



There are Many Ways to Support the Visitor Plaza Project

- **CASH** – Gifts of cash, payable by check or credit card, are certainly the easiest and most popular way to contribute.
- **PLEDGES** – For greater impact, many donors choose to pledge a contribution over a number of years. Commitments of \$2,500-\$9,999 may be spread over two years. Commitments of 10,000 and up may be spread over three to five years.*

**Please see Visitor Plaza Recognition Opportunities for levels and submit a completed Pledge Form to the Development Office, or contact Sylvia Rosenberger, Chief Development Officer, at 626-821-3232 or at Sylvia.Rosenberger@Arboretum.org for further details.*

- **GIFTS OF LONG-TERM APPRECIATED SECURITIES** – A gift of appreciated securities is one of the most tax-efficient ways to provide support and enables a greater contribution to the Arboretum Foundation. **Such a gift offers two distinct tax advantages:** avoiding capital gains tax on the increased value of the stock, while also providing a charitable deduction for its full fair-market value when the gift is made. The Development Office can provide the Arboretum Foundation's account information for an electronic transfer.
- **REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION GIFTS** – For Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owners facing annual required minimum distribution (RMD) obligations, there is a tax-efficient way to provide a charitable donation to nonprofits, such as the Arboretum Foundation. The Internal Revenue Service allows the transfer of up to \$100,000 to charity, tax-free each year – even if that's more than your RMD – thereby reducing your adjusted gross income and possibly offering other benefits, like lowered Medicare premiums. Funds must be transferred directly from the IRA administrator to the nonprofit to count as a tax-free transfer.

Please seek legal or financial advice should you have a unique situation or specific tax or estate-planning questions.

Your contribution today will vastly enhance the overall visitor experience at the Arboretum far into the future. Thank you!