# Personal Financial Plan 

For

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## About Your Personal Financial Plan

We appreciate that you have questions and concerns as you work to attain and preserve financial security. Today's financial environment is complex and in many regards, uncertain. The decisions you make regarding work, spending, investment, and retirement, both now and in the future, will significantly affect your financial condition over the long term.

In an effort to aid you in learning, understanding, and formulating a personal basis for decision making, this 'Personal Financial Plan' is offered to help enhance your knowledge of various topics and communicate some of the intricacies of the financial world. The plan represents a framework to clarify and structure your financial matters.

This plan is based upon confidential information you provided regarding your present resources and objectives. While illustrations within this plan can be a valuable aid in the examination of your finances, it does not represent the culmination of your planning efforts. Financial planning is an ongoing process.

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## Summary

This report uses financial models to present a picture of your current financial situation and illustrations of possible directions your finances may take. Future economic and market conditions are unknown, and will change. The assumptions used are representative of economic and market conditions that could occur, and are designed to promote a discussion of appropriate actions that may need to be taken, now or in the future, to help you manage and maintain your financial situation under changeable conditions.

## Your Current Situation:

- You have assets of approximately $\$ 433,000$.
- You have liabilities of approximately $\$ 140,000$.
- Your net worth is approximately $\$ 293,000$.
- You now have $\$ 183,000$ in working assets and are adding $\$ 16,000$ per year.


## Your Goals:

- John wants to retire at age 64 and Mary wants to retire at age 62.
- Monthly after-tax income needed at that time is $\$ 4,396$ (in today's dollars).
- You will need the income until the last life expectancy of age 90.


## Analysis Details:

- Asset Allocation: Type of Investor - Somewhat Aggressive
- Long-term care assets at risk: $\$ 781,738$
- Net Estimated Life Insurance Needs Shortage for John: $\$ 37,000$
- Net Estimated Life Insurance Needs Shortage for Mary: None
- John and Mary do not have Wills.
- John and Mary do not have Durable Powers of Attorney.
- John and Mary do not have Living Wills.
- John and Mary do not have Health Care Powers of Attorney.


## Retirement Analysis

Using the information you provided, calculations have been made to estimate whether your current retirement program will meet your stated retirement goals. The analysis begins now and extends through life expectancy. It includes tax advantaged, taxable investments, defined benefit pensions, if applicable, and Social Security benefits. The analysis calculates growth and depletion of capital assets over time. This analysis is the basis for the following summarized statement.

## Actions:

Using current data, estimates show you will have enough money to reach your retirement goals. Since it appears that you will have $\$ 732,400$ left at your life expectancy, you may wish to consider: an earlier retirement, increased spending during retirement, or other ways to enhance your retirement years.

This report is for informational and educational purposes only. The information and assumptions used are estimates. The resulting calculations are designed to help illustrate financial concepts and general trends.

## Assumptions

| Client Information: | John | Mary | Asset Allocations: |  |  | Current | Suggested |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Birth Date | 1/1/1968 | 1/1/1970 | Cash \& Reserves |  |  | 13.11\% | 5.00\% |
| Age | 52 | 50 | Income |  |  | 24.04\% | 0.00\% |
| Retirement Age | 64 | 62 | Income \& |  |  | 62.84\% | 15.00\% |
| Life Expectancy | 85 | 90 | Growth |  |  | 0.00\% | 40.00\% |
| Alternate Life Expectancy |  |  | Aggressive |  |  | 0.00\% | 40.00\% |
| Life Insurance |  |  | Other |  |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| Term Insurance | \$300,000 | \$100,000 | Risk Tolerance |  |  | Somewhat | Aggressive |
| Insurance Cash Values |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income (Annual) | John | Mary |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earned Income | \$90,000 | \$30,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social Security |  |  | Other Expenses (After-Tax) |  |  |  |  |
| Start Age | 62 | 62 | Item |  |  |  |  |
| Increase Rate | 2.25\% | 2.25\% | Description | Year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Inc. } \\ & \text { Rate } \end{aligned}$ | of Years | Amount per <br> Year |
| Pension 1 | \$12,800 | \$7,200 |  |  |  |  | (\$20,000) |
| Start Age | 62 | 60 | European | $2022$ | $3.0 \%$ | 1 | (\$20,000) |
| Increase Rate (Pre. Ret.) | 0.00\% | 0.00\% | Replace Roof | $2020$ | $3.0 \%$ |  | $(\$ 8,000)$ |
| Increase Rate (Ret.) | 2.00\% | 2.00\% |  |  |  |  | (\$12,000) |
| Pension Survivor \% | 0\% | 50\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pension 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Start Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increase Rate (Pre. Ret.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increase Rate (Ret.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pension Survivor \% |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rate Assumptions | Pre-Ret. | Ret. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxable Returns | 7.00\% | 6.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax-Deferred \& Roth Returns | 7.00\% | 6.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tax-Free Returns | 5.00\% | 5.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Return on Annuities | 7.00\% | 7.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Effective Tax Rates | 25.00\% | 20.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost Basis for Taxable Assets |  | 100.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cost Basis for Annuity Assets |  | 100.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additions Increase Rate: Taxable |  | 3.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Additions Incr Rate: Tax-Def | 3.00\% | 3.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expenses (After-Tax ) | Pre-Ret. | Ret. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expenses | \$65,000 | \$52,750 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Survivor Expenses | \$55,000 | \$45,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inflation Rate | 2.50\% | 3.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| Survivor Inflation Rate | 2.50\% | 3.00\% |  |  |  |  |  |

## Estimated Education Costs

Total Costs at 6\% Inflation

## Net Worth Statement

John and Mary Sample

July 20, 2020

## ASSETS

Savings And Investments
Money Market Accounts/Funds \$20,000
Annuities
Municipal Bonds and Funds
30,000
Stock Mutual Fund / ETF
10,000
5,000

## Retirement Accounts

Qualified Plans-John
IRA Assets-Mary
\$100,000
Roth Assets-John
14,000
Roth Assets-Mary
2,000
2,000

## Other Assets

Residence
Personal Property
\$200,000
Auto
20,000
30,000
\$250,000
TOTAL ASSETS
\$433,000
LIABILITIES
Residence Mortgage
\$120,000
Credit Card Debt
5,000
Auto Loans
15,000

Note: Potential taxes due on unrealized gains or assets in tax-deferred retirement plans are not accounted for in this Net Worth Statement. This asset information is based upon information you provided and sources believed to be reliable. The asset listing herein is not an account statement and does not necessarily include current or complete balances, holdings, and returns. Please review this information for accuracy.

## Asset Worksheet

| Description | Current <br> Amount | Annual Additions* | Addition Period | Asset Class | Account Taxation | Asset Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | 20,000 |  |  | Cash | Taxable (J) | Money Market |
| Municipal Bond Fund | 10,000 |  |  | Income | Tax-Free (J) | Muni Bonds \& Funds |
| Stock Mutual Funds | 5,000 | 3,000 | 2020-2031 | Inc./Gro. | Taxable (J) | Mutual Funds (Stock) |
| IRA | 14,000 |  |  | Income | IRA (2) | Stocks |
| 401k | 20,000 | 1,000 | 2020-2031 | Income | Tax-Deferred (1) | Bond Mutual Funds |
| 401k | 80,000 | 8,000 | 2020-2031 | Inc./Gro. | Tax-Deferred (1) | Mutual Funds (Stock) |
| Annuity | 30,000 |  |  | Inc./Gro. | Annuity (1) | Annuities |
| Roth IRA | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2020-2031 | Cash | Roth IRA (1) | Money Market |
| Roth IRA | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2020-2031 | Cash | Roth IRA (2) | Money Market |

*Annual IRA addition amounts used in the analysis are limited to the maximums allowed by law.
Note: This asset information is based upon information you provided and sources believed to be reliable. The asset listing herein is not an account statement and does not necessarily include current or complete balances, holdings, and returns. Please review this information for accuracy.

