

Annual Fund

Making a donation of cash is as simple as writing a check or authorizing a charge on your credit card. By clicking on the 'Donate Now' button you can authorize a charge to your account. If writing a check, simply mail to: 1311 N. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48602. If making a cash donation, please deliver in person.

Become a Take a Stand for Children Society Member

Make your decision to give a simple one. Pledge at least \$500 per year for a minimum of 5 years. You will help us plan for the future and you will not be solicited by the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region to give. Please contact Abby Scherzer for your pledge form.

Bequests and Other Planned Giving

You may want to leave a bequest (a gift through your will or a living trust). Click here for more information on Bequests and Other Planned Giving.

Memorial or Honorarium

Honor the memory of a deceased relative, friend or business acquaintance by making a donation in his/her name. A tasteful card will be mailed to the family and a donor acknowledgment will be mailed to you. How about giving a gift to honor the living as well – birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays are perfect opportunities to make a gift to honor a special person in your life.

Gifts of Assets

Donate jewelry, antiques, art, or vehicles you no longer value or have an interest in. The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region will liquidate these assets and use the funds to support our programming.

Become a Corporate Sponsor

If you are a business owner and would like to increase your community visibility, become a sponsor for our annual auction, golf outing, wine event, trivia contest, or other special event. Many times these sponsorships include perks such as tickets and/or advertising.

Workplace and Matching Gift

Find out if your company participates in a matching gift program. Many companies encourage employees to donate to their favorite charities by matching their contributions. Some companies may even match gifts made by retirees or spouses of employees. Request a matching gift form and program guidelines from your employer. Complete the 'Employee' section of the form, make your contribution and send it to the attention of Laura Kelley, CAN

Council Great Lakes Bay Region, 1311 N. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48602. We will complete the form and forward it to your employer's matching gifts office for processing.

Auction Items

Our annual auction in Saginaw County and our Wines Around the World event for Bay County are our largest fundraising activities. Consider donating an item for auction and make plans to attend the event. Donations of other new items can be utilized in our golf outing and other special events.

Volunteer

The investment of your time and talents is an invaluable asset for the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region. [Click here to complete a volunteer application.](#)

BEQUESTS AND OTHER PLANNED GIVING

In addition to the satisfaction that comes from knowing you have supported the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region and its mission, the best gifts can be planned to improve your financial and tax situation:

- Income Tax Deductions
- Reduction of Capital Gains Tax
- Asset Management
- Potential for Ongoing Income

Bequests

Leave a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to us through your will or living trust. If you are considering making a gift by bequest, please meet with your attorney to discuss the ramifications and, if appropriate, to update your will.

Gifts of Securities

Stock that has increased in value is one of the most popular assets used for charitable giving, once it has been held for a minimum of a year.

Retirement Account

You can make a lasting impact on children by naming the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region as beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or other retirement account. Please consult with your financial planner or attorney regarding considerations when making this type of gift.

Insurance Policies

Life insurance may be used to create a legacy by naming the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region as beneficiary or contingent beneficiary of your policy. This requires that you complete a change of beneficiary form with your insurance company for an existing policy or name us as the beneficiary of a new policy. This is a relatively inexpensive way to give a larger donation. You do not have to work with an attorney or an accountant to make this type of gift.

Gifts of Real Estate

Using real estate, such as your house, farm or commercial property, to fund a gift allows you to preserve your cash assets, receive significant tax and income advantages, and make a larger charitable gift than anticipated. Gifts of this type include: Charitable Gift Annuity (receive a fixed annuity payment each year for life); Charitable Remainder Trust (increase your income, reduce your taxes, unlock appreciated investments, rid you of investment worries and ultimately provide very important support); Charitable Lead Trust (fund a trust that provides payments to the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region for a term of years and then pays the balance to your family members). Please consult with your financial planner or attorney regarding considerations when making these types of gifts.

Gifts of Savings Bonds

A major asset that may have stopped appreciating in value and now is collecting dust—an easy, painless way to give.