Gift Acceptance Policy
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I. Purpose

The purpose of the gift acceptance policy is to advance the Foundation’s mission of connecting donor interests to community needs and opportunities utilizing community knowledge and leadership. By providing guidelines for negotiating and accepting various types of gifts for different types of funds, policies are designed to serve the best interests of the Foundation, donors who support the Foundation’s programs through charitable gifts, and a healthy and caring community. Policies are established to assure that each gift to the Foundation is structured to provide maximum benefits to the community, the donor, the Foundation and the beneficiaries of the Foundation’s charitable programs and activities.

II. Scope

These policies address both current and deferred gifts, with an emphasis on specific types of deferred gifts and gifts of non-cash property. The goal is to encourage financial support for the Foundation without encumbering it with gifts which either generate more cost than benefit, or which may be restricted in a manner that is not in keeping with the Foundation’s charitable purposes or applicable laws governing charitable gifts. These policies also describe the types of funds that the Foundation maintains.

III. Ethical Standards in Dealing with Donors

Every person acting for or on the Foundation’s behalf shall adhere to those standards set forth in A Donor Bill of Rights and the Model Standards of Practice for the Charitable Gift Planner (both available upon request).

The Foundation is committed to the highest ethical standards of philanthropy and development. In all transactions between potential donors and the Foundation, the Foundation will aspire to provide accurate information and full disclosure of the benefits and liabilities that could influence a donor’s decision, including with respect to the Foundation’s fees, the irrevocability of a gift, prohibitions on donor restrictions, items that are subject to variability (such as market value, investment return, and income yield), the Foundation’s responsibility to provide periodic financial statements with regard to donor funds, and investment policies and other information needed by donors to make an informed choice about using the Foundation as a vehicle of charitable gifts. In addition, all donors will be strongly encouraged to discuss their gifts with their own financial and tax advisors before signing any gift agreement. The role of the Foundation’s staff is to inform, guide, and assist the donor in fulfilling his or her philanthropic goals, without pressure or undue influence.

The Foundation recognizes the paramount role of donors and their gifts to the Foundation in executing its charitable mission. In carrying out the Foundation’s development program, staff will recognize and acknowledge donors in appropriate ways, both publicly and privately, subject to the Foundation’s Policy on Confidentiality. Donors reserve the freedom to determine the degree and type of recognition that they prefer and the Foundation respects the confidentiality of donors who do not wish to be publicly recognized.

IV. Funds

The Foundation offers several different types of funds. These include:

Agency Funds. These funds are established by 501(c)(3) organizations. Contributions from many different donors are collected and invested with the Foundation. Distributions are granted to support the programs or operations of the organization. Funds may be named in honor of an individual, family, organization or business.
Designated Funds. There are two types of designated funds. A donor may specifically assign a non-profit organization to benefit from the fund. Alternatively, the donor may elect to support a particular area of community life such as the arts, education, health care, seniors or youth. The Foundation actively searches for worthy projects within the defined field of interest and offers grants or awards only to those organizations or projects that fulfill the mission and the intent of the donor’s field of interest. Other donors can designate that contributions be deposited to any designated fund. If the donor’s designated organization ceases to exist or ceases to deliver services that the fund was designated to support, the Foundation will seek alternatives to carry out the donor’s intentions and desires. Funds can be named in honor of an individual, family, organization or business.

Designated Non-Permanent Funds. When individuals or groups join together on a grassroots project for the community, they may come to the Foundation so their project is eligible to accept tax-deductible donations. The Foundation is not able to accept every proposed project. If a project is accepted, a Designated Non-Permanent Fund Agreement and Fiscal Sponsorship Operating Agreement will be executed.

Donor Advised Funds. With this type of fund, donors can consolidate their charitable giving into one invested fund. Donors receive a tax deduction for contributions to the fund. Once the fund is established, donors may recommend grants be made to any 501(c)(3) public charity. Grants are made from the fund with the approval of the Foundation Board in the name of the fund and the donor receives recognition for the gift. Funds may be named in honor of an individual, family, organization or business.

Scholarship Funds. A scholarship fund allows donors to help deserving students further their education. Donors may designate any level of education from preschool to postgraduate work as well as a field of study and eligibility requirements. Funds may be named in honor of an individual, family, organization or business.

