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Session Agenda

- 1. Current Philanthropic Landscape
- 2. Donor-Centric Noncash Strategies
- 3. Tactics for Growth
- 4. Strategic and Actionable Resources



With all the uncertainty, what's next?

Stabilizing Your Organization Now for Future Success





Reserves Analysis Tool: Support for Scenario Planning

Revenue Risk

More Uncertainty or Potential for Disruption = More Reserves



Spending Risk

Fixed Commitments or Potential for Spike = More Reserves



Timing Differences

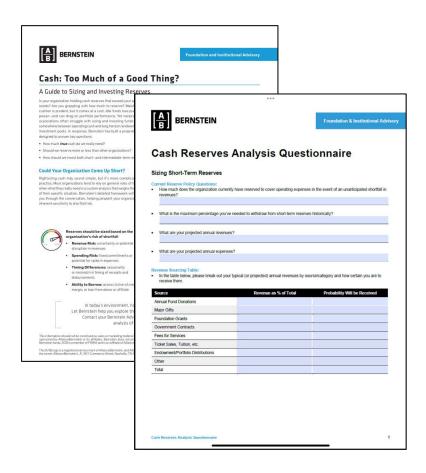
Variability, Seasonality, or Timing Mismatch = More Reserves



Borrowing Risk

Access to Margin or Loan from Affiliate Org. or Donor = Less Reserves





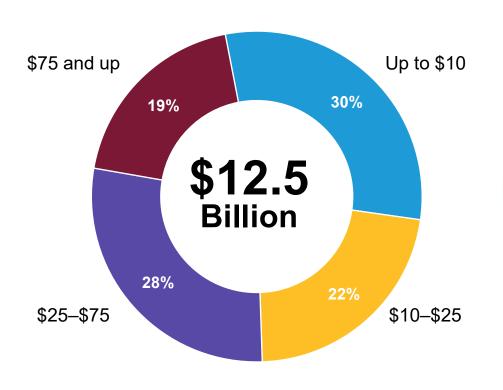
- Less Reserves Required
- Some Reserves Required
- More Reserves Required

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Insights for Today's Session Gathered from 1,200+ National Tax-exempt Clients

AUM (USD Millions)*



Sample Clients



















































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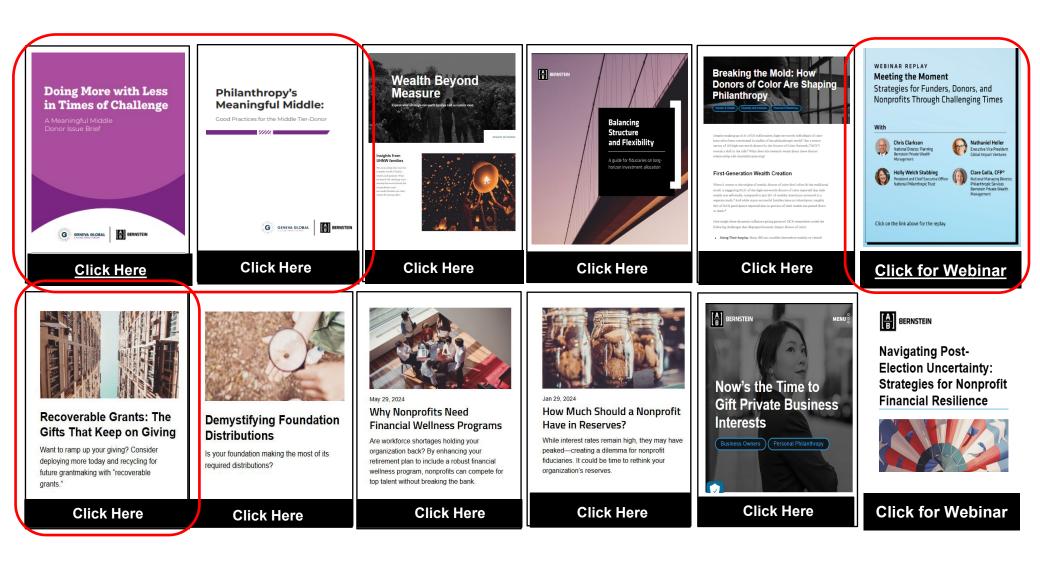
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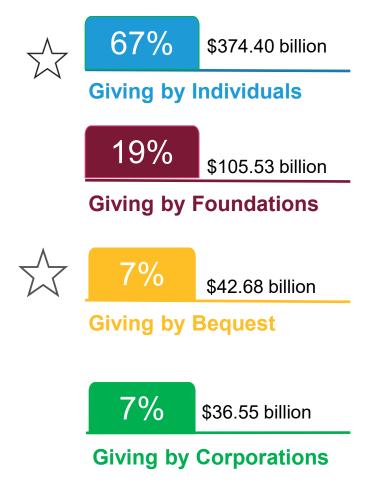




