



Turning Your IRA Into Impact

How to Use a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Open a Donor Designated Fund
at Bainbridge Community Foundation

Required Giving, Reimagined

If you're age 70½ or older, you can make Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) directly from your IRA to a qualified charity—like Bainbridge Community Foundation (BCF)—tax-free. These gifts count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but don't increase your taxable income.

Most people use QCDs for one-time charitable gifts—but you can do something smarter. A Donor Designated Fund at BCF turns your annual required distribution into a simple, strategic way to give every year.

A Smarter Way to Give

A Donor Designated Fund is one of the most useful and versatile charitable tools available. It combines the immediate tax advantages of a QCD with the long-term power of an endowed fund.

Why donors love it:

- **Ease** – One transfer, and BCF handles the rest.
- **Consistency** – Provides dependable annual support to your favorite nonprofits.
- **Flexibility** – Add to it anytime—each QCD builds your future impact
- **Stewardship** – If a named organization closes or shifts its mission, BCF ensures your gift continues to serve the original intent.

How to Establish:

- Contact your IRA custodian to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution payable to Bainbridge Community Foundation.
- Tell BCF that your QCD is to establish or add to a Donor Designated Fund.
- Name your fund and beneficiaries. BCF manages investments and annual distributions according to your instructions.
- Relax and enjoy. You meet your RMD, lower your taxable income, and support your causes—automatically.

Tip: You can combine multiple QCDs to grow your fund and its annual impact.

Example: One Gift, Ongoing Impact

After years of volunteering with the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, Ellen wanted her support to last. She used a \$50,000 QCD from her IRA to establish the Ellen Harper Historical Preservation Fund at BCF. Now, every year, BCF

What's a QCD?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution is a distribution made from your IRA that counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution. To qualify, it must:

- Must be made directly from your IRA to a qualified charity
- Up to \$105,000 per person per year (2025)
- Counts toward RMD
- Not included in AGI
- Available once you reach 70½]



automatically sends a grant to the museum—providing reliable income while Ellen enjoys the peace of knowing her legacy will endure.

Why It Matters

Designated Funds help nonprofits plan confidently and help donors give with ease. They transform mandatory withdrawals into meaningful, recurring philanthropy.

Benefits at a glance:

- Simplifies your giving process
- Lowers taxable income through QCDs
- Provides steady support to nonprofits you choose
- Builds a permanent charitable legacy
- Keeps your intent protected through BCF stewardship

*If you are 70½+, give annually, or
value simplicity—this fund is for
you*

Where Simplicity Meets Strategy

Approach	What Happens	Long-Term Impact
Direct QCD to a charity	Immediate one-time gift	Support stops when you do
QCD to a Donor Designated Fund	Automatic annual grants managed by BCF	Ongoing, growing impact

Let's Create Something Lasting

BCF's team can help you set up a Designated Fund that reflects your values and simplifies your giving for years to come.

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