Did you know that Williams accepts gifts of real estate? And that real estate gifts can provide you with a sizeable charitable deduction, with little or no capital gains tax?

For example, if your family isn’t using your vacation home very much anymore, the taxes and maintenance have become a burden, and you know you’ll incur a hefty capital gains tax if you sell it—you may want to consider giving it to Williams.

One option is to turn your vacation home into income by donating it to a charitable remainder trust (CRT). Once the CRT sells the real estate, the proceeds are invested and the trust sends you quarterly payments. You also receive a substantial federal income tax charitable deduction without paying capital gains tax when the home is donated and then sold. When you and any other beneficiaries pass away, the remaining trust assets go to support Williams.

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IRAE Charitable Rollover Legislation Expired on December 31, 2013... But May Be Reinstated Retroactively for 2014

On July 17, 2014, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the America Gives More Act, which would retroactively and permanently extend the IRA Charitable Rollover. The Senate is expected to address the bill this fall.

We hope that Congress will act to bring back this popular way to support William’s and other charities. In previous years, if you were age 70½ or older, IRA Charitable Rollover legislation made it possible for you to donate up to $100,000 per tax year from your IRAs directly to qualified charities. These outright gifts counted toward your IRS required minimum distribution (RMD) and were not included as taxable income. Note: IRA Charitable Rollover gifts do not generate a federal income tax charitable deduction.

What You Can Do Now

If you’re age 70½ or older, you can still request that your IRA administrator transfer funds directly from your retirement account to William’s. While your gift will currently be taxable as a regular withdrawal, it can count toward your RMD—and you’ll be eligible to take a federal income tax charitable deduction for the entire amount of your gift. Should Congress reinstate the IRA Charitable Rollover retroactively for 2014, you will have the choice of which tax strategy to employ.

Please consult your tax or financial advisor to see if this gift opportunity is right for you.

No Longer Need Your William’s College Pooled Income Fund Income?
Consider Making a Gift to the College

Your gift to a William’s College pooled income fund (PIF) accomplished your philanthropic goal (honoring your class and your college) and your financial objectives (realizing a federal income tax charitable deduction and establishing a lifetime stream of income).

Now, years later, you no longer need your life income payments. Did you know that you can make an additional gift of your life interest in a PIF? By doing so, you’ll receive another tax deduction, and the funds will immediately support the college.

Not sure if you’re ready to make this new gift permanent? Consider temporarily directing your quarterly income payments directly to the Alumni Fund or Parents Fund. To learn more, contact William’s Office of Gift Planning.

Make an Impact by Giving to Your 2015 Alumni and Parents Funds

Your annual gift to the Alumni Fund or Parents Fund has powerful and immediate impact, helping provide full access to a William’s education regardless of a student’s ability and empowering a truly transformative education that makes William’s the model for undergraduate liberal arts. Make your gift online this year at give2.williams.edu.

The Real Story Behind Real Estate

As gifts of real estate are inherently complex, we encourage you to contact the Gift Planning Office with your ideas and questions so that we can help you determine a giving strategy that is right for both you and William’s. Arleen Gilliam did just that. A former Career Center employee, Arleen and her husband Reg, a former William’s trustee, had often considered making charitable gifts of their home. “After Reg passed,” says Arleen, “I knew I wanted my home to go to good use after I’m gone.” Arleen contacted the Gift Planning Office and, after careful consideration, she donated her home to the college, retaining the right to live in it during her lifetime.

Arleen realized no capital gains, received a substantial federal income tax charitable deduction (62% of the value of her home due to the current low interest rate environment), and avoided future estate tax liability by removing the property from her estate. Arleen continues to be responsible for the regular expenses of maintaining her home (utilities, insurance, real estate taxes, and repairs). After her lifetime, William’s will sell the home and use the proceeds for the Reginald and Arleen Gilliam Scholarship, which will aid students with highest financial need. “I know Reg would have wanted us to be able to live in my home now and have the certainty of knowing what will happen to it when I’m no longer here.”

Example: In 1994 David made a gift of $10,000 to a William’s College PIF. In 2014, realizing that he no longer needs that PIF income, David relinquishes and assigns 100% of his right, title and interest in the PIF to William’s. The market value of David’s PIF shares, now $36,000, is transferred to William’s for unrestricted use (as he originally directed). David works with his accountant to take a federal income tax charitable deduction in the amount of $5,653—the anticipated value of his future life income payments.