- Do not exceed ACGA rates
- Do not offer annuities to young annuitants (Under age 60 for immediate annuities)
- Do not accept gifts below prudent minimums (Under \$10,000)



#### Conclusion

#### Gift Annuities:

- Popular with donors
- Can be beneficial to a charity
- Require sound policies and good administration
- Should be marketed actively



## **Questions and Answers**





#### **Still Have a Question?**

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