## Your Current Asset Allocation

The information from the Asset Worksheet was used to create the following chart.
It is important to the success of your planning that your asset allocation is consistent with your goals. You should compare your current allocation to the Suggested Asset Allocation below which may be more appropriate and beneficial to your situation.


Cash \& Reserves - 13\%
Income - 24\%
Income \& Growth - 63\%

## Suggested Asset Allocation

Based upon information you provided, we believe you should consider an investment mix similar to the one below.
We have illustrated a broad-based allocation. Effectiveness might be further increased by diversifying the types of securities held within the asset mix. See your Financial Advisor for further analysis.


Cash \& Reserves - 5\%
Income \& Growth - 15\%
Growth - 40\%
Aggressive Growth - 40\%

| Asset Allocation | Current |  | Suggested * |  |  | Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash \& Reserves | \$24,000 | 13\% | \$9,150 | ** | 5\% | (\$14,850) |
| Income | 44,000 | 24\% | 0 |  | 0\% | $(44,000)$ |
| Income \& Growth | 115,000 | 63\% | 27,450 |  | 15\% | $(87,550)$ |
| Growth | 0 | 0\% | 73,200 |  | 40\% | 73,200 |
| Aggressive Growth | 0 | 0\% | 73,200 |  | 40\% | 73,200 |
| Other | 0 | 0\% | 0 |  | 0\% | 0 |
| Total | \$183,000 | 100\% | \$183,000 |  | 100\% | 0 |

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## Retirement Profile

## Developing A Retirement Plan

Developing a retirement plan means understanding your current situation, deciding among alternatives, and taking appropriate action today. This report will help you define your current retirement goals, identify your current planning, and estimate the results for your review.

| Your Current Retirement Goals |  | John |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 52 | Mary |
| Retirement Age: |  |  | 50 |
| Years until Retirement: |  |  | 62 |
| Years of Retirement: |  |  | 12 |
| Annual Retirement Spending (After-tax): | $\mathbf{\$ 5 2 , 7 5 0}$ |  | 28 |
|  |  |  |  |
| (expressed in today's dollars) |  |  |  |

Additional Objectives Please see the attached Education Funding Illustration.

## Other Expenses

European vacation:
Replace Roof:
Redo Kitchen:
( $\$ 20,000$ )/year starting 2022, increase rate of $3 \%$, for 1 year. $(\$ 8,000) /$ year starting 2020 , increase rate of $3 \%$, for 1 year.
( $\$ 12,000$ )/year starting 2018, increase rate of $3 \%$, for 1 year.

| Assumptions | Pre-Retirement | Retirement |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $2.5 \%$ | $3.0 \%$ |
| Income Tax Rate (Average): | $25.0 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ |
| Return on Investments (Average): | $6.9 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |

## Resources Available for Retirement

Funds to meet your goals can come from several sources: Personal Investing, Retirement Plans, Defined Benefit Pensions, Social Security, and Other Income.
Here is a summary of your situation.

## Personal Investments

Money Market Accounts/Funds
Annuities
Current Balances

Municipal Bonds and Funds

| $\$ 20,000$ |
| ---: |
| 30,000 |
| 10,000 |
| 5,000 |
| $\$ 65,000$ |

## Retirement Plans

Qualified Plans-John
IRA Assets-Mary
\$100,000
Roth Assets-John
14,000
Roth Assets-Mary

## Total Investment Assets

See Asset Worksheet for detailed annual savings information.

| Social Security | $\underline{\text { John }}$ | Mary |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Illustrated Benefit Start Age | 62 | 62 |
| Starting Benefit (After-tax) | $\$ 23,129$ | $\$ 11,601$ |
| Pension Plans | $\underline{\text { John }}$ | $\underline{\text { Mary }}$ |
| Pension Amount | $\$ 9,600^{*}$ | $\$ 5,400^{*}$ |
| Pension Starting Age | 62 | 60 |
| Increase Rate Pre-Retirement | $0.0 \%$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| Increase Rate in Retirement | $2.0 \%$ | $2.0 \%$ |
| Survivor Percentage | $0 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| *Annual amount, after taxes. |  |  |

## Retirement Summary



The analysis begins at your current age and extends through your life expectancy. It includes all assets, both tax advantaged and taxable, all expenses, including education funding if applicable, other income and expense estimates, defined benefit pensions, and Social Security benefits. The graph illustrates the growth and depletion of capital assets as seen in Retirement Capital Analysis. The line within the graph illustrates the value of future retirement assets in today's dollars.
General Assumptions:

| Rates of Return Before and After <br> Retirement Used in Illustration: |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Taxable RORs: | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Tax Def. RORs: | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Tax Free RORs: | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Annuity RORs: | $7 \%$ | $7 \%$ |


| Retirement Spending Needs* | $\$ 52,750$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Survivor Spending Needs* | $\$ 45,000$ |
| Retirement Age | John -64 |
| Retirement Age | Mary -62 |
| Inflation - Current | $2.5 \%$ |
| Inflation - Retirement | $3 \%$ |
| Tax Rate - Current | $25 \%$ |
| Tax Rate - Retirement | $20 \%$ |

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## Retirement Capital Illustration Results:

Using current data, estimates show you will have enough money to reach your retirement goals. Since it appears that you will have $\$ 732,400$ left at your life expectancy, you may wish to consider: an earlier retirement, increased spending during retirement, or other ways to enhance your retirement years.

## Monte Carlo Simulation Explanation

The financial planning process can help you evaluate your status in relationship to your financial goals and objectives. In preparing a hypothetical financial illustration for discussion, a series of representative fixed assumptions are made, such as inflation rates, rates of return, retirement benefits and tax rates. While such static hypothetical illustrations are still useful for education and discussion purposes, they are based upon unchanging long-term assumptions. In fact, economic and financial environments are unpredictable and constantly changing.

Monte Carlo Simulation is one way to visualize the effect of unpredictable financial market volatility on your retirement plan. Monte Carlo Simulation introduces random uncertainty into the annual assumptions of a retirement capital illustration model, and then runs the model a large number of times. Observing results from all these changing results can offer a view of trends, patterns and potential ranges of future outcomes illustrated by the randomly changing simulation conditions. While Monte Carlo Simulation cannot and does not predict your financial future, it may help illustrate for you some of the many different possible hypothetical outcomes.

## Monte Carlo Simulation Technique:

Based upon the trends, changes, and values shown in your hypothetical financial program, the simulation process uses a different random rate of return for each year of a new hypothetical financial plan. Ten thousand full financial plan calculations are performed utilizing the volatile annual rates of return. The result is ten thousand new hypothetical financial plan results illustrating possible future financial market environments.

By using random rates from a statistically appropriate collection of annual returns, and repeating the process thousands of times, the resulting collection can be viewed as a representative set of potential future results. The tendencies within the group of Monte Carlo Simulation results; the highs, lows and averages, offer insight into potential plan performance which may occur under various combinations of broad market conditions.

Note: No investment products, investment strategy or particular investment style is projected or illustrated by this process. Simulation results demonstrate effects of volatility on rate of return assumptions for education and discussion purposes only.