Testamentary Funds. These funds are established by individuals who wish to create a charitable legacy for the community via a planned gift through their estate. These funds will be administered according to the guidelines specified in the donor’s Will or trust agreement. Funds may be named in honor of an individual, family, organization or business.

Unrestricted Funds. Unrestricted funds are essential to building a flexible and responsible community endowment that can respond to changing and emerging needs. These funds enable the Foundation to make grants to a variety of community organizations, programs and services. Unrestricted funds are established without designation as to how the contributions and/or earnings will be spent. The Foundation Board determines how the fund can most effectively meet the community’s most pressing needs. Funds may be named in honor of an individual, family, organization or business.

Endowed & Non-Endowed Funds. Any of the preceding funds may be established as endowed or non-endowed.

Non-endowed funds are ideal for those who want to support a specific purpose and are not interested in a fund in perpetuity or for a long duration. Non-endowed funds often receive donations from multiple donors, including the general public. Contributions to non-endowed funds are generally held for a relatively short period of time and are used to support a specific project. However, non-endowed funds may also be unrestricted and used where they are needed the most.

Endowed funds are designed to invest a gift and generate spendable resources either in perpetuity or for an extended period of time. There are two types of endowed funds – permanent endowment and quasi-endowment. In the case of planned gifts, the Donor’s Will or trust agreement is the governing agreement.
In order for a fund to be treated as a permanent endowment, the donor must specifically designate that a gift is to be held and administered by the Foundation as a permanent endowment. In the case of a true permanent endowment, distributions are limited to income and cannot be made from principal and the fund balance can never be less than the original principal amount. If the fund balance is less than the original principal amount as a result of market fluctuations or for any other reason, no distributions can be made from the fund until such time as the fund is once again in excess of the original principal amount.

In the absence of a donor designation, monies received by the Foundation will be treated as a quasi-endowment or as a non-permanent fund. A quasi-endowment is treated as a true endowment for investment purposes, but is not legally restricted as such. Distributions from a quasi-endowment will generally be limited to annual amounts determined in accordance with the Foundation Board’s spending policy. Spending of the principal of a quasi-endowment requires Foundation Board or donor authorization.

V. Variance Power

If a time comes when a fund no longer serves its original purpose for whatever reason, the Foundation may address this situation through its variance power. This power gives the Foundation’s board the ability to make changes to a fund when its purpose is no longer necessary, can no longer be fulfilled or has become inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community. This power to update funds helps protect donors by avoiding the need for complex and costly legal proceedings. The following language is included in the Foundation’s Fund Agreement and gives the Foundation variance power:

This Fund is a component fund of the Foundation and its assets are assets of the Foundation and not a separate trust. The Fund is subject to the Foundation’s governing instruments including the Foundation’s power to modify any restriction or condition on the distribution of funds for any specified charitable purposes or to specified charitable purposes or to specified organizations if in the sole judgment of the governing body (without the necessity of the approval of any participating trustee, custodian, or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community or area served. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the status of the Foundation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and as an organization which is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Code. This Agreement shall be interpreted to conform to the requirements of the foregoing provisions of the federal tax laws and any regulations issued pursuant thereto. The Foundation is authorized to amend this Agreement to conform to the provisions of any applicable law or government regulation in order to carry out the purposes of this Fund. References herein to provisions to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be deemed references to the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue Code.

If no grants have been made from or donations made to the Fund during an eighteen month period, the assets of the Fund may be transferred at the discretion of the Foundation to another purpose consistent with the purposes of the Foundation as set forth in its Bylaws.

VI. Authority to Accept Gifts

Acceptance by Officers & Designated Employees. Any of the Foundation’s officers or employees designated by the Foundation’s Executive Committee may accept, for and on the Foundation’s behalf, any of the following:

- Cash
- Checks
Acceptance by Executive Committee. All other gifts, including those listed below, will require review and, if appropriate, approval by the Foundation’s Executive Committee. The following gifts require the Committee’s review and approval:

- Marketable securities
- Closely-held and S corporation stock
- Partnership interests
- Limited liability company interests
- Accounts receivable (e.g., gifts of loans, notes, mortgages)
- Real property
- Gifts of intellectual property, mineral reserves, precious metals
- Artwork, coin collections, jewelry, etc.
- Life insurance policies

Emergency Gifts. Notwithstanding the Executive Committee’s authority above, gifts requiring immediate action (such as gifts in late December) may be exempted from full Committee review if, in the President’s judgment, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, that gift may be accepted without in any way jeopardizing the Foundation’s exempt status.

