



Ways to Give

We need your help – right now!

Your financial gift is a wise investment that creates lasting solutions to homelessness. It's easy to make a donation to COTS – over the phone, through the mail, or online.

By Phone: Please call our Development Department at 713-526-0311 ext. 122.

By Mail: If you wish to donate by mail, please use this address:

Community of the Streets Outreach
3401 Fannin Street
Houston, TX 77004

GIVE STOCK OR PROPERTY

For more information, please call our Development Department at 713-526-0311 ext 122.

Gifts of stock or property can secure significant federal income tax savings for you, while building COTS assets in order to carry out our mission to serve the homeless and poor. We encourage you to consult your attorney or tax advisor to learn about the various tax benefits and restrictions that may apply to your specific situation.

Gifts of Stock and Securities

- Gain a federal charitable income tax deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the date of the gift to COTS (up to 30% of your adjusted gross income) if the stock was owned for more than one year.
- Carry over of the deduction for up to five additional years if the fair market value of the gift is more than 30% of your adjusted gross income.
- Avoidance of capital gains tax that is due when you sell appreciated stock. (Stock owned for one year or less is considered a short-term asset and usually won't produce attractive tax benefits).

Gifts of Real Estate

- Gain a federal charitable income tax deduction equal to the full market value of the property, and avoid any capital gains taxes on the sale of property.

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PLAN A GIFT

For more information, please call our Development Department at 312-526-0311 ext 122.

You can leave a lasting legacy to COTS by including us in your estate plans or by making a planned gift that will integrate your charitable, family and financial goals. Methods of planned giving include wills, trusts, life insurance, stocks and other investments. It may be possible to reduce or eliminate income and estate taxes while turning appreciated assets into an income for yourself or others. We encourage you to consult your attorney or tax advisor to learn about the various tax benefits and restrictions that may apply to your specific situation.

A planned gift enables you to:

- Increase current income for yourself or your designated beneficiary
- Reduce income tax liability
- Avoid capital gains tax
- Pass assets on to your family and pay less tax
- Make a larger charitable gift than you thought possible
- Plan for the transfer of your business
- Leave a charitable legacy

GROUP AND CORPORATE GIFTS

For more information, please call our Development Department at 713-526-0311 ext. 122.

Groups and Corporations are often looking for a way to make an impact in the community through a large investment or contribution.

COTS welcomes partnerships with groups and corporations who wish to support our mission. We accept gifts of products or equipment as well as cash contributions. COTS also offers event sponsorships and group volunteer days.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with your group or corporate representative to discuss your charitable giving goals. Please contact the Development Department at 713-526-0311.

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TRIBUTE GIFTS

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COTS is privileged to help you make a tribute or memorial gift honoring someone you admire, respect, or want to remember in a meaningful way.

To make a gift in honor of, or in memory of someone special, we ask you to provide:

- The name of the person you wish to honor
- Contact information for the person you are honoring or a family member

We will send you a receipt to acknowledge your tax-deductible contribution, and send a letter to the family or honoree to inform them of your thoughtful gift. The amount of the gift is kept confidential.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

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You may wish to help COTS in non-monetary ways. If you or your group (company, university, school, church group, neighborhood association, etc.) want to support COTS, please let us know. In general, you could volunteer, participate in a community drive or program, sponsor an event or host an awareness event or fundraiser.

If you have non-monetary items to donate, please check the list below for our greatest needs. Homeless families and individuals have a wide and growing range of needs related to establishing a household.

Items List

Individuals and families appreciate smaller household items, such as new or gently used clothing, toys, books, and personal hygiene items. These "in-kind" donations are eligible for tax deductions. If you wish to claim a deduction, you must complete our in-kind donation form and declare a value for your donated items. This value must be determined by you (the donor), and not COTS. Forms can be obtained from the receptionist at the time you drop off your goods.

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