Donor-Centric Noncash Strategies



U.S. Charitable Giving \$557.16 billion total



Increasing Complexity of Giving

Giving was down by 2.1% in 2023, inflation adjusted. It has not surpassed the all-time high set in 2021.

\$124 Trillion intergenerational wealth transfer is underway. \$18 Trillion expected to pass directly to charitable organizations.

Majority of HNW/UHNW wealth is non-cash assets.

68% of global UHNW families work with philanthropic advisors or have family offices to manage giving.





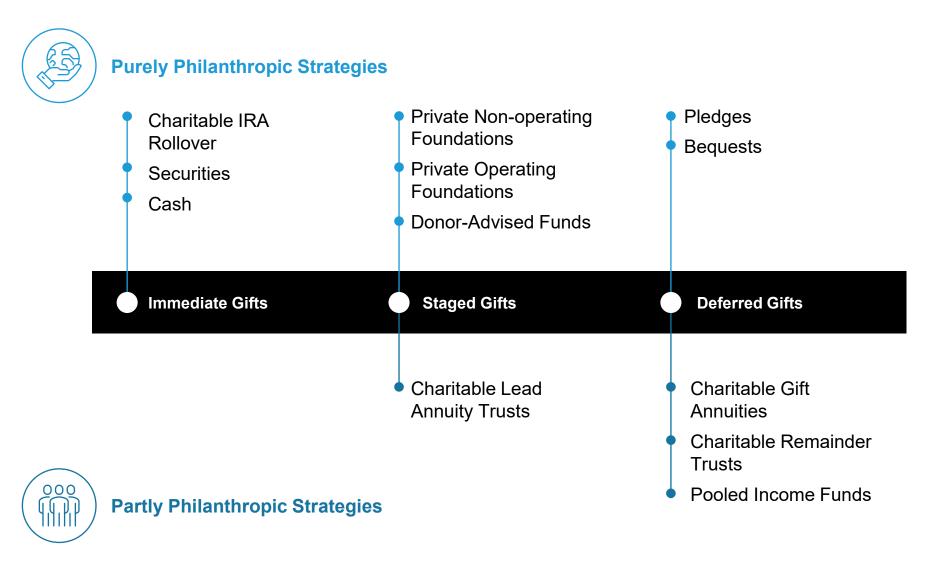
Blended Giving

- Combine the enjoyment of a current gift with the satisfaction of a lasting charitable legacy.
- Invites donors to consider major gifts and planned gifts, together, that fit within their charitable/estate plans.





As Wealth Transfers, Diversification Focuses Beyond Cash



Source: Philanthropy: Rooted in Your Values



Planned Giving | Outstanding ROI

Recent economic, demographic, and philanthropic trends point to continuing importance of blended giving to nonprofits

Worth the Investment

8% of Americans include a charitable bequest in their will or estate plan BUT 1/3 say would consider doing so if asked

\$124 trillion in wealth will transfer in US from elder generations to beneficiaries by 2048. "If we don't ask, other nonprofits will..."