Timing of Review. Gifts requiring Committee review will be handled promptly. Foundation staff will immediately notify donors if a gift is not accepted.

VII. Authority to negotiate and sign gift agreements

Subject to the Executive Committee’s review and approval authority, the Foundation’s President, will have the authority to handle inquiries, negotiate with donors, assemble documentation, retain expert and technical consultants, and execute agreements on the Foundation’s behalf.

VIII. Purpose of gifts

The purpose of each gift to the Foundation must fall within the Foundation’s broad charitable purposes. The Foundation cannot accept any gift that will be directly or indirectly subject to any material restriction or condition by the donor that prevents the Foundation from freely and effectively employing the gift assets or the income from such assets to further its charitable purposes. In addition, the Foundation reserves the right to reject any gift that might place the other assets of the Foundation at risk or that is not readily convertible into assets that fall within the Foundation’s investment guidelines. The Foundation may also decline a gift if it is not able to administer the terms of the gift in accordance with the donor’s wishes.

IX. Minimum gifts

Subject to the policies set forth in this document, the Foundation may accept gifts to existing funds of any size. The minimum gift for a new unrestricted or donor advised fund is $10,000, and that minimum level must be maintained. A gift of least $25,000.00 is required in order to establish an endowed fund.

A new fund may be established with a lower minimum if the donor arranges regular payments to bring the fund to the minimum level within a reasonable time frame. No grants may be made from any fund until the minimum is reached.

Exceptions are subject to the approval of the Foundation's Board or its Executive Committee.

X. Investment of gifts

The Foundation reserves the right to make any or all investment decisions regarding gifts to it in accordance with its Investment Policy, as amended from time to time. In making a gift to the Foundation, the donor gives up all rights, title
and interest to the assets contributed. In particular, the donor relinquishes the right to choose investments and investment managers, brokers, or to veto investment choices for the contributed assets.

However, when the size of a fund warrants separate investment consideration, and when otherwise permitted by law, the Foundation will endeavor to accommodate requests from donors for separate investment of fund assets, or use a particular investment manager, broker or agent in accordance with the Foundation’s Investment Policy, and may consult with donors on investment options for such fund.

**XI. Costs of accepting and administering gifts**

Generally, costs associated with the acceptance of a gift, such as the donor’s attorneys’ fees, accounting fees, and appraisal and escrow fees, are borne by the donor. The direct costs of administering gifts are generally paid out of the assets of the individual funds. Custodial, investment and administrative fees are paid from the respective funds in accordance with the Foundation’s guidelines and fee schedules in effect at the time of assessment. The Foundation reserves the right to assess a set-up fee.

**XII. Fundraising by donors**

Because the Foundation is legally responsible for all fundraising undertaken on its behalf, fundraising undertaken by donors in connection with funds of the Foundation must be approved in advance by the Foundation pursuant to the Foundation’s policy on fundraising by donors. All such fundraising activities are also subject the Foundation’s supervision.

**XIII. Excess business holdings**

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 amended section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code to limit ownership of closely-held business interests in a donor advised fund. A fund’s holdings, together with the holdings of disqualified persons (donor, advisor, members of their families and businesses they control) may not exceed any of the following:

- 20% of the voting stock of an incorporated business;
- 20% of the profits interest of a partnership, joint venture, or the beneficial interest in a trust or similar entity;
- Any interest in a sole proprietorship.

These limitations do not apply if the donor advised fund holds an interest that does not exceed two percent of the voting stock and two percent of the value of the business.

Donor advised funds receiving gifts of interests in a business enterprise have five years from the receipt of the interest to divest holdings that are above the permitted amount, with the possibility of an additional five years if approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. To prevent a violation of these rules, it is the Foundation’s policy is to divest itself of such holdings within five years from the date the Foundation acquired the asset. If that is not possible, the asset will be transferred to a new or existing fund that is not an advised fund.