## Standard Deviation:

The simulated level of volatility in future financial markets is represented by a Standard Deviation value. This statistical measure of variation is used within the Monte Carlo Simulation to indicate how dramatically return rates can change year by year. The Standard Deviation controls the magnitude of the random changes in each annual rate of return as it is varied each year above or below the average annual rate to simulate market volatility.

The simulation model uses a Standard Deviation based upon the rate of return assumptions used in the Retirement Capital Illustration, and limits the rate of return variation to plus or minus five standard deviations in any year. Low assumed return rates generate low Standard Deviation values, higher returns relate to higher Standard Deviations.

## The Bold Line

The bold line in the Monte Carlo Simulation Results graph tracks the value of assets over the length of the illustration if all rates of return are held stable at the assumed rates of return (see Assumptions). The estimate uses annual expected portfolio rates of return and inflation rates to model the growth and use of assets as indicated under Assumptions. The bold line represents the values shown in the Retirement Capital Analysis.

## Percentage of Monte Carlo Results Above Zero at Selected Ages

These results represent the percentage of Monte Carlo simulation outcomes that show positive retirement asset value remaining at different ages. A percentage above 70 at last life expectancy is an indication that the underlying retirement plan offers a substantial probability of success even under volatile market conditions. Additional ages shown give the percentage of simulation outcomes with positive asset amounts at various ages.

## Monte Carlo Simulation Minimum, Average and Maximum Dollar Results

These values indicate the best, worst and average dollar results at the end of the ten thousand Monte Carlo Simulations. These show the range of results (high and low), and the average of all Monte Carlo results. All values are based on results at the life expectancy of the last to die.

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## Monte Carlo Retirement Simulation

## Results from 10,000 Monte Carlo Simulation Trials



## Success Rate of Your Plan - 85\%

This indicates an acceptable risk of attaining your retirement goals. Monitor your plan regularly Changes in assumptions may have a significant impact on the results of this plan.

This Monte Carlo Retirement Simulation illustrates possible variations in growth and/or depletion of retirement capital under unpredictable future conditions. The simulation introduces uncertainty by fluctuating annual rates of return on assets. The graph and related calculations do not presuppose or analyze any particular investment or investment strategy. This long-term hypothetical model is used to help show potential effects of broad market volatility and the possible impact on your financial plans. This is not a projection, but an illustration of uncertainty.

The simulations begin in the current year and model potential asset level changes over time. Included are all capital assets, both tax advantaged and taxable, all expenses, including education funding if applicable, pension benefits, and Social Security benefits. Observing results from this large number of simulations may offer insight into the shape, trends, and potential range of future retirement plan outcomes under volatile market conditions.

## Retirement Capital Analysis Results, at Life Expectancy, of $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ Monte Carlo Simulations:

| Percent with funds at last life expectancy | $85 \%$ | Retirement Capital Estimate | $\$ 732,357$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Percent with funds at age 83 | $>95 \%$ | Minimum (Worst Case) result | $\$ 0$ |
| Percent with funds at age 73 | $>95 \%$ | Average Monte Carlo result | $\$ 772,538$ |
| Percent with funds at age 64 | $>95 \%$ | Maximum Monte Carlo result | $\$ 5,366,184$ |

## Goal Evaluation

Successfully planning for your future may require recognizing that in some situations you may not be able to meet all your hoped for financial goals. Prioritizing different financial goals, and evaluating the impact of those expenses on your long term financial stability, can assist you and your advisor in planning and managing your spending decisions.

This report illustrates how expenses associated with your financial goals may potentially affect the likelihood of sustaining financial stability throughout your life. Monte Carlo simulations based on your current plan, and including the expenses associated with all your planned expenses, show a success rate of $85 \%$. Since you have indicated that not all the planned expenses are essential, additional Monte Carlo simulations have been run to illustrate how your goals may affect the sustainability of your long term financial plans.

To create this illustration, your entire current financial plan has been recalculated a number of times while excluding expenses associated with different priorities of your goals. The illustration starts by including only the highest priority items; your retirement expenses and those other goals you identify as essential. Sequentially, the goals identified as primary, secondary and optional are included. Each case shows the percentage of successful Monte Carlo simulations resulting from the set of goals that are included in the calculations.


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## Retirement Expense Forecast



The Retirement Expense Forecast graph combines estimated Social Security benefits with defined pension benefits plotted with estimated annual living expenses in retirement. The graph begins at retirement age and continues to life expectancy. Future retirement expenses are estimated based on your objectives, adjusted for inflation over time. Survivor expense levels start the year after first life expectancy.

Social Security benefits, and annual adjustments for benefit growth, are estimated and illustrated over the anticipated lifetime. If the starting age selected for Social Security benefits is prior to normal benefit age, only a partial Social Security benefit may be available. Benefit amounts may decrease upon first death.

The Pension Benefit estimate combines any pension benefits and plots them starting at the age the benefit begins. At the death of the pension holder a surviving spouse might receive no continuing benefit, or only a portion of the benefit, causing a decrease in overall annual income.

Excess Expenses shown in the graph represent the amount of inflation adjusted annual living expenses that exceed the combined estimated Social Security and pension benefits. These are estimated amounts which will need to come from retirement savings to fund future expenses not covered by expected benefit income.

Note: Social Security and Pension benefit estimates are based upon information you provided. Estimates are not guarantees of future benefits amounts. Clients should not rely upon results of this report to predict actual future benefit amounts.

## Cash Flow Summary



The bars in the above graph represent the amounts available from:
Earned income (wages and self-employment)
Social Security
Qualified plan additions and distributions
Investment additions and distributions
Misc - (inheritances, sale of residence, retirement account minimum distributions, life insurance)

The line illustrates the annual expenses including:
Personal living expenses
Planned debt expenses
Specified special expenses
Planned deposits to investment and retirement accounts
Miscellaneous expense items
Taxes

Note: The Cash Flow report provides the actual numbers that create the preceding Cash Flow Summary graph.

