

GIVING TO THE YMCA OF GREATER SAN FRANCISCO

Frequently Asked Questions



Thank you for considering the YMCA of Greater San Francisco. Donors like you make an everlasting impact. Your support helps more people access programs, build new friendships and connections, and find more resources. We are deeply grateful for your generosity.

Most donors give online at ymcasf.org/give, and our development team at development@ymcasf.org can help with anything else. This guide answers the questions donors ask most, from receipts and tax deductions to stock, IRA, and estate gifts.

QUICK ANSWERS

How do I give?

Online at donate.ymcasf.org/give, by check, or in person at any branch. For additional details on ways to give, please see below.

Is my donation tax-deductable?

Yes, to the extent allowed by law. The YMCA of Greater San Francisco is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our EIN is 94-0997140. No goods or services are provided in exchange for most donations unless explicitly stated. Please consult your tax advisor for guidance.

Can I give cash?

Yes, in person at any branch. We cannot accept cash sent by mail.

Will I get a receipt?

Yes. If one doesn't arrive, please contact us by email at development@ymcasf.org, and we will reissue your receipt.

Can I stay anonymous?

Yes. Ask to remain anonymous, and your name will not appear in public donor listings.

Giving donor-advised funds?

Please see the Workplace Giving & Donor-Advised Funds section for more details.

Giving stock or IRA funds?

Please see the Stock, IRA & Planned Giving section for more information.

Made a mistake or have a problem?

Please contact us by email development@ymcasf.org as soon as possible.

WAYS TO GIVE

How can I donate to the YMCA of Greater San Francisco?

You can make a tax-deductible donation using the following methods:

- Online at donate.ymcasf.org/give for one-time or recurring gifts
- By mailing a check to:
YMCA of Greater San Francisco
Attn: Development Office
169 Steuart Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
- Donate cash or check by visiting any [YMCA of Greater San Francisco branch](#)
- Corporate sponsorships (contact development@ymcasf.org for more information)
- Donor-advised funds (using the YMCA of Greater San Francisco federal tax ID number 94-0997140 and/or legal business name "Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco")
- IRA charitable gifts: gifts should be directed to YMCA of Greater San Francisco's brokerage account with Charles Schwab & Co. (P.O. Box 7368, San Francisco, CA 94120-9366), Brokerage Account #: 6893-3276 (DTC#: 0164, Code 40)
- Planned estate gifts (contact development@ymcasf.org for more information)
- Stocks & securities: gifts should be directed to YMCA of Greater San Francisco's brokerage account with Charles Schwab & Co. (P.O. Box 7368, San Francisco, CA 94120-9366), Brokerage Account #: 6893-3276 (DTC#: 0164, Code 40)

What forms of payment does the YMCA of Greater San Francisco accept?

We accept major credit cards, debit cards, ACH/bank transfers, personal and business checks, donor-advised fund grants, stock and securities transfers, and qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. We cannot accept cash donations sent by mail.

What type of donations are not accepted by the YMCA of Greater San Francisco?

The YMCA does not accept:

- Cash mailed to our office
- Cars, vans, trucks, or other vehicles
- Illegal or restricted goods or materials
- Items that cannot be safely stored, distributed, or used in YMCA programs
- In-kind donations that are not pre-approved or aligned with current program needs
- Donation funds from prohibited or non-compliant sources under federal or state law
- Certain gifts that carry undue administrative, legal, or operational burden

All non-cash or in-kind donations must be reviewed and approved in advance before acceptance.

What is the YMCA of Greater San Francisco's EIN?

The YMCA of Greater San Francisco's Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 94-0997140.

HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED & RECOGNIZED

How is my donation used?

Your gift supports youth development programs, healthy living initiatives, and social responsibility services including food access, housing stability, workforce development, and community support programs. Unless designated, gifts are treated as unrestricted and used where need is greatest.

Can I designate my donation?

Yes. You may direct your gift to a specific branch, program, or campaign. Unrestricted gifts are strongly encouraged because they allow the YMCA to respond to the most urgent community needs. The YMCA may reallocate restricted gifts if the designated purpose is no longer available, with donor notification when possible.

Can I make a donation in honor or memory of someone?

Yes. You may dedicate your gift in honor or in memory of someone by indicating that person's name on your pledge form or note with your donation. We can send an acknowledgment to that person if their contact information is provided. Gift amounts are not disclosed.

Will I be recognized for my donation?

Donor recognition may include listings, donor walls, publications, event invitations, and impact reports. Participation in public recognition is optional.

Who should I contact for major or transformational gifts?

For major gifts, capital campaigns, or legacy giving, contact development@ymcasf.org. A development team member will follow up with you.

How can I volunteer?

Volunteer opportunities vary by branch and may include youth mentoring, event support, administrative assistance, and advisory roles. Some roles require background checks due to youth-serving program requirements.

GIVING ONLINE & RECURRING GIFTS

What is the difference between a one-time, recurring, and pledge gift?

A one-time gift is a single donation, a recurring gift is automatically charged on a schedule until changed or canceled, and a pledge is a commitment to pay a donation amount over a period of time in installments.

Can I change or cancel my recurring donation?

