



Stock Donation to the IDS A Education and Research Foundation

If you own stock and it has increased in value from the time of purchase, you can avoid paying capital gains tax and also receive a fully tax-deductible contribution for the market value of the stock by donating the shares to a non-profit organization, like the IDS A Education and Research Foundation. The IDS A Foundation has set up an investment account with Merrill Lynch to accept stock donations to the Foundation.

How it works:

- (1) Evaluate your portfolio of stocks and mutual funds that have appreciated in value. Select a security for donation to the IDS A Education and Research Foundation. NOTE – To obtain the tax savings on donation of appreciated stock, the security cannot be in a retirement account.
- (2) Contact the custodian for the investment that you plan to donate, and find out the process for transfer of shares as a contribution to a non-profit. In most cases, you will have to fill out one of the custodian's forms, sign and send to them.
- (3) Indicate the recipient of the shares as:
 - Merrill Lynch
 - DTC # 5198
 - Account # 795-02584
 - Account Name – IDS A Education and Research Foundation
- (4) After sending the form to the custodian, send an email to abond@idsociety.org, indicating your name, your email address, the security name, number of shares, and approximate value that have been transferred to IDS A ERF's account with Merrill Lynch.
- (5) We will sell your shares as soon as they are received in the Foundation stock transfer account, so make sure that you initiate the transfer no later than December 20, to insure recording in this tax year. Since Merrill Lynch charges a fee of \$0.04 per share for processing the sale transaction, your donation amount will be net of this fee.
- (6) We will document the amount of your contribution by letter within 60 days after receipt of the shares.