

Ritter Center Donation Information

Cash, Checks, Credit/Debit Card Donations

Online Donation /credit or debit card: Please click the donate button at rittercenter.org or go to givedirect.org/donate/?cid=13591.

Telephone Donations: Please call Benjamin Leroi, Deputy Director at (415) 457-8182 x106.

Donate by Mail: Please send checks (no cash) to Ritter Center, P.O. Box 3517, San Rafael, CA 94912.

Cash Donations (bills and coins): Drop off to Ritter Center at 16 Ritter St, San Rafael, CA 94901. Please take care to give cash donations to an authorized employee only.

Employer Matching: Many employers have matching gift programs that can double or even triple your donation. Please ask your human resources department if the company matches employee gifts. Follow your organization's matching gift process which generally requires filling out a simple one-page matching gift form; ask your human resources department for instructions.

In Memory or In Honor: You can make a financial contribution of any kind to Ritter Center in memory or in honor of someone special. Acknowledgment cards will be sent to you and your designated honoree. The amount of the donation will not be included on the honoree's acknowledgment card unless specifically requested. Please include the honoree's contact information with your donation.

Questions? Please call Benjamin Leroi, Deputy Director at (415) 457-8182 x106.

Stock Donations

Another great way to maximize the tax benefits of supporting Ritter Center while avoiding costly capital gains taxes is to donate appreciated stock. If you would like to make a stock donation to Ritter Center, please give the following Ritter Center broker information to your financial advisor:

Merrill Lynch, DTC# 5198, Further credit to: Ritter Center
A/C#27G-04027

Questions? Call Rod Williams, Financial Advisor at (415) 289-8848.

Vehicle Donations

Ritter Center now accepts donations of vehicles in good working condition. We partner with Vehicle Donation for Any Charity (VDAC), an established organization specializing in vehicle sales for nonprofit agencies. Their vast experience allows them to procure top dollar for vehicles which maximizes both the value of your donation to Ritter Center and your tax deduction.

To donate a vehicle in good working condition: Call 1 (877) 999-8322 and tell the operator that you wish to make a vehicle donation on behalf of Ritter Center in San Rafael, California.

Planned Giving

There are a number of ways to support Ritter Center through planned giving. A few of these methods are summarized below. Please ask your financial advisor for more details.

Bequests

Any asset can be included in a bequest (through a living will or trust) to ensure that your estate will help support a cause that is consistent with your beliefs and values. Making a bequest reduces estate taxes, eliminates capital gains taxes, and benefits your favorite charity.

Charitable Remainder Trust

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) is an irrevocable trust that actually provides for and maintains two sets of beneficiaries. Income beneficiaries are the first set. Income beneficiaries receive a set percentage of income for your lifetime from the trust. The second set of beneficiaries is the charity that you name. The charity receives the principal of the trust after the income beneficiaries pass away. The CRT allows taxpayers to reduce estate taxes, eliminate capital gains taxes, claim an income tax deduction, and benefit a charity instead of the IRS.

Charitable Lead Trust

A Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) is the reverse of a CRT. Your designated charity receives the income and your heirs receive the residual. Similar to a CRT, CLTs offer current income tax reductions and a reduction of capital gains taxes.

Real Estate

Gifts of real estate are similar to stock. Assuming you have owned the property for more than one year, you may deduct it as a charitable contribution at the fair market value while avoiding capital gains taxes. For gifts of real estate, you may not only make an immediate tax deduction but you may also retain the right to use your property for your lifetime.

Life Insurance

Life insurance is a unique way to give to Ritter Center. In order to qualify, Ritter Center needs to become the owner and beneficiary. No incidents of ownership should be retained. If the policy is paid in full, your charitable contribution is generally the replacement value or cost basis of the policy, whichever is less. Ongoing premiums paid on a gifted life insurance policy also qualify for charitable deductions.

*Ritter Center is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organization.
Federal Tax I.D. number: 94-2675517.*

All donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.



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In-kind Donations

Ritter Center accepts the following items year-round

Monday – Friday, 9am–5pm

16 Ritter Street in San Rafael

- High-need food items: tuna fish, peanut butter, canned chili, Chunky-style soups, pasta, and pasta sauce
- Toiletry items (small soaps, shampoos/conditioners, shaving cream, toothbrushes/toothpaste etc.)
- Sleeping bags
- Department store and grocery store gift cards
- Paper shopping bags with handles for our food pantry

Additionally, Ritter Center operates seasonal programs that require a large number of in-kind donations from the community.

During Thanksgiving, Ritter Center collects frozen turkeys and grocery store gift cards to distribute to low-income families along with traditional side dishes to ensure that all families have a reason to be thankful during the holiday weekend.

The agency's Family to Family Holiday Program allows generous community members and groups to "adopt" a less fortunate family for the winter holidays. Donors can begin signing up for this program in October and then shops for their adopted family with a provided gift wish list.

In July through mid-August, Ritter Center collects backpacks, school supplies, and department store gift cards for its Back-to-School program which helps ensure that children start the school year prepared to learn and achieve scholastically.

In-kind donation questions: Please contact Shaun Marshall at (415) 457-8182 x109.

Items we accept:



New clothing (t-shirts, jeans, socks) in adult sizes



Belts & shoelaces



New or gently used hiking/athletic shoes



Large duffel bags & rolling suitcases in good working condition



New or gently used adult or camping size backpacks



New sleeping bags



Toiletries such as shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, etc.

Items we can't accept:



Electronics



Furniture



Large appliances



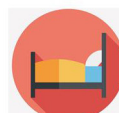
Household items



Medical supplies



Children's clothing



Bedding (sheets, pillows)

