## Charitable Remainder Unitrust

Real Estate

A charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) is an irrevocable trust designed to convert assets such as agricultural land into a lifetime income stream without generating estate and capital gain taxes. It produces valuable tax advantages and enables you to touch the lives of Kansas State University students and faculty, one of the greatest personal rewards you will experience.

### Advantages of a Charitable Remainder Unitrust

- **Income:** Create an income stream for yourself, spouse or other loved ones. A charitable remainder unitrust pays income based on a fixed percentage (5 percent minimum) of the trust assets as revalued once per year. Farmland may only return 1 percent to 3 percent.
- **Flexibility:** You can use land or a variety of assets to fund a CRUT. You can choose lifetime or a term of years and payment options of quarterly, semiannually or annually.
- **Avoid capital gains tax:** You can eliminate immediate capital gains on the sale of appreciated assets, including stocks, bonds and real estate.
- Charitable deduction: You may receive a substantial charitable income tax deduction in the year you make the gift, with an additional five years to carry forward any unused deduction.
- **Diversification:** Assets used to fund the trust will be placed into a diversified portfolio managed by professionals.
- Estate tax savings: You may reduce estate taxes that your heirs might have to pay by removing assets prior to your death.
- **Satisfaction:** You will know that you are benefiting future generations of Kansas State University students through enhancements to academics, athletics and universitywide programs.

# Who can be the beneficiary of the yearly payments?

One or more "persons" can be the beneficiary of the payments, as long as at least one of the beneficiaries is not a charitable organization. Usually, a donor will name himself or herself as the beneficiary for life or a term of years and then, possibly, name his or her spouse or other family member as the beneficiary for his or her life or an additional term of years.

Unitrust income may increase over time, provided the trust principal grows. Also, you can make additional contributions at any time. It may give you the ability to keep up with inflation. The suggested minimum investment amount to establish a charitable remainder unitrust is \$100,000.

## What steps do I have to take to create a CRUT?

First, contact the KSU Foundation to discuss the options available for a unitrust. Second, a trust document will be created that designates your wishes and complies with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and state law. Third, appropriate assets are transferred to the trust. Fourth, the charitable deduction is calculated for you based on your selected arrangement. Finally, the KSU Foundation will manage and invest the trust property in a fiduciary manner and perform other administrative duties such as the filing of trust tax returns.

We urge you to discuss your tax planning with your legal and financial advisor(s).

For more information, contact the gift planning department at 785-775-2000 or giftoptions@ksufoundation.org, or visit k-statelegacy.org.

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### **Charitable Unitrust**

Meet the Landins

#### **Donors:**

Bill and Betty Landin

#### Ages:

63, 61

#### Assets:

\$736,000, including \$160,000 cost basis, in highly appreciated land.

Bill and Betty are considering selling their highly appreciated land — an asset that typically provides a 2 percent return — to diversify their portfolio and to produce more income. Yet, they realize that selling the land outright would trigger significant capital gains taxes.

The Landins want to generate retirement income, receive tax benefits and have the pride and pleasure of giving back to K-State. They believe a charitable remainder unitrust will meet their specific needs today and well into the future.

## **Property**

Value \$736,000 Basis 160,000 Gain \$576,000

## 5 percent Unitrust

Principal

\$736,000

Two

**KSU Foundation** 

\$1,307,022

- 1. Give property, sell tax-free.

  Bypassing a gain of up to \$576,000 may save \$86,400.

  Income tax deduction of \$219,100 may save \$61,348, based on 25 percent tax bracket.
- 2. Unitrust annual income is \$36,800. Income increased by \$22,080 over prior \$14,720 income. Estimated income in 29 years is \$1,427,554. Effective pre-tax rate is 5.4 percent.
- 3. After two lives, trust passes without probate to establish the Bill and Betty Landin Excellence Fund for Outstanding Students.