Individual Retirement Accounts

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO WEST MICHIGAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC. D/B/A FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK (MEIJER GARDENS), DESIGNATED TO THE ENDOWMENT

Giving for the future

A gift from the donor's individual retirement account during the donor's lifetime may avoid income tax on the amount of the gift and may also satisfy a donor's annual required minimum distribution. This type of gift is classified as a Qualified Charitable Distribution ("QCD"). Please discuss a gift of IRA assets with your tax advisor.

Because the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Foundation ("Foundation") is a Type III supporting organization under the tax law, QCD's and required minimum distributions are subject to special rules and thus, **a donor should normally make the QCD or required minimum distribution gift directly to the West Michigan Horticultural Society, Inc. d/b/a Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park ("Meijer Gardens"). Donors may designate individual retirement account gifts to the endowment of Meijer Gardens.**

Gifts designated to the endowment will be included in the Donor's cumulative giving to the Foundation. The Foundation is a single-purpose foundation with an endowment fund to support Meijer Gardens. Financial support from the Foundation's endowment plays an important role in maintaining the world-class botanical gardens, sculpture collection, art and educational programs which have become the hallmark of Meijer Gardens.

A gift or pledge of $1,000 or more qualifies for permanent recognition by the Foundation.

Donors are entitled to establish a named fund, restricted or unrestricted, by making a gift or pledge of $10,000 or more.

The Foundation has two distinctive Societies that members may join, the Perennial Society and the Bonsai Society. Membership into these societies is available to individuals whose cumulative cash gifts, pledges and/or estate plan gifts are $10,000 or $100,000 respectively.

Membership into a Society for individuals who have made a provision in their will or estate plan is also available. To receive permanent recognition, donors must submit a copy of the gift provision in their will or estate plan, or have other written documentation, verifying that the minimum has been met. If the plan calls for a percentage of the estate's remainder, and the amount will be over the minimum amount required for membership, a written statement from the estate planner, tax consultant or attorney would meet the requirement for membership.

For more information, please call 616-791-3901.

There are a number of ways to give to the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Foundation. Counsel with personal advisors is recommended to understand the impact of each within the context of a donor's individual tax situation.

FREDERIK Meijer GARDENS & SCULPTURE FOUNDATION

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Please issue QCD/IRA payments to:
West Michigan Horticultural Society, Inc.
d/b/a Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
Designated to the Meijer Gardens endowment
1000 E. Beltline Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Tax ID: 38-2394044

I/we would like to make a pledge of $ _____

over _____ number of years beginning in

_____ (month/year)

- ☐ I/we have remembered the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Foundation in my/our will/estate plan and will provide documentation.
- ☐ Please send information on how to include the FMG&SF in my/our will/estate plan.
- ☐ I/we would like to join the Perennial Society and have given minimum cumulative monetary gifts, pledges and/or estate plan of $10,000.
- ☐ I/we would like to join the Bonsai Society and have given minimum cumulative monetary gifts, pledges and/or estate plan of $100,000.
- ☐ I/we would like to contribute to a Charitable Gift Annuity/ Charitable Remainder Trust.
- ☐ Please designate my gift/pledge to the General Unrestricted Fund.
- ☐ Please designate my gift/pledge to the _____ Fund.

_____
(Fund Name)

This is how my/our name(s) should appear for recognition purposes.

_____
(Please do not exceed 40 characters)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

- A gift of $200 to $999 qualifies you for recognition as an Annual Contributor for the year in which the gift was made.
- Cumulative gifts of $1,000 or more qualify you for permanent recognition at the Gardens.
- Cumulative gifts of $10,000 or more qualify you for permanent recognition and allows you to establish a named fund.