



Leave More to Your Family and Loved Ones with an Estate Plan

Remember JVS in Your Estate Plans

Directing the maximum inheritance to your family and those you care most about after you are gone is likely your top priority. Please consider the following: by also making a gift to JVS, you can achieve your personal goals and make a significant impact on an agency that has been assisting the most vulnerable individuals within our community since opening its doors in 1941.

Do you know the tax consequences of leaving retirement plan assets to loved ones?

Because they are subject to income taxes and potential estate taxes when paid to your beneficiaries, retirement assets make wonderful gifts to tax-exempt organizations such as JVS. Otherwise, in many cases, taxes can consume over half of your retirement assets that are left to your loved ones.

Please read the following for more information:

By making estate gifts of your assets to JVS, you can also preserve more of your estate for the benefit of your family and loved ones. For example, IRAs and other retirement assets can be taxed twice at a person's death—first as part of your taxable estate and second as income to the beneficiary. Instead of leaving these heavily-taxed assets to your family, read this cost-saving scenario:

Example: Nathan decides to leave \$100,000 to his nephew and \$100,000 to JVS. Among his other assets he also owns a \$100,000 IRA. If he leaves the IRA to his nephew, it will be subject to estate taxes (which can be taxed up to a maximum rate of 35 percent in 2012 for large estates valued in excess of \$5.12 million) and income taxes at his nephew's marginal tax rate of 28%. Instead, Nathan decides to name JVS the beneficiary of his IRA and leaves assets to his nephew that will not be subject to income tax, thereby minimizing the tax burden. Another reason is due to the unlimited estate tax charitable deduction; no estate tax will be levied on the IRA. And because JVS is tax-exempt, income taxes are eliminated to the agency.