



**Vehicles  
For  
Charity**

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What are the benefits of donating my vehicle to SUCAP?**

SUCAP benefits by receiving a cash donation to help fund new and existing programs.

You benefit by being able to reduce your taxable income when taxes are itemized. Plus you avoid the costs associated with selling your car. No need to pay for advertising, no loss of privacy and possible security risk, and no need to pay for vehicle registration, insurance, and repairs to keep your car in running condition while you wait for a buyer.

### **Does my car have to be running to donate it?**

In some cases we can take your car, running or not. However, it must have an engine and be tow-able. Contact a representative at 1-866-628-2277 to find out if your vehicle qualifies for pick-up.

### **What can I donate?**

You can donate most any vehicle, including cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles and recreational vehicles. If you are uncertain as to whether or not your vehicle is eligible, please contact the vehicle donation program toll free at 1-866-628-2277 to find out.

### **Will you pick up my vehicle?**

A towing company will call you to schedule the pick-up of your vehicle. You will need to give the driver the keys to the vehicle as well as your signed title.

If you cannot be with the vehicle at the time of pick-up, special arrangements can be made by calling our representative at 1-866-628-2277.

### **How long will it take to pick up my vehicle?**

We make donating your car as simple and convenient as possible. A tow company will contact you within two to three business days after you have submitted the donation form or called Vehicles for Charity.

### **What paperwork do I need to complete the donation?**

The only paperwork needed is a signed, clear title. Have your title with you when you call-in your donation or complete the on-line donation form. [Please note: A clear title indicates the title is in the name of the donor without a lien.]

We will also need some information about the location and condition of the vehicle. This will help us in scheduling appropriate towing arrangements.

**Do I need a smog certificate in order to donate my car?**

For states that require smog certificates or safety inspections, you may donate your vehicle without these documents.

## **Tax Questions**

**How does the law effect my tax deduction?**

Donors are not responsible for determining the deductible value of their donation. Instead, they will receive IRS Form 1098-C, Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes if the proceeds from the sale exceed \$500, stating the amount of the gross proceeds from the sale of the donated vehicle. The amount listed on IRS Form 1098-C, Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes will be the gross proceeds of the deductible donation.

**Will I get a tax receipt for my donation?**

Yes, our driver will issue a tow receipt at the time of pick-up. This is not your final tax receipt if the sale price of your vehicle exceeds \$500. This initial acknowledgement will indicate your name as well as the year, make, model and condition of the car you are donating. It will be your only receipt if your vehicle sells for less than \$500.

**What can I claim as a deduction?**

According to the tax law effective January 1, 2005, if the claimed value of the donated vehicle exceeds \$500, the taxpayer is limited to the gross proceeds of the sale.

An IRS Form 1098-C, "Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes" will be mailed to you within 30 days of the sale stating the amount of gross proceeds received from your car, provided your vehicle sold for more than \$500 and you have submitted your social security number. This will be your tax receipt for your charitable contribution.

**How is the value determined on the vehicle donated?**

The value is determined by the gross proceeds raised from the sale of the donated vehicle. You no longer have the burden of determining the value yourself.

**What if my car is valued over \$5000?**

Effective January 1, 2005, you are no longer required to have vehicles appraised. The value you may claim will be the amount of gross proceeds received from your vehicle.