69% of donors change their wills but only 25% change the gift beneficiaries in their wills

Worth the Wait

Average planned gift is \$46,000+ - on average, 200–300 times the size of a donor's largest annual fund gift

Average time from when gift is made to maturity is 7–10 years

44 is the average age of donors when they first executed a will or living trust was. Start early

Sources: Planned Giving Myths, Facts, Stats, Ruminations and More, PlannedGiving.com; GivingUSA's Leaving a Legacy: A New Look at Planned Giving Donors; Cerulli Anticipates \$124 Trillion in Wealth Will Transfer Through 2048. December 5, 2024; Are Your Donors Waiting To Be Asked About Their Legacies? The Council on Nonprofits; National Committee on Planned Giving; The Benefits of Planned Giving for Nonprofits and Donors, FreeWill; Legacy Giving and What You Need to Know, NMBL Strategies; Who Are Your Planned Giving Donor?, Sharpe Group





Planning for Unknowns

90% of gifts will be made through wills/trusts

- 1. Donor may not have donated previously.
- 2. In a period of economic uncertainty, there are two main areas of philanthropic growth.
- 3. A donor doesn't need to be "wealthy" to make a significant planned gift.
- 4. Who educates donors about planned giving?
- 5. Everyone has an estate plan. It may not be the one they want.

Take Action

Don't be afraid to ask – it can be a positive conversation about legacy

- 1. Keep it simple just reach out.
- 2. The best ROI are the easiest gifts to get.
- 3. Include messaging across a range of materials.
- 4. Fewer people today have wills.
- 5. Explore a range of beneficiary designations (DAFs, IRAs, POD (payable on death); TOD (transferable on death) arrangements, etc.





Identify Prospects

Mine your base for appropriate donors to steward:

- Long-time donors
- Regular event attendees
- Volunteers
- People who engage/follow on social media
- Donors across a range of income levels
- Childfree donors
- Non-traditional couples
- Donors at retirement homes
- People who give stock gifts





Strategic & Actionable Resources



Non-Bernstein Planned Giving Webinar



CCS Fundraising:

Building Your Planned Giving Program in 1-3 Hours Per Week

Click Here for Webinar

Click Here for Slides

Source: CCS Fundraising



Fundraising Samples Materials and Templates

Case for Support Samples

Noncash Fundraising Messaging **Gift Acceptance Policy Statement**

Key Insights for Endowment Planning









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Source: Bernstein.com



Additional Fundraising Sessions

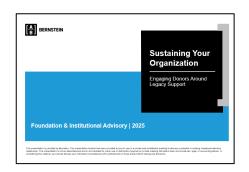
Donor engagement workshops, research, and template resources for staff and board leaders

Sustaining your Organization through Planned Giving

Navigating Donor Advised Funds*

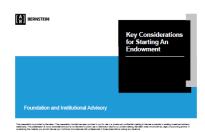
Igniting Your Network: Enhancing Board Engagement

Key Insights for Endowment Planning









*National Philanthropic Trust

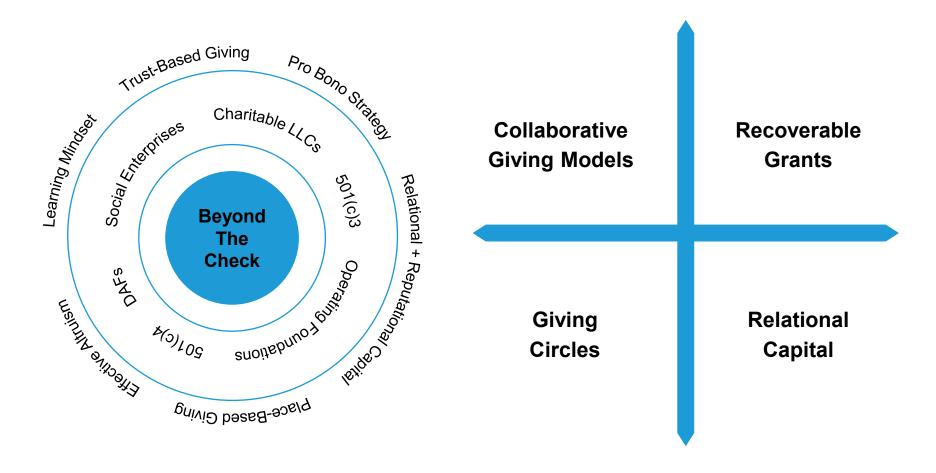
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Source: Bernstein.com; National Philanthropic Trust