Yes. You may change or cancel at any time by contacting development@ymcasf.org. Please allow 5 to 10 business days for processing.

GIVING ONLINE & RECURRING GIFTS CONTINUED...

Will I receive a receipt for my donation?

Yes. You will receive confirmation for online gifts and receipts for donations.

What if I do not receive my receipt?

Contact development@ymcasf.org and we can reissue receipts and verify your donation history.

Can I receive an annual summary for tax purposes?

Yes. A consolidated annual tax statement can be provided by request for the prior calendar year. Please contact development@ymcasf.org for those materials.

Are donations refundable?

Donations are generally non-refundable. Exceptions may be made in cases of processing errors, duplicate transactions, or verified fraud.

What if I made an error in my donation?

Contact development@ymcasf.org as soon as possible. We will review and correct errors when possible.

PRIVACY & COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES

How is my personal information protected?

The YMCA of Greater San Francisco uses encrypted payment systems, secure databases, and restricted internal access controls. We comply with applicable privacy laws, including California privacy standards.

Does the YMCA sell or share donor information?

No. We do not sell, rent, or trade donor information. Limited sharing may occur only with payment processors, auditors, or legal authorities when required by law.

Can I opt out of communications?

Yes. You may opt out of email, mail, or event communication at any time.

Do you offer camps during school breaks?

Yes, camps are offered during school breaks. More information is released throughout the school year with registration information.

WORKPLACE GIVING & DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

Does the YMCA accept employer matching gifts?

Yes. Many employers match charitable contributions. We can assist with verification and required documentation.

Does the YMCA participate in workplace giving campaigns?

Yes. We participate in workplace giving programs where available through employers and federated campaigns.

What is a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)?

A Donor-Advised Fund is a charitable account managed by a sponsoring organization that allows donors to recommend grants to nonprofits over time.

How do I give through a Donor-Advised Fund?

You may recommend a grant via our legal business name, "Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco," or our federal Employer Identification Number 94-0997140. Our corporate mailing address is 169 Steuart Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Please include your name and the branch or program you would like your gift to support when submitting your donation request.

Can I use a Donor-Advised Fund to pay for event tickets or memberships?

No. Donor-advised fund grants may not be used for goods or services, including event tickets, golf tournament foursomes, or memberships with benefits.

STOCK, IRA & PLANNED GIVING

Can I donate stock or securities to the YMCA?

Yes. Stock gifts may provide tax advantages including avoidance of capital gains tax and a charitable deduction for fair market value if eligible.

Transfer to: Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 7368, San Francisco, CA 94120-9366,
c/o YMCA of San Francisco Brokerage Account #: 6893-3276, DTC#: 0164, Code 40.
Please contact development@ymcasf.org before transferring stock.

Does the YMCA accept in-kind donations?

All in-kind donations require advance review and approval based on mission alignment and operational capacity.

What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution allows individuals age 70½ or older to donate directly from an IRA to the YMCA. QCD gifts may count toward Required Minimum Distributions and are excluded from taxable income under IRS rules.

STOCK, IRA & PLANNED GIVING CONTINUED...

Who is eligible to make an IRA charitable gift?

You must be age 70½ or older and transfer funds directly from your IRA custodian to the YMCA.

How do I make a gift from my IRA?

Your IRA custodian should send funds via our legal business name, "Young Men's Christian Association of San Francisco," or our federal Employer Identification Number 94-0997140. Our corporate mailing address is 169 Steuart Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Please include your name and the branch or program you would like your gift to support when submitting your donation request.

Can IRA gifts be used for events or memberships?

No. IRA charitable gifts must be fully charitable and cannot provide goods or services.

What is planned giving?

Planned giving includes charitable gifts arranged through estate and financial planning such as bequests, retirement account beneficiary designations, life insurance gifts, and charitable trusts.

Can I include the YMCA in my estate plan?

Yes. You may name the YMCA of Greater San Francisco as a beneficiary in wills, trusts, retirement accounts, or insurance policies.

Why should I consider planned giving?

Planned giving allows you to create a lasting legacy, support long-term community impact, and may provide tax and estate planning benefits.

Does the YMCA provide legal or tax advice?

No. We provide general information only. Please consult your attorney or financial advisor for legal or tax guidance.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSPARENCY

What types of fundraising events does the YMCA host?

The YMCA hosts a wide range of fundraising events, including community-based fundraisers, special events such as galas, wine tastings, auctions, runs, and golf tournaments, as well as capital campaigns, donor appreciation events, and seasonal giving campaigns.

Are event donations tax-deductible?

Only the portion of a payment that exceeds the fair market value of goods or services received is tax-deductible under IRS rules.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSPARENCY CONTINUED...

What is the YMCA of Greater San Francisco's tax-exempt status?

The YMCA of Greater San Francisco is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.

Does the YMCA provide financial transparency?

Yes. IRS Form 990 and audited financial statements are available upon request or through public nonprofit disclosure sources.

Does the YMCA comply with California fundraising laws?

Yes. The YMCA complies with all applicable California charitable solicitation and nonprofit fundraising regulations.

Who can I contact for donor support?

You may contact development@ymcasf.org or mail YMCA of Greater San Francisco, Attn: Development Office, 169 Steuart Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, for donor assistance.

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