## Cash Flow

| Ag |  | Earned Income | Retire/Roth Accounts | Investment Accounts | Pension/ Soc Sec. | Other Income | Total <br> Sources | Living Exp. \& Taxes | Surplus (Shortage) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | 50 | \$120,000 | (\$13,000) | \$5,000 |  | (\$8,000) | \$104,000 | $(\$ 92,750)$ | \$11,250 |
| 53 | 51 | 123,600 | $(13,390)$ | $(1,372)$ |  |  | 108,838 | $(95,207)$ | 13,631 |
| 54 | 52 | 127,308 | $(13,790)$ | 18,035 |  | $(21,218)$ | 110,335 | $(97,730)$ | 12,605 |
| 55 | 53 | 131,126 | $(14,205)$ | $(2,178)$ |  |  | 114,743 | $(100,320)$ | 14,422 |
| 56 | 54 | 135,060 | $(14,632)$ | $(2,045)$ |  |  | 118,383 | $(102,980)$ | 15,403 |
| 57 | 55 | 139,112 | $(15,069)$ | $(1,899)$ |  |  | 122,144 | $(105,711)$ | 16,433 |
| 58 | 56 | 143,285 | $(15,522)$ | $(1,736)$ |  |  | 126,027 | $(108,514)$ | 17,512 |
| 59 | 57 | 147,584 | $(15,987)$ | $(1,558)$ |  |  | 130,039 | $(111,393)$ | 18,646 |
| 60 | 58 | 152,012 | $(16,467)$ | $(1,362)$ |  |  | 134,183 | $(114,348)$ | 19,834 |
| 61 | 59 | 156,572 | $(16,961)$ | $(1,147)$ |  |  | 138,464 | $(117,383)$ | 21,081 |
| 62 | 60 | 161,269 | $(17,469)$ | (519) | 15,000 |  | 158,281 | $(120,499)$ | 37,782 |
| 63 | 61 | 166,108 | $(17,994)$ | 552 | 15,300 |  | 163,966 | $(123,698)$ | 40,269 |
| 64R | 62R |  |  | 19,905 | 51,376 |  | 71,281 | $(71,281)$ |  |
| 65 | 63 |  |  | 20,929 | 52,490 |  | 73,419 | $(73,419)$ |  |
| 66 | 64 |  |  | 21,992 | 53,629 |  | 75,621 | $(75,621)$ |  |
| 67 | 65 |  |  | 23,097 | 54,792 |  | 77,889 | $(77,889)$ |  |
| 68 | 66 |  |  | 24,244 | 55,981 |  | 80,225 | $(80,225)$ |  |
| 69 | 67 |  | 20,052 | 9,394 | 57,195 |  | 86,641 | $(86,641)$ |  |
| 70 | 68 |  | 33,340 |  | 58,436 |  | 91,776 | $(91,777)$ |  |
| 71 | 69 |  | 32,809 |  | 59,704 |  | 92,513 | $(92,513)$ |  |
| 72 | 70 |  | 34,730 |  | 61,000 |  | 95,730 | $(95,731)$ |  |
| 73 | 71 |  | 36,304 |  | 62,323 |  | 98,627 | $(98,629)$ |  |
| 74 | 72 |  | 38,699 |  | 63,676 |  | 102,375 | $(102,375)$ |  |
| 75 | 73 |  | 42,003 |  | 65,058 |  | 107,061 | $(107,061)$ |  |
| 76 | 74 |  | 43,937 |  | 66,470 |  | 110,407 | $(110,407)$ |  |
| 77 | 75 |  | 45,943 |  | 67,913 |  | 113,856 | $(113,856)$ |  |
| 78 | 76 |  | 48,026 |  | 69,387 |  | 117,413 | $(117,413)$ |  |
| 79 | 77 |  | 50,185 |  | 70,893 |  | 121,078 | $(121,079)$ |  |
| 80 | 78 |  | 52,425 |  | 72,432 |  | 124,857 | $(124,858)$ |  |
| 81 | 79 |  | 54,748 |  | 74,005 |  | 128,753 | $(128,753)$ |  |
| 82 | 80 |  | 57,157 |  | 75,612 |  | 132,769 | $(132,769)$ |  |
| 83 | 81 |  | 59,655 |  | 77,254 |  | 136,909 | $(136,909)$ |  |
| 84 | 82 |  | 62,244 |  | 78,931 |  | 141,175 | $(141,175)$ |  |
| 85L | 83 |  | 64,928 |  | 80,645 |  | 145,573 | $(145,573)$ |  |
|  | 84 |  | 78,453 |  | 53,738 |  | 132,191 | $(132,191)$ |  |
|  | 85 |  | 81,340 |  | 54,924 |  | 136,264 | $(136,264)$ |  |
|  | 86 |  | 84,323 |  | 56,136 |  | 140,459 | $(140,459)$ |  |
|  | 87 |  | 87,408 |  | 57,375 |  | 144,783 | $(144,783)$ |  |
|  | 88 |  | 90,599 |  | 58,641 |  | 149,240 | $(149,240)$ |  |
|  | 89 |  | $93,897$ |  | 59,936 |  | $153,833$ | $(153,833)$ |  |
|  | 90L |  | 97,307 |  | 61,259 |  | 158,566 | $(158,566)$ |  |

Retire/Roth and Investment Accounts include additions, investment earnings, and distributions for RMDs or spending requirements. Pension, Social Security, and Other Income amounts are net of tax. Living Exp. and Taxes include tax on earned income and retirement account distributions. Tax rates of $25 \%$ and $20 \%$ (before and after retirement) are used to estimate taxes.

## Cash Flow Explanation

Cash flows are sources and uses of money. Primary sources of funds are income from work, Social Security, pensions, savings, insurance proceeds, and other income events. Regular living expenses, education costs, and other planned expenses are the primary use of funds.

The cash flow report pages are designed to be an alternate presentation of the financial information shown elsewhere in this report. The emphasis of the cash flow illustrations are the amounts and types of incomes and levels of expenses that occur during the illustration.

The Cash Flow Summary Graph illustrates four primary financial elements; income, investment, expenses, and cash sources. The different colored bars in the graph represent the level of cash flows that are occurring, and what accounts they are related to. The single solid line represents the annual expense level from now to the end of the illustration. Prior to retirement, bars above the expense level represent investments.

Portions of bars below the expense line represent sources of cash that are being used to pay for planned living expenses and to cover special expenses such as education. During the working years, income from employment is generally the primary source of cash to cover expenses. In retirement, Social Security, pension benefits, and cash withdrawn from investment accounts are the major sources of cash to cover expenses.

In general terms, the best case is to have the cash flow bars always at or above the expense line. This indicates that there is sufficient income, or investment asset sources, to meet living expenses and other planned needs. Gaps between the expense line and cash flow bars indicate calculated shortfalls of cash flow during those years.

The cash flow numbers page contains the numerical information upon which the graph is based. This page shows the sources and uses of funds. The columns coincide with the bars and lines in the cash flow graph. Red numbers represent a use of cash, black a source.

The red numbers in the Retire/Roth or Investment Accounts columns are additions made to those accounts; these are investments and uses of funds. The black numbers in those columns represent withdrawals from the account; these are sources of funds to meet retirement needs.

All sources (and investment uses) are subtotaled in the Total Sources column. Tax estimates are based on earned income and investment income (adjusted for contributions to qualified retirement accounts) multiplied by the estimated net effective tax rates. The resulting tax estimate is added to inflation adjusted living expenses to create an estimated annual figure.

The combination of Total Sources and Living Expenses \& Taxes can create a surplus or shortage. A shortage indicates that expenses exceed incomes and sources. A surplus can indicate that incomes exceed expenses. During retirement, if money is withdrawn at the same level of need, no surplus or shortage will occur.

## Total Capital Assets



The Total Capital Assets graph displays taxable assets, combined with the value of the tax advantaged assets over time. The illustration shows assets from current age through life expectancy. Estimated capital growth is based on the rate of return for the assets, plus any annual additions or expenses. When the taxable accounts have been consumed, tax-advantaged accounts may be drawn on for additional funds.

Generally, the IRS requires that by age 72, minimum distributions must be made from qualified tax-deferred accounts. These annual distributions must be made on a schedule calculated to consume the account balances during the life expectancy. Money distributed from these tax-deferred accounts will first be used to meet current spending needs. Excess funds will be reinvested into taxable accounts.