**XIV. Illiquid assets**

The Foundation’s general policy is to liquidate all gifts promptly. On occasion, the Executive Committee may decide that it will not liquidate certain gifts immediately. Factors the Committee will consider include:

- Market conditions – a gift may be retained for a reasonable period of time if the likely sales price would be substantially less than the asset’s real value. Similarly, a large block of stock might be sold over a period of time in order not to artificially depress the price.
• Use by the foundation – the Foundation may elect to keep gifts that it will employ directly in furtherance of its exempt purposes. For example, the Foundation might keep real property that it will use as its offices.
• Desirability as an investment – on rare occasions, the Foundation may be given property that it wishes to retain as an investment. Considerations in this decision include the projected return and how the asset fits into the Foundation’s investment portfolio.

If a fund’s illiquid assets do not generate a sufficient return to permit grant making that is consistent with the assets’ value, the Foundation will seek an additional gift of cash or marketable securities to allow the fund to begin making distributions.

XV. DEFERRED GIFTS & PLANNED GIVING.

These are gifts whose benefit does not fully accrue to the Foundation until some future time, or whose benefits are split with non-charitable beneficiaries. Foundation representatives are authorized to solicit direct charitable gifts through wills, as well as contributions to establish gift annuities or charitable trusts. The Foundation will work closely with donors and confer with financial advisors, at the request of the donors, to realize these gifts. In cases where the gifts are complex, the President/CEO may request review by the Executive and/or Finance Committee.

Bequests

The Foundation accepts bequests from donors who have directed in their wills that certain assets be transferred to the Foundation and honors the wishes of the donor as expressed, but reserves the right of refusal as necessary and appropriate. Sample bequest language for restricted and unrestricted gifts is available from the Foundation, to donors and/or advisors, upon request. The Foundation may not be named as Executor for a donor in his/her will and will not serve if named. The Foundation may create a named fund in memory of the donor, if there is no stipulation for anonymity.

Retirement Plans or IRA Accounts

Donors may make lifetime gifts of retirement assets or name the Foundation as the beneficiary of their plan. Retirement plans include, but are not limited to, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), 401(k), 403(b), and defined contribution plans.

Life Income Gifts

The Foundation will work closely with donors to implement planned giving options that provide income to a donor or his/her designees, as well as financial benefit to the Foundation (split-interest gifts). Options include:

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS (CRT). This trust makes payments to one or more beneficiaries for their lifetimes, or for a fixed term, or a combination of both. Assets are put into a trust, beneficiaries are paid, and when the trust term ends, the remainder in the trust passes to the Foundation for its charitable purposes. The donor names a Trustee to manage the trust and determines whether the payout will be fixed (a charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT)) or variable (a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT)). Trusts can be set up during the donor’s lifetime or by will. The Foundation encourages donors to consult their own legal counsel and tax advisors to create a charitable remainder trust. At the donor’s request, the Foundation will confer with his/her advisors to assist in establishing the trust from which it will ultimately benefit. The Foundation will not serve as Trustee of the trust.
CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST (CLT). This trust first makes distributions to the Foundation for a specified period, with the remainder reverting to the donor or another beneficiary at the end of the period. It may be set up during one’s lifetime or in a will. The Foundation will work closely with the donor and/or his advisor to create the trust, but will not serve as Trustee.

LIFE ESTATE. A donor may wish to contribute a personal residence or farm to the Foundation and retain the right to use the property until death. Upon the donor’s death, the Foundation owns the entire interest in the property.

XVI. Types of gift assets

Cash
The Foundation accepts gifts of cash
- In currency of the United States;
- By checks made payable to the Foundation or the component fund; or
- By credit cards or wire transfer to the Foundation’s account(s).

Publicly-Traded Securities.

General. The Foundation accepts gifts of marketable, publicly-traded stocks and bonds. As a general rule, publicly-traded stocks and bonds contributed to the Foundation will be redeemed or sold as soon as practicable. All proceeds from such redemption or sale less commissions and expenses are then credited to the component fund to which the stocks or bonds were originally contributed. The Foundation may accept gifts of publicly-traded stocks and bonds in any amount to any existing fund. However, gifts to establish a new component fund at the Foundation must meet the applicable minimum funding requirement.

Appraisal. No appraisal is required so long as the stock or bond is not subject to any restrictions, including those imposed by contract or the Securities Exchange Commission. Where appraisal is not required, the value of the gift is determined by calculating the mean of the high and low prices of the securities on the date of the gift.

Real Estate.

