



WELS Foundation exists to help members leave a monument of their faith, which will be a blessing for years to come. One of the ways that God's people can leave a legacy of faith is through the use of a **charitable gift annuity**.

# WHAT'S A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

- A donor makes a gift of cash or securities to WELS Foundation.
- 2 The donor receives fixed income payments for life and a charitable income tax deduction.
- 3 After the Lord calls the donor home, the remainder is distributed to the ministry or ministries that were chosen by the donor.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Potential income tax and capital gains tax benefits
- Fixed income payments for life
- Support of ministry after the donor is called home to heaven

#### WHAT ARE THE FEATURES?

- Gift size: minimum of \$10,000
- Can be funded with cash, stocks, bonds, or mutual funds

WELS Foundation currently administers 642 charitable gift annuities valued at \$12.6 million for the benefit of WELS donors and WELS ministries.

## MARTA'S STORY: A LIFE OF QUIET AND FAITHFUL GENEROSITY

WELS members Marta\* and Tom\* met in Germany at the end of World War II. Marta was a German citizen fleeing the Nazis and Tom was a U.S. soldier. After marrying, the couple lived in the U.S., where Marta taught high school German and Tom worked in real estate. With the Lord's blessing, they saved and invested, and their wealth increased. After Tom died, Marta carefully managed her assets. Part of that was setting up a charitable gift annuity through WELS Foundation. This charitable gift annuity provided Marta an income for life, and when she went home to heaven, the remainder benefited a number of WELS ministries that she cared about. This hardworking, unassuming, faithful woman knew that all she had was a gift from God, and that the only lasting difference she could make would be investing in heavenly treasures: supporting gospel work to bring more people to heaven.

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