## Retirement Capital Analysis

|  | Age | Spending <br> Needs | John <br> Soc. Sec. | Mary Soc. Sec. | John <br> Pension | Mary <br> Pension | Other Inc. <br> (Expense) | Surplus (Shortage) | Additions to Assets | Retirement Capital \$183,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | 50 |  |  |  |  |  | $(\$ 8,000)$ | $(\$ 8,000)$ | \$16,000 | \$203,496 |
| 53 | 51 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 16,480 | 234,188 |
| 54 | 52 |  |  |  |  |  | $(21,218)$ | $(21,218)$ | 16,973 | 245,676 |
| 55 | 53 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 17,483 | 280,562 |
| 56 | 54 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18,009 | 318,355 |
| 57 | 55 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18,547 | 359,265 |
| 58 | 56 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19,104 | 403,524 |
| 59 | 57 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 19,677 | 451,379 |
| 60 | 58 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20,267 | 503,087 |
| 61 | 59 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20,875 | 558,934 |
| 62 | 60 |  |  |  | 9,600 | 5,400 |  | 15,000 | 21,501 | 634,610 |
| 63 | 61 |  |  |  | 9,792 | 5,508 |  | 15,300 | 22,147 | 716,162 |
| 64R | 62R | $(71,281)$ | 23,129 | 11,601 | 10,654 | 5,993 |  | $(19,905)$ |  | 738,199 |
| 65 | 63 | $(73,419)$ | 23,649 | 11,862 | 10,867 | 6,113 |  | $(20,929)$ |  | 760,744 |
| 66 | 64 | $(75,621)$ | 24,181 | 12,129 | 11,084 | 6,235 |  | $(21,992)$ |  | 783,810 |
| 67 | 65 | $(77,889)$ | 24,725 | 12,402 | 11,306 | 6,360 |  | $(23,097)$ |  | 807,412 |
| 68 | 66 | $(80,225)$ | 25,282 | 12,681 | 11,532 | 6,487 |  | $(24,244)$ |  | 831,555 |
| 69 | 67 | $(82,631)$ | 25,850 | 12,966 | 11,763 | 6,616 |  | $(25,436)$ |  | 851,921 |
| 70 | 68 | $(85,109)$ | 26,432 | 13,258 | 11,998 | 6,749 |  | $(26,673)$ |  | 869,334 |
| 71 | 69 | $(87,662)$ | 27,027 | 13,556 | 12,238 | 6,884 |  | $(27,958)$ |  | 888,054 |
| 72 | 70 | $(90,291)$ | 27,635 | 13,861 | 12,483 | 7,021 |  | $(29,291)$ |  | 905,733 |
| 73 | 71 | $(92,999)$ | 28,257 | 14,173 | 12,732 | 7,162 |  | $(30,676)$ |  | 922,777 |
| 74 | 72 | $(95,788)$ | 28,892 | 14,492 | 12,987 | 7,305 |  | $(32,112)$ |  | 938,310 |
| 75 | 73 | $(98,661)$ | 29,543 | 14,818 | 13,247 | 7,451 |  | $(33,603)$ |  | 951,345 |
| 76 | 74 | $(101,620)$ | 30,207 | 15,151 | 13,511 | 7,600 |  | $(35,150)$ |  | 963,168 |
| 77 | 75 | $(104,668)$ | 30,887 | 15,492 | 13,782 | 7,752 |  | $(36,755)$ |  | 973,636 |
| 78 | 76 | $(107,808)$ | 31,582 | 15,841 | 14,057 | 7,907 |  | $(38,421)$ |  | 982,587 |
| 79 | 77 | $(111,042)$ | 32,292 | 16,197 | 14,338 | 8,065 |  | $(40,149)$ |  | 989,849 |
| 80 | 78 | $(114,373)$ | 33,019 | 16,562 | 14,625 | 8,227 |  | $(41,941)$ |  | 995,241 |
| 81 | 79 | $(117,804)$ | 33,762 | 16,934 | 14,918 | 8,391 |  | $(43,799)$ |  | 998,563 |
| 82 | 80 | $(121,338)$ | 34,522 | 17,315 | 15,216 | 8,559 |  | $(45,726)$ |  | 999,603 |
| 83 | 81 | $(124,978)$ | 35,298 | 17,705 | 15,520 | 8,730 |  | $(47,724)$ |  | 998,133 |
| 84 | 82 | $(128,727)$ | 36,093 | 18,103 | 15,831 | 8,905 |  | $(49,796)$ |  | 993,908 |
| 85L | 83 | $(132,588)$ | 36,905 | 18,510 | 16,147 | 9,083 |  | $(51,943)$ |  | 986,666 |
|  | 84 | $(116,501)$ |  | 44,473 |  | 9,265 |  | $(62,763)$ |  | 965,058 |
|  | 85 | $(119,996)$ |  | 45,474 |  | 9,450 |  | $(65,072)$ |  | 939,180 |
|  | 86 | $(123,595)$ |  | 46,497 |  | 9,639 |  | $(67,459)$ |  | 908,677 |
|  | 87 | $(127,302)$ |  | 47,543 |  | 9,832 |  | $(69,927)$ |  | 873,166 |
|  | 88 | $(131,121)$ |  | 48,613 |  | 10,028 |  | $(72,480)$ |  | 832,238 |
|  | 89 | $(135,054)$ |  | 49,707 |  | 10,229 |  | $(75,118)$ |  | 785,457 |
|  | 90L | $(139,105)$ |  | 50,825 |  | 10,433 |  | $(77,846)$ |  | 732,357 |

Pension and Soc. Sec. amounts are net of tax. $85 \%$ of Soc. Sec. is assumed taxable. A tax rate of $20 \%$ (after retirement) is used to estimate taxes. This report is based upon assumed inflation rates of $2.5 \%$ and $3 \%$ (before and after retirement).

## Taxable Savings \& Investment Accounts



This report is based on assumed growth rates of $7 \%$ and $6 \%$, with inflation rates of $2.5 \%$ and $3 \%$ (before and after retirement). Additions increase at 3\% per year. Tax rates of $25 \%$ and $20 \%$ (before and after retirement) are used to estimate taxes. Starting cost basis is $100 \%$.

## Tax-Deferred Annuities

|  | ge | Additions | Growth | Distributions | Balance $\$ 30,000$ | Cumulative Growth | Taxable Distribution | Tax on Distribution |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 52 | 50 |  | \$2,100 |  | \$32,100 | \$2,100 |  |  |
| 53 | 51 |  | 2,247 |  | 34,347 | 4,347 |  |  |
| 54 | 52 |  | 2,404 |  | 36,751 | 6,751 |  |  |
| 55 | 53 |  | 2,573 |  | 39,324 | 9,324 |  |  |
| 56 | 54 |  | 2,753 |  | 42,077 | 12,077 |  |  |
| 57 | 55 |  | 2,945 |  | 45,022 | 15,022 |  |  |
| 58 | 56 |  | 3,152 |  | 48,173 | 18,173 |  |  |
| 59 | 57 |  | 3,372 |  | 51,546 | 21,546 |  |  |
| 60 | 58 |  | 3,608 |  | 55,154 | 25,154 |  |  |
| 61 | 59 |  | 3,861 |  | 59,015 | 29,015 |  |  |
| 62 | 60 |  | 4,131 |  | 63,146 | 33,146 |  |  |
| 63 | 61 |  | 4,420 |  | 67,566 | 37,566 |  |  |
| 64R | 62R |  | 4,730 |  | 72,295 | 42,295 |  |  |
| 65 | 63 |  | 5,061 |  | 77,356 | 47,356 |  |  |
| 66 | 64 |  | 5,415 |  | 82,771 | 52,771 |  |  |
| 67 | 65 |  | 5,794 |  | 88,565 | 58,565 |  |  |
| 68 | 66 |  | 6,200 |  | 94,764 | 64,764 |  |  |
| 69 | 67 |  | 5,932 | $(20,053)$ | 80,643 | 70,696 | 20,053 | $(4,011)$ |
| 70 | 68 |  | 4,478 | $(33,341)$ | 51,781 | 55,122 | 33,341 | $(6,668)$ |
| 71 | 69 |  | 2,476 | $(32,809)$ | 21,448 | 24,257 | 24,257 | $(4,851)$ |
| 72 | 70 |  | 1,196 | $(8,727)$ | 13,917 | 1,196 | 1,196 | (239) |
| 73 | 71 |  | 665 | $(8,821)$ | 5,761 | 665 | 665 | (133) |
| 74 | 72 |  | 195 | $(5,956)$ |  | 195 | 195 | (39) |
| 75 | 73 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 76 | 74 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 77 | 75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 78 | 76 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 79 | 77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 78 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 81 | 79 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 81 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 84 | 82 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 85L | 83 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 84 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 85 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 86 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 87 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 88 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 89 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 90L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

This report is based on assumed growth rates of $7 \%$ and $7 \%$, with inflation rates of $2.5 \%$ and $3 \%$ (before and after retirement). Additions increase 3\% a year. Tax rates of 25\% and 20\% (before and after retirement) are used to estimate taxes. Starting cost basis is $100 \%$.