General. This policy applies to all gifts of real property, including outright gifts of residential and commercial property and farmland; bargain-sale transactions; and gifts of remainder interests in which the donor retains a life estate. The Foundation does not accept gifts of time shares.

Gifts of real property must be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Subject to the Committee’s approval, the Foundation may accept gifts of real property to any fund. Gifts to establish a new component fund at the Foundation must meet the applicable minimum funding requirement. In deciding whether to accept real property gifts the Foundation will:
- Determine whether the real estate gift is an acceptable minimum value.
- Confirm that the donor has legal capacity and is entitled to convey the property through copies of deed, title report, etc., provided by donor.
- Determine whether, if property is encumbered by debt, the debt is of a level that will not unduly burden the Foundation or adversely affect the marketability of the property.
- Perform a market and financial analysis prior to acceptance of the gift to determine whether the gift is a financially sound acquisition.
Weigh its ability to manage commercial property for the time necessary to sell the property. For example, income producing property may subject the Community Foundation to unrelated business income tax and/or other types of expenses, including but not limited to, upkeep of land, maintenance of buildings and management of property.

Evaluate whether any restrictions on the gift desired by donor will jeopardize the classification of such gift as charitable.

Appraisal. Each gift of real property giving rise to a charitable deduction of more than $5,000 must be appraised in accordance with federal tax law. The donor will be responsible for obtaining such appraisal.

Distributions. Distributions from a component fund that consists entirely of real property are limited to the net income generated by the property less fees assessed by the Foundation and any unrelated business tax imposed thereon.

Liquidation. The Foundation will generally seek to sell real property as soon as possible and generally will not accept gifts that cannot be liquidated within three years.

Procedures for Accepting Gifts of Real Property. Donors will provide the information and documents requested in the Real Property Donation Checklist and the Real Property Inquiry Form at the earliest possible time prior to the acceptance of the gift. Copies of those forms are appended to this policy. The Foundation may request additional information or documents when necessary to its evaluation of the proposed gift.

Whenever possible, a member of the Foundation staff or an authorized representative will visit the property to determine its nature and type and to identify any potential problems not evident from information supplied by the donor that might hinder or prevent the foundation’s sale of the property.

Environmental Assessment. Donors will provide at least a Phase I Environmental Report with disclosure of any environmental problems or statement that none exists.

Closely-Held Stock and S Corporation Stock.

General. Gifts of closely-held and S corporation stock must be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Subject to the Committee’s approval, the Foundation may accept gifts of closely-held or S corporation stock in any amount to any existing fund. Gifts to establish a new component fund at the Foundation must meet the applicable minimum funding requirement. The Foundation may accept gifts of stock in closely-held or S corporation that generate unrelated business income only if certain agreements are reached with the donor and/or the corporation. These include an agreement by the donor that the taxes on the unrelated business income and the Foundation’s associated administrative expenses (e.g., accounting and tax return preparation) will be charged against the fund holding the contributed stock. Further, the donor should agree to contribute additional cash to the fund to pay the foregoing taxes and administrative expenses to the extent there is insufficient cash in the subject fund balance to cover such taxes and expenses.

Appraisal. Each gift of closely-held or S corporation stock giving rise to a charitable deduction of more than $10,000 must be appraised in accordance with federal tax law. The donor will be responsible for obtaining such appraisal.

Distributions. Distributions from a component fund that consists entirely of closely-held or S corporation stock are limited to the income generated by the securities less fees assessed by the Foundation and any unrelated business tax imposed thereon.

Liquidation. The Foundation will generally seek to redeem or sell closely-held or S corporation stock contributed as soon as possible and generally will not accept gifts that cannot be liquidated within three years.
Procedures for Accepting Gifts of Closely-Held or S Corporation Stock. The following procedures apply to all proposed gifts of S corporation stock:

- The Foundation will review corporate governing documents to determine the rights and obligations associated with the stock and whether or not the Foundation should undertake such obligations in light of such rights.
- The Foundation will review the corporation’s most recent tax returns and the donor’s most recent K-1 to determine the nature of the income associated with the stock (e.g., unrelated business income, active versus passive business).
- All proposed transfer documents must conform to the Foundation’s form or be approved by the Foundation’s counsel.
- As a condition for the Foundation’s acceptance of the gift, a written agreement between the donor and the Foundation should be in place that provides for the payment of administrative expenses and unrelated business income taxes generated by the stock to the extent there is insufficient cash in the fund to which the stock has been donated to cover such expenses and taxes. The agreement should also require the donor to indemnify the Foundation against all liabilities incurred by the donor on account of the stock up to the date of the gift.
- The donor shall provide the Foundation with all documents which outline, discuss or relate to the duties and liabilities which shareholders have, including Shareholder Agreements.

