

# Planned Giving

## Charitable Lead Trusts



The Michigan Chapter wants you to know that there is a way to make a charitable gift using funds that will eventually be returned to you or your loved ones. This is a wonderful solution and remarkably, such a plan exists. It is known as a charitable lead trust.

A charitable lead trust can be used to achieve what might at first seem to be conflicting goals. Consider the benefits of a charitable lead trust for you as the donor and the Michigan Chapter:

- You can make a significant gift of income to help the Michigan Chapter continue to meet their tri-fold mission of support, education and research
- Such a gift can serve to reduce or eliminate income, estate, and gift taxes now and in future years as well for you as the donor.
- A charitable lead trust can be a great way to fulfill a multi-year pledge to help the Michigan Chapter continue its mission for future years.
- Your gift can be part of a plan that helps assure future economic security for you and your loved ones.
- You may be able to provide your heirs with a larger inheritance than would otherwise be possible.

There are other gift plans that feature annual income for you or others you choose. Under such plans, when income ceases, any remaining funds are transferred to the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter. Under the terms of a charitable lead trust, however, the Michigan Chapter receives a gift in the form of payments from the trust that begin immediately and last for a period of time you determine. At the end of that time period, assets remaining in the trust are returned to you or others you designate. One result can be to provide an inheritance for loved ones at little or no after-tax cost.

As you can see, the charitable lead trust can be an especially attractive way to meet multiple personal and charitable planning goals.

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