## Tax-Deferred Retirement Accounts



This report is based on assumed growth rates of $7 \%$ and $6 \%$, with inflation rates of $2.5 \%$ and $3 \%$ (before and after retirement). Additions increase 3\% and 3\% per year (John and Mary).

## Tax-Free Accounts



This report is based on assumed growth rates of $7 \%$ and $6 \%$ on Roth IRAs and 5\% and 5\% on Tax-Free Accounts, with inflation rates of $2.5 \%$ and $3 \%$ (before and after retirement). Additions increase $3 \%$ and $3 \%$ on Roth IRAs
(John and Mary) and 3\% on Tax-Free Accounts per year.

## Social Security Visualizer ${ }^{\text {m }}$

There are many choices, opportunities, and decisions related to when and how a couple applies for Social Security. Delaying application, or restricting application to only spousal benefits are methods that may initially reduce income, but then increase later benefits, and potentially pay off in the long run.

The choices you make will need to take into account your ability to wait for benefit income, your health, your family history of longevity, and how benefits now and in the future affect other aspects of your financial security. One of the more important aspects of your benefits choices are that all increased benefits are inflation adjusted, and thus present a very valuable annuity hedge against inflation, and increased benefits also increase survivor benefits.

For discussion and comparison purposes, the primary options are illustrated along with their estimated lifetime benefits in today's dollars. For easier comparison, the (loss) or gain compared to filing at full retirement age is also shown. Understanding your options, and discussing them with your advisor, can help you make more informed decisions about your filing options, and how Social Security benefits may fit into your financial future.

## Lifetime Benefits

## Difference

\$878,179
$(\$ 170,383)$
Percent
1.) Filing at Minimum Ages

62 John files for own benefits at 62 .
62 Mary files for own benefits at 62 .
2.) Filing at Full Retirement Age

67 John files for own benefits at 67.
67 Mary files for own benefits at 67 .
3.) Filing at Maximum Age

70 John files for own benefits at 70 .
70 Mary files for own benefits at 70 .
4.) Optimal - File at Age(s):
\$1,130,672
\$82,110
108\%

70 John files for own benefits at 70
69 Mary files for own benefits at 69

## Social Security Claiming Options



## Claiming Option Comparison



Note: Lifetime Social Security benefit calculations are for comparative and illustrative purposes only, and are based upon estimates and assumptions of future incomes, existing benefit levels, and life expectancies.

## Social Security Timeline



| $\square$ | John | $\square$ | Mary | Action |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 62 |  | 60 |  | John files. |  |
| 63 |  | 61 |  |  |  |
| 64 | 1,778 | 62 | 891 | Mary files. |  |
| 65 | 1,778 | 63 | 891 |  |  |
| 66 | 1,778 | 64 | 891 |  |  |
| 67 | 1,778 | 65 | 891 |  |  |
| 68 | 1,778 | 66 | 891 |  |  |
| 69 | 1,778 | 67 | 891 |  |  |
| 70 | 1,778 | 68 | 891 |  |  |
| 71 | 1,778 | 69 | 891 |  |  |
| 72 | 1,778 | 70 | 891 |  |  |
| 73 | 1,778 | 71 | 891 |  |  |
| 74 | 1,778 | 72 | 891 |  |  |
| 75 | 1,778 | 73 | 891 |  |  |
| 76 | 1,778 | 74 | 891 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Lifetime Total | \$878,179 |

Note: Lifetime Social Security benefit calculations are for comparative and illustrative purposes only, and are based upon estimates and assumptions of future incomes, existing benefit levels, and life expectancies.

## Social Security Optimal Timeline



Optimal - File at Age(s):

| Monthly amount (in today's dollars) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | John | $\square$ | Mary |  | Action |
| 62 |  | 60 |  |  |  |
| 63 |  | 61 |  |  |  |
| 64 |  | 62 |  |  |  |
| 65 |  | 63 |  |  |  |
| 66 |  | 64 |  |  |  |
| 67 |  | 65 |  |  |  |
| 68 |  | 66 |  |  |  |
| 69 |  | 67 |  |  |  |
| 70 | 3,149 | 68 |  | John files. |  |
| 71 | 3,149 | 69 | 1,477 | Mary files. |  |
| 72 | 3,149 | 70 | 1,477 |  |  |
| 73 | 3,149 | 71 | 1,477 |  |  |
| 74 | 3,149 | 72 | 1,477 |  |  |
| 75 | 3,149 | 73 | 1,477 |  |  |
| 76 | 3,149 | 74 | 1,477 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Lifetime Total | \$1,130,672 |

Note: Lifetime Social Security benefit calculations are for comparative and illustrative purposes only, and are based upon estimates and assumptions of future incomes, existing benefit levels, and life expectancies.

## Social Security Application Options

File Early: Social Security retirement benefits can be started as early as age 62. For those that need the income, this may be the only choice. Taking early benefits lowers payouts permanently. Benefits are reduced 5/9 of one percent for each month before normal retirement age, up to 36 months. If the number of months exceeds 36 , then the benefit is further reduced $5 / 12$ of one percent per month.

| File at Full Retirement: If the applicants can wait | Year of Birth | Full Retirement Age |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| until "Full Retirement Age", they receive what Social | $1943-1954$ | 66 |
| Security considers their full benefits. Waiting for full | 1955 | 66 and 2 months |
| benefits results in higher primary, spousal, and survivor | 1956 | 66 and 4 months |
| payments. What Social Security considers an | 1957 | 66 and 6 months |
| individual's "Full Retirement Age" is determined by | 1958 | 66 and 8 months |
| the year of their birth. | 1959 | 66 and 10 months |
|  | 1960 and later | 67 |

File Late: Waiting beyond "Full Retirement Age" raises benefits 8\% per year up to age 70, for a maximum potential increase ranging from $24 \%$ to $32 \%$. In situations where one or both of a married couple are healthy, and/or have a history of longevity in their family, filing late can increase the lifetime benefit payout, and potentially reduce the "longevity risk" of outliving financial assets.

File "Restricted": For some married couples, it makes sense to use a two-step benefit claiming process. One of these strategies is known as "Restricted" filing. Restricted filing may make sense when both spouses of the married couple have substantial or equal income records. If the first spouse claims benefits on their own record, and the second spouse has reached "Full Retirement Age", the second spouse may file an application "Restricted" to just receive their spousal benefit, which amounts to half the first spouse's benefit. Meanwhile, the second spouse's full benefit increases until they claim it on their own record at age 70. In order to take advantage of this strategy, the spouse that is filing restricted must have been born on or before January 1st, 1954.