Further Diversify Engagement Strategies

Development teams and boards are seeking education to open the door for new and beneficial giving models



Source: Philanthropy's Meaningful Middle: Best Practices for Middle Tier Donors



Meet the Donor Where They're At | The "Philanthropic Curve"

	Phase & Focus	What it Might Look Like	Common Questions & Concerns
1	Become a Donor	 Many experiences & values motivate you to give Demands increase, you're on many lists Gifts may be distributed across many orgs 	Philanthropy honeymoonChoosing vehicleAm I making a difference?
2	Decide to get Organized	 Control the process instead of process controlling you Review giving history: what's most satisfying? Prioritize, say no, develop criteria (less reactive) 	What's our mission?How are others doing it?Governance & decisions?
3	Become a Learner	 Start researching issues that most interest you Talk with experts, other donors, make visits Possibly hire support, clarify focus Distinguish reactive gifts vs your 'real philanthropy' 	Board memberships?Who are the key players?Increase effectiveness?
4	Become Issue & Results Oriented	 Maximize giving, increase odds of making a difference Effective application of your resources Focus on capacity building, talented leadership Proactively seek out best leaders, causes, orgs 	 Increase effectiveness? Apply skills/experience from other industries/life areas
5	Leverage your Philanthropy	 Collaborate w/ & seek out other donors across industries, public-private partnerships Create & fund models to be more broadly adapted Become the 'go-to' on issues you support 	Transformative thinkingSystems changeNext generation
6	Alignment of Vision & Interests	 Philanthropy is most exciting & satisfying Values, passions, interests, actions = aligned Satisfaction of an 'integrated life' 	What it all means?





Noncash Vehicles are Not a One Size Fits All



DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

CRYPTO-PHILANTHROPY



PASSION ASSETS

- Payout rate was 24% in 2023
- Contributions to DAFs dropped significantly, -21.7%. The most precipitous one-year drop on record.
 Drop follows recent/sharpest one-year increase (2020-2021).
- Contributions seem to be returning to historical growth patterns.

Next Step:

Add a DAF button to your website, making it easy for donors to find you

- \$2B in crypto has been donated to nonprofits since 2018
- 56% of Forbes Top 100 Charities now accept cryptocurrency donations.
- Reach out for more information on our partnership with Giving Block

Next Step:

Crypto is back in conversation but it's not for every donor nor grantee. Listen to our podcast episode with Giving Block on Demystifying Crypto Donations

- Families often pass down real estate, fine jewelry, automobiles, and other collectibles
- Becoming a strong additional revenue source for nonprofits

Next Step:

The Fine Art Group's advice: Start the conversation with jewelry, which is often sitting in a safety deposit box

Review your gift acceptance policy to consider all the above, strategically. For a template, reach out to FIA@Bernstein.com

Religion Unplugged. "Crypto Is Coming: Are Nonprofits Ready For It?" Religion Unplugged, 22 March 2024, Link; Forbes. "The Largest U.S. Charities For 2021." Forbes, 10 December 2024, Link; The Giving Block. "2024 Annual Report on Crypto Philanthropy." The Giving Block, 2024, Link; Bernstein. "Demystifying Crypto Donations." Inspired Investing, 2022, Link. National Philanthropic Trust. "Donor-Advised Fund Report." National Philanthropic Trust, 2024, Link., Bernstein. "Artful Giving: Donating Collectibles for Good." Bernstein



Bernstein Foundation and Institutional Advisory Sample Topics and Training

Research and Educational Topics for Fiduciaries



Finance and Investments

- Investing Basics for Fiduciaries
- Reserves Analysis & Scenario Planning
- Economic & Capital Markets Updates
- ESG & Responsible Investing
- Alternatives Investing
- Nonprofit & Foundation Financial Statements



Policy and Governance

- Fiduciary Duty & Committee Best Practices
- Investment & Spending Policy Drafting & Review
- Growing and Diversifying Board Skillsets
- Mission, Vision & Values Statements
- Compensation & Retirement Benefits Support



Development & Donor Engagement

- Philanthropic Trends & Opportunities
- Blended Giving | Planned Giving and other Noncash Strategies
- Key Considerations for Building an Endowment
- Strong Board Ambassadorship: Building a Culture of Philanthropy



It Starts With Leadership

Should the DNA of our board shift or evolve amid to address current challenges?



