FamilyMeans Gift Acceptance

Below is an overview of our agency gift acceptance policy. If you'd like a copy of the complete, internal board Gift Acceptance Policy, please contact our development team at familymeans@familymeans.org or 651-789-4029.

At FamilyMeans, charitable gifts play a vital role in helping individuals and families build stability, resilience, and well-being. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors and are committed to honoring donor intent, practicing responsible stewardship, and maintaining the highest ethical standards in fundraising and gift management.

Gifts We Accept

FamilyMeans welcomes a variety of charitable contributions, including:

- Cash and checks
- Credit card and electronic gifts
- Publicly traded securities
- Qualified retirement plan beneficiary designations
- Life insurance beneficiary designations
- Bequests and other planned gifts
- Certain gifts of real estate and personal property, subject to review and approval

All gifts are reviewed to ensure they align with FamilyMeans' mission, values, and operational capacity.

Donor Intent

FamilyMeans will make every reasonable effort to use gifts in accordance with the donor's wishes and any agreed-upon restrictions. Restricted gifts must support purposes consistent with our mission and charitable objectives.

In rare circumstances, if a designated program or purpose is no longer feasible or relevant, FamilyMeans may work to redirect the gift in a manner that most closely reflects the donor's original intent.

Stewardship and Accountability

FamilyMeans is committed to:

- Using donor contributions responsibly and effectively
- Providing accurate information about our programs and fundraising activities
- Maintaining appropriate financial controls and oversight
- Complying with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations
- Promptly acknowledging charitable contributions

Donor Information

FamilyMeans collects information provided by donors when making a gift, registering for an event, subscribing to communications, or otherwise engaging with the organization.

This information may include contact details, donation history, and communication preferences. Donor information is used to process gifts, provide tax acknowledgments, communicate organizational updates and fundraising opportunities, and maintain accurate donor records.

Updating Your Information

Donors who would like to update, correct, or remove personal information from FamilyMeans records, or who wish to change their communication preferences, may contact FamilyMeans at 651-789-4029 or familymeans@familymeans.org.

Donor Privacy

FamilyMeans respects donor privacy.

- Donor information is maintained in secure systems and accessed only by authorized personnel.
- We do not sell, trade, or share donor information with outside organizations.
- Donors may request anonymity for any gift.
- Donors may request to be removed from solicitation or mailing lists at any time.

Professional Advice

FamilyMeans encourages donors to consult their own legal, tax, and financial advisors when considering significant charitable gifts, estate gifts, or gifts involving securities, real estate, or other assets. FamilyMeans does not provide legal, tax, or financial advice.

Gift Acceptance

FamilyMeans reserves the right to decline any gift that is inconsistent with our mission, values, ethical standards, or legal obligations.

Questions About Giving?

We welcome the opportunity to discuss charitable giving options and how your gift can make a lasting impact through FamilyMeans.

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