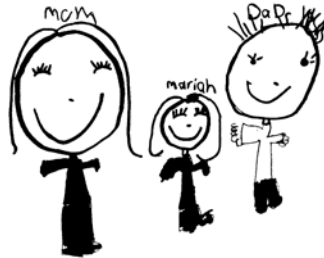




Ways to Help Children and Families with a Gift to Vermont Children's Aid Society



Donate cash today. A gift by cash, check or credit card could help you reduce this year's taxes while also making an immediate impact on our ability to provide the services that make such a difference for young people and families. Visit www.vtcas.org or, if you prefer, send a check to Vermont Children's Aid Society, PO Box 127, Winooski, VT 05404, attn: Development Office. If you would like to use your credit card to make a gift by phone, call Cheryl Herrick at 802.655.0006.

Use GoodSearch as Your Search Engine and Shop through GoodShop. Visit goodsearch.com and goodshop.com, and designate Vermont Children's Aid Society to receive a donation every time you use their search engine or make an online purchase. Many top companies like Amazon.com, Target, Best Buy, eBay, and Barnes and Noble give a percentage of sales. It's an easy way to raise money for children and families.

Consider Alternative Gift Giving to Benefit Children and Families. Many families are starting to designate charities to receive financial contributions rather than exchanging presents for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and holidays. Visit www.vtcas.org/supportus to easily create a personal fund raising page.

Volunteer. We have ongoing opportunities, from helping with mailings in the office to special projects to helping collect presents during November or December for the Holiday Spirit Program which gets holiday presents to children with an incarcerated parent and other families in need. Contact Cheryl Herrick at cherrick@vtcas.org or 802-655-0006 for more information on ways to get you, your family, or your workplace involved.

Have your gift matched by your company's Matching Gift Program. Many companies will match employee contributions to an organization. You may be able to double or triple your gift by getting information about your company's matching gift program and filling out a short form. Ask your Human Resources representative for more details.

Donate appreciated stock. By giving appreciated stock directly to VCAS you may avoid hefty capital gains taxes and also receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift. Gifts of appreciated stock generally offer a greater tax benefit than cash. It is important to check with your attorney or financial advisor in any gift planning to make sure that you are choosing the best way to you're your financial objectives and your charitable goals.

Donate a life insurance policy. If you hold a life insurance policy that your family no longer needs, it may be a terrific way to make a significant gift to VCAS. To receive a charitable deduction from such a gift, name VCAS as both owner and beneficiary of the policy. You may take a charitable deduction approximately equal to the policy's cash value (if any) at the time you make the gift. If annual premiums must still be paid, and you continue to pay them, those premiums will also be tax-deductible. Your insurance agent can help you with this simple process.

Make a life income gift. A life income gift allows you to transfer assets now, while you can enjoy the impact of making a significant contribution, while continuing to receive income from those assets. By establishing a "unitrust," you and/or your spouse or other beneficiary will receive a fixed percentage of the trust's fair market value each year. An annuity trust arrangement will pay you (or your spouse or other beneficiary) an annual fixed amount that is agreed upon when the trust is created. (This amount stays constant and does not change with rises and falls in the stock market or interest rates.)

Include Vermont Children's Aid Society in your will. By including Vermont Children's Aid Society in your will, you will support programs for youth and families in perpetuity. Whether you choose to designate a specific amount, a percentage or your estate, or the balance of your estate after specific amounts are left for your heirs, a bequest can be the simplest way to both support your heirs and address your philanthropic goals.

Before making any significant financial decisions, please be sure to contact your financial advisor in order to make sure it's best for your individual situation. For more information about making a gift to Vermont Children's Aid Society, please contact Cheryl Herrick or Steve Habif at 802.655.0006.