How can we diversify fundraising to further our mission?

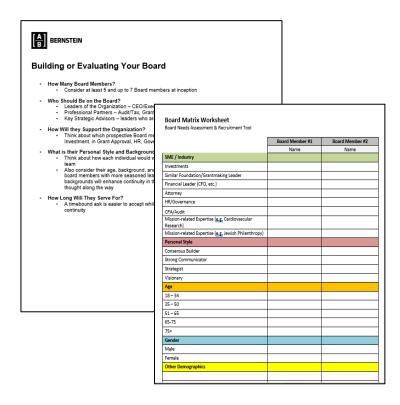
How can our investment policy meet the needs of rising costs?

What role does board governance plan in the success of our mission?



Make use of Bernstein Resources

Board Skills Needs Assessment



Board Workshops:

- Strong Board
 Ambassadorship: Building
 a Culture of Philanthropy
- Fiduciary Duty and Investment Committee Best Practices
- Key Governance Policies and Practices
- Sustaining your Organization through Planned Giving

Source: Bernstein



IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Best for: IRA owners at least 70½ years of age who have exceeded the annual limit of charitable

deductions; donors who cannot itemize deductions

When Charity Receives Gift:

Now Staged Over Time Later

Tax Impact: Counts toward RMD but excluded from AGI, so no charitable income-tax deduction;

avoids tax on income from IRA distribution

Distributions Up to \$108,000 from IRA can be granted directly to public charity; donor can

to Donor: transfer from IRA to charity first, and then receive any remaining RMD

Limitations/ Same effective tax impact as giving cash, if itemizing deductions;

Drawbacks: rules are complex

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Bequests

Best for:Donors seeking to contribute a gift to charity upon death; avoids giving money needed during life

When Charity Receives Gift:

Now Staged Over Time Later

Tax Impact:

No charitable income-tax deduction; estate tax charitable deduction if donor has a

taxable estate

Distributions to Donor:

No

Limitations/ Drawbacks:

Charity does not receive benefit of gift until donor's death; inflation could erode its value

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Donor-Advised Funds

Best for:

Donors seeking a low-cost and flexible philanthropic vehicle to contribute to and make grants from; potential family legacy

When Charity Receives Gift:



Tax Impact:

Receive charitable income-tax deduction in year of gift, up to limits; future growth avoids income taxes

Distributions to Donor:

No

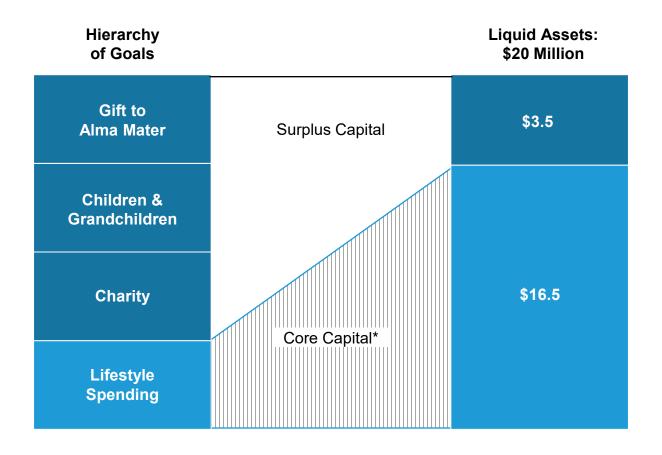
Limitations/ Drawbacks: Irrevocable gift; subject to AGI limitations on charitable contributions;

donor advises on, but doesn't control grantmaking

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Determining Core and Surplus Capital for Donors



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