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Generational Wealth



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Generational wealth is a term used to describe the transfer of wealth from one generation to another. It is an essential part of a family's financial planning, and it can be accomplished through careful planning and preservation. Estate planning, tax management, and family education are all valuable tools for preserving generational wealth.

Estate Planning

An estate plan is a comprehensive plan that enables you to manage your assets during your lifetime as well as after your death. This includes deciding how your assets will be distributed, who will manage them in the event of incapacity or death, and who receives them upon your passing. An estate plan also includes details about what should happen if you are unable to make decisions due to injury or illness. Having an estate plan in place allows you to ensure that your wishes are carried out in accordance with the law while avoiding probate costs and other potential delays associated with transferring assets without an estate plan.

An estate plan should include a will, which outlines how you would like your assets to be distributed after you die. It should also include trusts, which are used as vehicles for transferring assets between generations without going through probate court. Additionally, an estate plan may include powers of attorney that allow someone else to manage your financial affairs if you become incapacitated or unable to do so yourself.

Wills can fall into two main categories: testamentary and living wills.

A testamentary will is a document that explains how an individual's assets should be divided after their death. A living will, on the other hand, outlines an individual's wishes regarding medical treatment if they become incapacitated or unable to make decisions for themselves.

There are several types of trusts, which are useful in estate tax management and have different implications for the estate plan.



Tax Management Using Trusts

The executor of an estate has many duties to attend to after someone passes. This includes collecting documents, identifying and valuing assets, paying any outstanding debts, dispersing the assets as directed, and filing a final income tax return. This can be especially challenging when the asset base consists of illiquid items such as real estate or a business. Fortunately, there are ways to navigate these issues that can provide both protection from taxes and other potential probate complications for those involved.

Irrevocable life insurance trusts (ILITs) – if titled properly, the proceeds are distributed free from estate and income taxes. ILITs are utilized to replace estate funds that are used to pay final expenses or to increase the size of an estate thereby helping replace lost family income.

Because ILITs are structured as a trust, additional advantages include but are not limited to: creditor protection, privacy, probate avoidance and distributions for multiple generations.

Qualified personal residence trusts (QPRTs) – allows you to retitle your home into an irrevocable trust's name, thereby removing the value of the home from your estate. You retain rights to remain in the home for a set number of years. Removing the home from your estate helps reduce federal estate taxes.

Incentive trusts – instead of traditional trust distribution methods, the creator carefully constructs these distributions in a way that motivates positive actions (graduating from college or refraining from substance abuse) and instills family values.



Family Education

Making sound financial decisions is essential in preserving generational wealth over time. Educating younger generations on money management skills such as budgeting, saving, investing, debt management, and taxation can help ensure that they are able to responsibly manage any assets they may inherit from their parents or grandparents. It also helps teach them values such as working hard and living within their means so that they may pass these values down to future generations as well.

Young people can learn by example – demonstrating responsible behavior when it comes to finances helps them understand what's expected of them in terms of managing money now and later on. However, it's not enough to just show that you are doing these things; you'll need to actually explain their significance. Show the importance of setting and sticking to a financial plan. Explain why planning and tracking expenses, investing, and saving money are so essential to managing wealth.

Financial advisors can provide invaluable advice and guidance when it comes to estate planning and the transfer of generational wealth. They can help you identify goals, develop a plan that is tailored to your financial situation, and manage risks associated with estate planning. They are also able to advise on some legal aspects of estate planning, such as taxes or wills. Additionally, they can explain how certain investments or strategies may increase or decrease the value of an estate over time.

They can also provide financial guidance for younger generations in order to ensure their financial stability. In short, a financial advisor is crucial to successful estate planning and the transfer of generational wealth.

Cold Harbor Financial specializes in personalizing generational wealth strategies for:

- Business owners needing support in asset protection, cash management, insurance, financing, and succession planning
- Executives needing corporate solutions such as share repurchase programs, corporate cash management, executive benefit platforms, and retirement programs
- Legacy-focused families looking to manage and preserve accumulated wealth





If you're interested in getting the most out of your wealth, we are here for you.

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