## Monthly Starting Benefits by Age:

| Age to Start Social Security | John <br> Starting Retirement Benefit | Mary <br>  <br> 63 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1,778 | Starting Retirement Benefit |  |
| 64 | 1,905 | 891 |
| 65 | 2,032 | 1,019 |
| 66 | 2,202 | 1,104 |
| 67 | 2,369 | 1,188 |
| 68 | 2,540 | 1,274 |
| 69 | 2,743 | 1,375 |
| 70 | 2,946 | 1,477 |
|  | 3,149 | 1,579 |

Note: Lifetime Social Security benefit calculations are for comparative and illustrative purposes only, and are based upon estimates and assumptions of future incomes, existing benefit levels, and life expectancies.

## Insurance Summary

Company Name
Insured
Owner
Beneficiary
Type
Death Benefit
Annual Premium
Total Premiums Paid
Current Cash Values

## Insurance Included in Estate:

John predeceases Mary

|  | John | Mary |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Policy 1 - | \$0 | \$100,000 |
| Policy 2 - | 300,000 | 0 |

Mary predeceases John

|  | Mary | John |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Policy 1- | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 0$ |
| Policy 2- | 0 | 300,000 |
|  | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |

## Survivor Needs Analysis

In the event of an untimely death, survivors may be left without the household income needed to sustain their existing lifestyle. Life insurance coverage is recommended in an amount that will ensure sufficient ongoing income, as well as cover immediate needs, such as final expenses.

Determining proper levels of life insurance involves a comparison of current and future household expense levels with expected surviving spouse's earnings plus survivor benefits. Other resources are also taken into account such as: liquid assets, investments, pension, and retirement accounts.

Insurance needs estimates are the calculated lump sum amounts which would provide a source of future cash flow to supplement the anticipated household income. The insurance levels suggested are just general guides and may not include all factors affecting your own situation.

Spending needs for this report are based upon $\$ 55,000$ per year, inflated at $2.5 \%$ each year until retirement and \$45,000 per year, inflated at 3\% each year during retirement.

## Life Insurance Basic Needs Estimate on John:



Note: Estimated insurance requirements can vary over time due to changes in asset levels, special expenses, education expenses, estate planning, and spouse's retirement needs. Additional insurance, held outside of an insurance trust, may have estate tax consequences. It may be prudent to purchase an amount of insurance appropriate to prepare for potential higher coverage needs. Consult with your financial advisor about factors that may suggest additional insurance coverage.

## Survivor Needs Analysis

In the event of an untimely death, survivors may be left without the household income needed to sustain their existing lifestyle. Life insurance coverage is recommended in an amount that will ensure sufficient ongoing income, as well as cover immediate needs, such as final expenses.

Determining proper levels of life insurance involves a comparison of current and future household expense levels with expected surviving spouse's earnings plus survivor benefits. Other resources are also taken into account such as: liquid assets, investments, pension, and retirement accounts.

Insurance needs estimates are the calculated lump sum amounts which would provide a source of future cash flow to supplement the anticipated household income. The insurance levels suggested are just general guides and may not include all factors affecting your own situation.

Spending needs for this report are based upon $\$ 55,000$ per year, inflated at $2.5 \%$ each year until retirement and \$45,000 per year, inflated at 3\% each year during retirement.

## Life Insurance Basic Needs Estimate on Mary:

| Present Value: | Anticipated Spending Needs <br> Education Expenses <br> Final Expenses <br> Other Expenses <br> John's Employment <br> Social Security Benefits <br> Pension Benefits <br> Other Incomes | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 1,079,962 \\ 107,200 \\ 16,250 \\ 26,884 \\ \hline \\ (\$ 695,086) \\ (430,655) \\ (133,192) \\ (0) \end{array}$ | \$1,230,296 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Estimated S | vivor Need Shortage |  | (\$28,636) |
| Currently Existi | Liabilities |  | 140,000 |
| Assets Availabl | to Offset Shortage |  | $(183,000)$ |
| Current Life Ins | ance Coverage |  | $(100,000)$ |
| Suggested Add | onal Life Insurance Covera |  | \$0 |

Note: Estimated insurance requirements can vary over time due to changes in asset levels, special expenses, education expenses, estate planning, and spouse's retirement needs. Additional insurance, held outside of an insurance trust, may have estate tax consequences. It may be prudent to purchase an amount of insurance appropriate to prepare for potential higher coverage needs. Consult with your financial advisor about factors that may suggest additional insurance coverage.

Survivor Needs Calculation for Mary, To Estimate Life Insurance Required on John

| NPV ${ }^{1}$ | (\$1,189,028) | (\$107,200) | $(\$ 43,134)$ | \$231,695 | \$668,660 | \$59,367 | $(\$ 379,639)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Spending Need | Education Costs | Other Inc. <br> (Expense) ${ }^{2}$ | Income After Tax | Soc. Sec. <br> After Tax | Pension <br> After Tax | Surplus (Shortage) |
| 50 | (\$55,000) |  | (\$24,250) | \$22,500 | \$50,195 |  | (\$6,555) |
| 51 | $(56,375)$ |  |  | 23,175 | 51,325 |  | 18,125 |
| 52 | $(57,784)$ |  | $(21,218)$ | 23,870 | 52,480 |  | $(2,653)$ |
| 53 | $(59,229)$ |  |  | 24,586 | 53,660 |  | 19,018 |
| 54 | $(60,710)$ |  |  | 25,324 | 54,868 |  | 19,482 |
| 55 | $(62,227)$ |  |  | 26,084 | 47,277 |  | 11,133 |
| 56 | $(63,783)$ | $(15,791)$ |  | 26,866 | 48,341 |  | $(4,367)$ |
| 57 | $(65,378)$ | $(22,554)$ |  | 27,672 | 49,428 |  | $(10,832)$ |
| 58 | $(67,012)$ | $(23,908)$ |  | 28,502 | 50,541 |  | $(11,877)$ |
| 59 | $(68,687)$ | $(25,342)$ |  | 29,357 |  |  | $(64,672)$ |
| 60 | $(70,405)$ | $(26,863)$ |  | 30,238 |  | 5,760 | $(61,269)$ |
| 61 | $(72,165)$ | $(28,474)$ |  | 31,145 |  | 5,875 | $(63,619)$ |
| 62R | $(64,159)$ | $(30,183)$ |  |  | 33,041 | 5,993 | $(55,309)$ |
| 63 | $(66,084)$ |  |  |  | 33,784 | 6,113 | $(26,187)$ |
| 64 | $(68,067)$ |  |  |  | 34,545 | 6,235 | $(27,287)$ |
| 65 | $(70,109)$ |  |  |  | 35,322 | 6,360 | $(28,427)$ |
| 66 | $(72,212)$ |  |  |  | 36,117 | 6,487 | $(29,609)$ |
| 67 | $(74,378)$ |  |  |  | 36,929 | 6,616 | $(30,833)$ |
| 68 | $(76,609)$ |  |  |  | 37,760 | 6,749 | $(32,101)$ |
| 69 | $(78,908)$ |  |  |  | 38,610 | 6,884 | $(33,414)$ |
| 70 | $(81,275)$ |  |  |  | 39,478 | 7,021 | $(34,775)$ |
| 71 | $(83,713)$ |  |  |  | 40,367 | 7,162 | $(36,185)$ |
| 72 | $(86,225)$ |  |  |  | 41,275 | 7,305 | $(37,645)$ |
| 73 | $(88,811)$ |  |  |  | 42,204 | 7,451 | $(39,157)$ |
| 74 | $(91,476)$ |  |  |  | 43,153 | 7,600 | $(40,722)$ |
| 75 | $(94,220)$ |  |  |  | 44,124 | 7,752 | $(42,344)$ |
| 76 | $(97,047)$ |  |  |  | 45,117 | 7,907 | $(44,022)$ |
| 77 | $(99,958)$ |  |  |  | 46,132 | 8,065 | $(45,761)$ |
| 78 | $(102,957)$ |  |  |  | 47,170 | 8,227 | $(47,560)$ |
| 79 | $(106,045)$ |  |  |  | 48,231 | 8,391 | $(49,423)$ |
| 80 | $(109,227)$ |  |  |  | 49,317 | 8,559 | $(51,351)$ |
| 81 | $(112,504)$ |  |  |  | 50,426 | 8,730 | $(53,347)$ |
| 82 | $(115,879)$ |  |  |  | 51,561 | 8,905 | $(55,413)$ |
| 83 | $(119,355)$ |  |  |  | 52,721 | 9,083 | $(57,551)$ |
| 84 | $(122,936)$ |  |  |  | 53,907 | 9,265 | $(59,764)$ |
| 85 | $(126,624)$ |  |  |  | 55,120 | 9,450 | $(62,054)$ |
| 86 | $(130,423)$ |  |  |  | 56,360 | 9,639 | $(64,423)$ |
| 87 | $(134,335)$ |  |  |  | 57,628 | 9,832 | $(66,875)$ |
| 88 | $(138,365)$ |  |  |  | 58,925 | 10,028 | $(69,412)$ |
| 89 | $(142,516)$ |  |  |  | 60,251 | 10,229 | $(72,037)$ |
| 90L | $(146,792)$ |  |  |  | 61,606 | 10,433 | $(74,752)$ |

