WAYS TO GIVE

Sustained Giving

“The League Sustainers” is a way to give to LWVMC monthly, to secure League's future, and it is an easy way to do so. This is separate from the annual membership dues and in this way, it is not shared with LWVUS or LWVO. It comes as a tax-deductible donation directly to Metro Columbus. Go to the LWVMC website: www.lwvcols.org and click on “Donate.” Follow the prompts from there. Monthly payments can be made to PayPal or Pay with a Debit or Credit Card (Guest Subscription). The monthly amount you choose will automatically be paid to LWVMC each month on the day of the month that you enroll.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a gift of your time. This is a precious gift as LWVMC is a grass-roots organization that relies on volunteers to do much of the work. We do not want to minimize this gift, and as a volunteer, we request that you record the hours that you give on the LWVMC website. It is beneficial to keep track of the collective hours because it helps when we are seeking grants and corporate donations. And so, we thank you for the time you give to LWVMC

LWVMC Friends Campaign

Our Friends campaign takes place every year in December and is a major fundraiser for our budget. You may respond to the annual letter with a check or by credit card.

Democracy In Action

LWVMC's annual benefit honors an individual or organization in Central Ohio that has made a significant contribution to the local community. Held in May, Democracy In Action is our largest fundraiser. Patron and sponsorship opportunities are available.

Honor and Memorial Giving

A tribute gift is a meaningful way to convey sympathy to the bereaved, memorialize a loved one, commemorate a special occasion or honor a person's life and accomplishments. An acknowledgement of your gift will be sent to the honoree or family member of the person being memorialized. For more information, please contact LWVMC at vote@lwvcols.org

Employer Matching Gifts

Many employers have matching gift programs that could double or even triple your gift to the League of Women Voters. To find out more, contact your employer's charitable giving department.

IRA Charitable Donations
Some taxpayers can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from their IRA accounts directly to LWV Metropolitan Columbus that provides tax advantages to the donor. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying required minimum distributions (RMD) for the year. Individuals must take their first RMD by April 1 of the year after reaching age 72. Talk to your tax advisor for more information. If you like to make special designations within your QCD, we would be happy to speak with you to accommodate your needs.

**Pledges**

Pledges enable a donor to plan a personal giving program that is both convenient and tax-wise. A pledge may enable a donor to consider a more significant gift than would have been otherwise possible. Terms for payment on pledges may be arranged with the LWVMC staff.

**Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy**

Donating life insurance could qualify for a tax deduction if premiums you subsequently pay are made to keep coverage in force. Naming LWVMC as a beneficiary is generally easy and involves a request with your insurer. Also, it may help prevent the assets from becoming part of your estate after death. It is advised you review the options with a financial advisor or with a legal and tax professional.

**Planned Giving and the Columbus Foundation**

An organizational fund for the LWV Metropolitan Columbus was established in 2012 at The Columbus Foundation. By planning today, you can create a legacy that ensures support for LWV Metropolitan Columbus that continues for many years to come. Our philanthropic partner, the Columbus Foundation, can help you make your greatest charitable impact through funds that are flexible, innovative and personalized. Gifts of cash or appreciated assets to the LWV Metropolitan Columbus may be tax deductible at the highest income tax level. Interested individuals may contact LWVMC at vote@lwvcols.org or 614-837-1089 or reach the Columbus Foundation's Advancement team at 614-251-4000 for a personalized consultation.