

ATBALSTA IESPĒJAS | WAYS TO GIVE

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteerism is one of Garezers' distinctive qualities and core values. Volunteers are the backbone of many of our successful projects and events. Volunteers gain a sense of shared community, create and strengthen friendships, and enjoy an increased sense of ownership in Garezers. To find out more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Garezers office.

CASH

A gift of cash is the most common and convenient way to give to the Latvian Center Garezers. Donors who itemize tax deductions are able to fully deduct cash gifts up to 50% of their adjusted gross income. Checks should be made payable to Latvian Center Garezers, Inc. Donations can also be made by credit card via the website www.garezers.org

MONTHLY RECURRING DONATIONS

Please consider a monthly recurring gift, which can be made [electronically](#). This is a convenient option as it allows a small donation (\$5 minimum) to be deducted automatically each month from the credit or debit card of your choice. Donors receive and electronic receipt for each monthly donation.

THE ANNUAL EDUCATION FUND – “DRAUDZĪGAIS AICINĀJUMS”

Donors who contribute to the Annual Education Fund are participating in a generations-old education campaign – “Draudzīgais aicinājums” – which was established in pre-war Latvia. All gifts made to the Annual Fund help Garezers provide excellent educational programs for Latvians of all ages.

CAPITAL OR ENDOWMENT GIFT

Donors may request that their gifts be used for a specific capital project (as agreed upon with the Executive Director), or be invested in the Garezers Improvement Fund. Unless otherwise indicated, all donations contribute to the annual operating budget.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

One of the most meaningful ways to memorialize a loved one or pay tribute to a special person is by making a gift in his/her name to Latvian Center Garezers, Inc. Memorial Gifts can be designated for a specific program. Please contact the Garezers office if we may be of assistance.

MATCHING GIFTS

When making a gift to Latvian Center Garezers, some donors may be able to maximize their giving by taking advantage of an employer's corporate matching gift program. Many corporations have matching gift programs, which allow employees to direct corporate gift money to Latvian Center Garezers. Donors should contact their employer's human resources or benefits office to learn if there is a matching gift program.

RETIREMENT PLAN OPTIONS

Making a gift of a qualified retirement plan asset such as a 401(K), 403(b), IRA, Keogh or pension plan is another way to benefit the hospital and receive significant tax savings. Retirement plan assets are often subject to extremely high estate taxes, and the income is fully taxable when received by an individual beneficiary. By naming the Latvian Center Garezers as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, the donor maintains complete control over the assets during his/her lifetime, but at the donor's death the plan passes to the Latvian Center Garezers free of both estate and income taxes.

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Subject to approval on an individual basis, donors can make gifts of tangible personal property, such as art, books, antiques and collections to the Latvian Center Garezers. A donor's charitable income tax deduction is based on the "related use" of the property. If the property is unrelated to the exempt purposes of the charity, the donor can deduct the cost basis of the property. All gifts of tangible personal property must first be approved and accepted by the Latvian Center Garezers.

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS

If you spend time at Garezers during the summer, you probably shop for groceries at Meijer. By applying for a Meijer credit card or guest card, a percentage of your purchases will be automatically donated to Garezers. For more information, call 1.800.962.7011 or visit www.meijer.com/rewards. You will be able to designate LATVIAN CENTER GAREZERS as your local charity – the I.D. number is 734983.

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