General Partnership Interests.

The Foundation generally does not accept gifts of general partnership interests due to the unlimited liability of general partners.

Limited Partnership Interests.

General. Gifts of limited partnership interests must be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Subject to the Committee’s approval, the Foundation may accept gifts of limited partnership interests in any amount to any existing fund. Gifts to establish a new component fund at the Foundation must meet the applicable minimum funding requirement. The Foundation reserves the right to carefully screen all proposed gifts of limited partnership interests to ensure that they place no undue risk upon the Foundation.

The Foundation generally does not accept gifts of interests in partnerships that carry on active business. Interests in passive, investment-type limited partnerships such as those holding real estate, stocks and bonds, are preferred.

The Foundation may accept gifts of limited partnership interests that generate unrelated business income only if certain agreements are reached with the donor. These include an agreement by the donor that the taxes on the unrelated business income and the Foundation’s associated administrative expenses (e.g., accounting and tax return preparation) will be charged against the fund holding the partnership interest. Further, the donor would have to agree to contribute additional cash to the fund to pay the foregoing taxes and administrative expenses to the extent there is insufficient cash in the subject fund balance to cover such taxes and expenses.

Appraisal. Each gift of limited partnership interest must be appraised in accordance with federal tax law. The donor will be responsible for obtaining such appraisal.
**Distributions.** Distributions from a component fund that consists entirely of limited partnership interests are limited to the income distributed to the Foundation by the partnership less fees assessed by the Foundation and any unrelated business income taxes imposed thereon.

**Liquidation.** The Foundation will generally seek to redeem or sell limited partnership interests contributed to it within three years.

**Procedures for Accepting Limited Partnership Interests.** The following procedures apply to all proposed gifts of limited partnership interests:

- The Foundation will review the partnership governing documents to determine the rights and obligations associated with the limited partnership interest and whether or not the Foundation should undertake such obligations in light of such rights. If required, the donor should be asked to obtain the other partners' consent to the gift as a condition to the Foundation's accepting the gift.

- The Foundation will review the donor’s most recent K-1 and the partnership’s tax returns to determine the nature of the income associated with the limited partnership interest (e.g., unrelated business income, active versus passive business).

- All proposed transfer documents must conform to the Foundation’s form or be approved by the Foundation’s counsel.

- As a condition for the Foundation’s acceptance of the gift, a written agreement between the donor and the Foundation income should be in place that provides for the payment of administrative expenses and unrelated business taxes generated by the interest to the extent there is insufficient cash in the fund to which the interest has been donated to cover such expenses and taxes. The agreement should also require the donor to indemnify the Foundation against all liabilities incurred by the donor on account of the limited partnership interest up to the date of the gift.

**Limited Liability Company Interests**

The same considerations given to gifts of limited partnership interests apply to gifts of interests in limited liability companies.

**Tangible Personal Property.**

**General.** The Foundation accepts gifts of personal tangible property (e.g., artwork, coin collections, jewelry) only if: (i) the Foundation determines that the property will be used in furtherance of the Foundation’s exempt purposes or (ii) the Foundation will be able to sell the property. If the property is to be sold, the Foundation will accept the gift only if it has sufficient value to justify the expenditure or resources required for such sale. The Foundation may accept gifts of personal tangible property in any amount to any existing fund. Gifts of tangible personal property to establish a new component fund at the Foundation must meet the applicable minimum funding requirement.

**Appraisal.** Each gift of personal tangible property for which the donor expects a charitable deduction exceeding $5,000 must be appraised in accordance with federal tax law. The donor will be responsible for obtaining and paying for such appraisal.

**Procedures for Accepting Personal Tangible Property.** The following procedures apply to all proposed gifts of personal tangible property:

- The Foundation will review all prior appraisals and authentication documents, if any, relating to the property.
If the property is to be sold, the Foundation will ascertain the market for such property and estimate the costs to be incurred in connection with the sale as well as the costs of holding the property prior to sale.

