Changing lives

For Jill and Dave Mertens, above, giving back to their community comes naturally. “We grew up in families where — by example — we were taught to serve, whether it’s serving through giving dollars or time,” Dave says. “It feels good to give back,” Jill adds.

The Mertens have generously supported Legacy’s innovative projects. From the reimagined Emergency Department at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center — featuring Oregon’s first Urgent Care embedded within an Emergency Department and the only senior care pathway on the West Coast — to the community-focused collaboration with Adventist Health, Kaiser Permanente, Oregon Health & Science University and Legacy Health to create the region’s first comprehensive psychiatric emergency care center: the Unity Center for Behavioral Health.

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Which makes the better gift?

Cash vs. stock or real estate

Are you looking to sell securities that are worth more now than when you purchased them, but aren’t meeting your financial goals today? Or, do you have a vacation home or personal residence that’s costing you too much in taxes and upkeep? If these statements ring true, and you would like to make a charitable gift to our health system, we hope you consider donating real estate, stocks or bonds to Legacy Health. To see how you benefit, review this chart.

$100,000 gift to Legacy Health

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Advantage of giving appreciated property

$11,250

More than just ‘sign on the line’

If you are considering donating appreciated property to Legacy Health, we are honored that you have identified us as a worthy cause. Depending on the assets you give, you may need to meet with your professional advisors and a representative from Legacy Health to ensure the transaction meets your intentions and our policies. Please feel free to contact us. We are happy to answer your questions with no obligation.

Even if your stocks or real estate have lost value in recent years, for tax purposes, they are still appreciated if their current value is more than you originally paid for them.

DID YOU KNOW?

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“Jill and I both have always felt fortunate to have good health,” Dave says. “To improve upon what’s already in place or, in the case of Unity, to put something in place where there’s a real need, was a great opportunity.”

By combining a state-of-the-art facility with the freshest ideas, Jill believes Unity will change lives. “You’re there for the long haul with mental illness,” she says. “I feel it’s a place where there’s going to be a much better chance of the whole person and the family being treated.”

The Mertens used appreciated securities to make their charitable contributions, which allowed them to give more. “It’s a good way to leverage the dollars as we run through our budget, increasing our ability to give,” Dave states. “And, it’s wonderfully easy — we use a form from Legacy and transfer directly, or we instruct our broker to transfer it directly to Legacy’s accounts.”

For example, if you have shares you purchased for $20,000 that are now worth $50,000, you can transfer the shares to Legacy and receive a tax deduction for the $50,000 donation, as well as eliminate paying capital gains tax, in many cases.

“We always have been incredibly impressed with the leadership at Legacy. I think what they’re doing throughout the system — particularly with this project (Unity) — is very impressive to us,” Dave says. “We very much trust the people at Legacy,” Jill replies.

Make a tax-free gift from your IRA

Are you 70½ years old or older? You can now give up to $100,000 from your IRA directly to a qualified charity, such as a Legacy Health foundation, without having to pay income taxes on the money. Contact Kathy Hostetler, executive director, at 503-413-8123 or khostetler@lhs.org, today to learn more about this tax-smart way to pay income taxes on the money. Contact Kathy Hostetler, executive director, at 503-413-8123 or khostetler@lhs.org, today to learn more about this tax-smart way to pay income taxes on the money. Contact Kathy Hostetler, executive director, at 503-413-8123 or khostetler@lhs.org, today to learn more about this tax-smart way to pay income taxes on the money.

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