Testimonials



Dwight Clark

'My VIA charitable gift annuity provides an excellent, quaranteed return, significant tax advantages and a chance to permanently support an organization which I know will use its funds extraordinarily well. How better to both invest in oneself and in a stronger future of US-Asian relations and a new generation of dedicated and culturally-aware young people!"

"Cross-cultural understanding is every bit as important in today's uncertain world as it was when I was a VIA volunteer in the '70's. We want to ensure that VIA remains a beacon of tolerance, understanding, and hope for new generations. That is why Rob and I have included VIA in our estate planning."



Jeanne Blamey Indonesia '73 VIA Board 2008-present



Creating your VIA legacy



Sharing your estate with VIA helps to educate future generations of global leaders.



Planned giving can be an advantageous way to provide a future gift to VIA. By including VIA for any amount in your estate plans, you ensure the continuation of rich, immersive cross-cultural learning experiences that transform lives and strengthen our global community.

With your commitment,

you are bringing us one step closer to our goal of developing leadership, cross-cultural communication and creative problem-solving skills to address global challenges.

If you have decided to include VIA in your estate plans, please let us know. We would like to thank you for your generosity and show our appreciation in our annual report.

There are several ways to create your legacy for VIA:

Bequest in Your Will or Trust

A gift in your will or trust can create a lasting legacy. A bequest is a gift from your estate – a transfer of cash or securities made through your estate plans. It is revocable, which means it can be changed at any time and for any reason you desire. You can designate a specific sum or a specific percent of your estate as a gift to VIA.

Life insurance

You can transfer all ownership rights of your life insurance policy to VIA or you can name VIA as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy for all or a portion of the proceeds. Your estate will receive a charitable deduction from estate taxes for that gift.

Individual Retirement Accounts

A retirement plan can be a tax-efficient and simple way of including VIA in your estate plan. The best method is to name VIA as a beneficiary on your plan's beneficiary designation form, which could be any of the following accounts, a traditional individual retirement account (IRA), 401(k), 403(b).

Life Income Gifts

A life income gift allows you to give assets to VIA while providing yourself or others with income for a period of time before VIA is permitted to use your gift. You may make a life income gift by transferring securities, cash or other property to a trustee. The trustee then manages the investment and pays an income to you, your designated beneficiaries or both. Income payments continue for the beneficiaries' lives or in some cases for a term of up to 20 years. There are several kinds of life income gifts available, including Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Lead Trust, Charitable Remainder Trusts.

Personal Property

You can also make a bequest in your will or trust of real estate, a valuable work of art or other personal items, such as antiques, silver or jewelry. Once VIA receives the property, it will be sold and the proceeds are used according to the purposes outlined in your bequest documents.

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