All costs incurred by the Foundation in connection with the holding and sale of the property shall be charged against the sale proceeds, with the balance being credited to the fund to which the property has been contributed.

**Life Insurance**

*General.* The Foundation may accept gifts of life insurance policies so long as: (a) the policy is not encumbered (i.e., there is no outstanding loan against the policy); and (b) the Foundation is made the policy’s owner and primary beneficiary. When premium payments can no longer be made because there is insufficient value in the policy to keep it in force, or because the Foundation chooses to discontinue premium payments, the policy will be surrendered. The Foundation may accept gifts of life insurance policy in any amount to any existing fund. Gifts of life insurance policy to establish a new component fund at the Foundation must meet the applicable minimum funding requirement.

*Appraisal.* Each gift of life insurance policy giving rise to a charitable deduction of more than $10,000 must be appraised in accordance with federal tax law.
Real Property Donation Checklist

1. Exact legal name of donor and federal identification number.
2. Description of property (copy of deed).
3. Description of any buildings or other structures located on the land.
4. Boundary survey of property with location of all structures, easements, and encumbrances appearing on the face of the survey.
5. Information regarding existing zoning status.
6. Information on all ingress/egress for the property.
7. Description of prior use of the property.
8. Description of use of surrounding property, with specific disclosure of any storage tanks or potential environmental factors affecting the property.
9. Disclosure of any contemplated or anticipated condemnations, right-of-ways or other actions by municipalities that may affect the subject property.
10. Phase I environmental report on the property, including environmental report on any structures located on the real estate.
11. Evidence of title, such as title examination and report, title insurance commitment, or schedule describing any liens, encumbrances, or title matters affecting the property.
12. Copy of appraisal showing the fair market value of the property current within sixty days.
13. Disclosure of amount of existing real estate taxes, insurance premiums, and assessments attributable to the property.
14. Discussion with proposed donor regarding any special arrangements for donor's fund or other sources to address ongoing expenses for taxes, insurance, assessments, maintenance, grass cutting, security, utilities, and similar items.
# Real Property Inquiry Form

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Please indicate by checking “yes” your awareness of any condition or problem which may affect the title or marketability of the property. Use Section VII to provide additional information.

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6. Water supply

7. Sewage; type

8. Other fixtures

IV. Rental/Condominium/Cooperative

A. Building systems
   1. Leases
   2. Rental arrears
   3. Last month's rent/security deposit

B. Common area fees in arrears

C. Building or sanitary code violations

D. Operating/capital budget

V. Environmental

A. History of property
   1. Property has prior or current use for industrial, commercial, agricultural, manufacturing, waste disposal or any other non-residential purposes

B. Condition of property
   1. Stressed or denuded vegetation or unusual barren areas
   2. Discoloration, oil sheens, or foul/unusual odors in water
   3. Storage drums
   4. Above or underground storage tanks; vent or filler pipes
   5. Evidence of oil or other chemicals in soil
   6. Evidence of PCBs
   7. Evidence of toxic air emissions
C. Adjacent properties

1. Properties adjacent or close to subject have conditions requiring “yes” answer to any questions in (A) and (B) above

D. Flood plain/wetlands/drainage

E. Endangered plants or wildlife

Are you aware of any other information concerning any part of the land or buildings which might affect the decision of a buyer or affect value of property or affect use by buyer?

VI. Property Expense Budget

To hold this property as a Foundation asset, the following income and expenses are anticipated:

A. Income

1. Rent
2. Other

B. Expenses

1. Real estate taxes:
   First payment due __________ (date) __________
   Second payment due __________ (date) __________

2. Utilities:
   Gas
   Oil
   Electric
   Water/sewer
   Other

3. Services:
   Caretaker/property manager
Landscaping ______
Heating/cooling service contract ______
Snow removal ______
Pool services ______
Common area charge (condominium) ______
Security ______
Other ______

4. Maintenance/Repairs ______
5. Insurance ______

Total Expenses

Net Income (Loss)

VII. Additional Information on Sections II through VII

VIII. Acknowledgments

Owner(s) hereby acknowledge that the information set forth above is true and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge

_______________________________________  Date __________
Owner

_______________________________________  Date __________
Owner