

Gift Opportunities for Kansas Trails Inc. Donors

Kansas Trails Inc. (KTI) is honored to receive gifts that help sustain and expand our mission across the state. We accept a wide range of contributions, from simple cash donations to complex planned gifts. Our policies ensure all gifts are handled ethically, transparently, and in a way that supports your charitable intentions while protecting the integrity of our organization.

1. Outright Gifts

Highest Priority for KTI

- Cash: Always welcome and the most immediate way to support our work.
- Marketable Securities: Publicly traded stocks can be donated and liquidated promptly.
- Tangible Property: Gifts of equipment, vehicles, artwork, or other personal property may be accepted upon review.

Note: Real estate, closely held stock, and other non-liquid assets require Board approval and may need appraisal or environmental assessment before acceptance.

2. Pledges

Donors may commit to a multi-year gift (generally fulfilled within 5 years). Written documentation is required for KTI to recognize the pledge.

3. Charitable Gift Annuities

A donor transfers assets to KTI in exchange for a fixed annual lifetime payment.

- Minimum gift: \$10,000
- Ages: Typically 60+ for immediate annuities; 50+ for deferred
- Benefits: Partial tax deduction, steady income, eventual gift to KTI

4. Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs)

CRTs allow donors to retain income for life or a set term while designating the remainder to KTI. Donors may receive income tax deductions and avoid capital gains tax.

- Forms: Annuity trusts (fixed income) or unitrusts (variable income)
- Minimum remainder interest to KTI: 10% of the initial value

5. Charitable Lead Trusts

These trusts provide immediate support to KTI for a set term, with remaining assets eventually passing to heirs. While KTI does not act as trustee, we can accept the lead interest.

6. Life Insurance

Donors can:

- Name KTI as a beneficiary or co-beneficiary
- Transfer full ownership of a paid-up policy
- Establish a new policy with KTI as owner/beneficiary

KTI retains the right to surrender policies if needed. Premium obligations must be clearly arranged in advance.

7. Retained Life Estates

A donor transfers ownership of their home or farm to KTI while retaining the right to live on the property for life. KTI receives full use of the property after the retained life estate ends.

8. Bequests and Wills

KTI encourages donors to include us in their estate plans. Suggested bequest language and professional guidance are available upon request. Donors may designate specific purposes or make unrestricted gifts.

9. Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

Donors may establish a charitable fund with KTI, retain advisory privileges on distributions, and receive an immediate tax deduction.

Gift Acceptance Standards

- Transparency: Donors are encouraged to consult legal and tax advisors.
- Board Review: Gifts of real estate, non-publicly traded assets, or complex arrangements require Board approval.
- Valuation: Gifts are valued according to IRS standards; appraisals may be required.
- Disposition: Non-liquid gifts are typically sold promptly to support KTI's mission.

Recognition & Stewardship

We respect donor intent and offer naming opportunities, donor recognition, or anonymity upon request. Your generosity helps shape the future of Kansas trails and trail communities.

If interested in providing a special gift to Kansas Trails, please contact our Executive Director, Mike Scanlon at mscanlon@kstrails.org or 913-214-2240