Donors who are interested in making a planned gift to the College of Education and Human Development have an array of options and different vehicles that can help you accomplish your philanthropic and personal goals. Below are a few types of planned gifts that may be of interest to you:

**Bequest Intention**
After providing for the needs of your family, a bequest in your will or living trust designates a charitable gift to George Mason University after your death. A bequest allows you to make a gift, receive an estate tax deduction, and leave a lasting legacy in the area of the College that is most important to you.

**Qualified Charitable Distribution**
If you are 70½ or older, a qualified charitable distribution is one option that can lower your income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. This vehicle allows you to avoid taxes on transfers of up to $100,000 from your IRA while satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

In exchange for a gift, the George Mason University Foundation agrees by contract to pay a fixed amount each year to one or two beneficiaries (the annuitants) for life. Charitable Gift Annuities are a great way to reduce income tax while locking in fixed payments for yourself and up to one beneficiary.

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