1 - Net Present Values for this illustration are calculated using a $6 \%$ after-tax discount rate (education costs using 6\%).
2 - Allowances for final expenses and emergency funds of $\$ 16,250$ are included in the first year.

Survivor Needs Calculation for John, To Estimate Life Insurance Required on Mary

| NPV ${ }^{1}$ | (\$1,079,962) | (\$107,200) | (\$43,134) | \$695,086 | \$430,655 | \$133,192 | \$28,636 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | Spending Need | Education Costs | Other Inc. <br> (Expense) ${ }^{2}$ | Income After Tax | Soc. Sec. <br> After Tax | Pension After Tax | Surplus (Shortage) |
| 52 | (\$55,000) |  | (\$24,250) | \$67,500 | \$23,910 | \$2,096 | \$14,256 |
| 53 | $(56,375)$ |  |  | 69,525 | 24,448 | 2,138 | 39,736 |
| 54 | $(57,784)$ |  | $(21,218)$ | 71,611 | 24,998 | 2,181 | 19,787 |
| 55 | $(59,229)$ |  |  | 73,759 | 25,560 | 2,224 | 42,315 |
| 56 | $(60,710)$ |  |  | 75,972 | 26,135 | 2,269 | 43,666 |
| 57 | $(62,227)$ |  |  | 78,251 | 22,523 | 2,314 | 40,861 |
| 58 | $(63,783)$ | $(15,791)$ |  | 80,599 | 23,030 | 2,361 | 26,415 |
| 59 | $(65,378)$ | $(22,554)$ |  | 83,016 | 23,548 | 2,408 | 21,040 |
| 60 | $(67,012)$ | $(23,908)$ |  | 85,507 | 24,078 | 2,456 | 21,121 |
| 61 | $(68,687)$ | $(25,342)$ |  | 88,072 |  | 2,505 | $(3,452)$ |
| 62 | $(70,405)$ | $(26,863)$ |  | 90,714 | 1,526 | 12,795 | 7,768 |
| 63 | $(72,165)$ | $(28,474)$ |  | 93,436 | 1,108 | 13,051 | 6,955 |
| 64R | $(64,159)$ | $(30,183)$ |  |  | 33,041 | 13,489 | $(47,812)$ |
| 65 | $(66,084)$ |  |  |  | 33,784 | 13,759 | $(18,541)$ |
| 66 | $(68,067)$ |  |  |  | 34,545 | 14,034 | $(19,488)$ |
| 67 | $(70,109)$ |  |  |  | 35,322 | 14,315 | $(20,472)$ |
| 68 | $(72,212)$ |  |  |  | 36,117 | 14,601 | $(21,494)$ |
| 69 | $(74,378)$ |  |  |  | 36,929 | 14,893 | $(22,556)$ |
| 70 | $(76,609)$ |  |  |  | 37,760 | 15,191 | $(23,658)$ |
| 71 | $(78,908)$ |  |  |  | 38,610 | 15,495 | $(24,803)$ |
| 72 | $(81,275)$ |  |  |  | 39,478 | 15,805 | $(25,992)$ |
| 73 | $(83,713)$ |  |  |  | 40,367 | 16,121 | $(27,226)$ |
| 74 | $(86,225)$ |  |  |  | 41,275 | 16,443 | $(28,506)$ |
| 75 | $(88,811)$ |  |  |  | 42,204 | 16,772 | $(29,836)$ |
| 76 | $(91,476)$ |  |  |  | 43,153 | 17,108 | $(31,215)$ |
| 77 | $(94,220)$ |  |  |  | 44,124 | 17,450 | $(32,646)$ |
| 78 | $(97,047)$ |  |  |  | 45,117 | 17,799 | $(34,131)$ |
| 79 | $(99,958)$ |  |  |  | 46,132 | 18,155 | $(35,671)$ |
| 80 | $(102,957)$ |  |  |  | 47,170 | 18,518 | $(37,269)$ |
| 81 | $(106,045)$ |  |  |  | 48,231 | 18,888 | $(38,926)$ |
| 82 | $(109,227)$ |  |  |  | 49,317 | 19,266 | $(40,644)$ |
| 83 | $(112,504)$ |  |  |  | 50,426 | 19,651 | $(42,426)$ |
| 84 | $(115,879)$ |  |  |  | 51,561 | 20,044 | $(44,274)$ |
| 85L | $(119,355)$ |  |  |  | 52,721 | 20,445 | $(46,189)$ |

1 - Net Present Values for this illustration are calculated using a $6 \%$ after-tax discount rate (education costs using 6\%).
2 - Allowances for final expenses and emergency funds of $\$ 16,250$ are included in the first year.

## Disability Income Insurance

Disability due to illness or injury can devastate your financial plans. At a time when you are unable to work for a living, household expenses may actually increase while your income decreases. You could be forced to deplete funds that might have been saved for your retirement years.

Generally, the goal of disability insurance is to replace the after-tax earnings of the insured wage earner and to allow you and your family to maintain your current lifestyle. Based on your current situation, you would need to replace the following income if you were disabled.

John
Current Income:
Replacement Ratio*:
Suggested Need:

|  | Mary |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| $\$ 90,000 / \mathrm{Yr}$. | Current Income: | $\$ 30,000 /$ Yr. |
| $65 \%$ | Replacement Ratio*: | $65 \%$ |
| $\$ 59,000 / \mathrm{Yr}$. | Suggested Need: | $\$ 20,000 /$ Yr. |

* Current underwriting standards allow only a portion of Current Income to be replaced.

In addition, there are many factors which could affect the amount of the Suggested Need noted above. You should review these items before making your final decision. These factors include:

- Investment Income
- Investment Assets
- Retirement Assets
- Spouse's Salary
- Pension Income
- Other Income
- Changes in Living Expenses
- Inflation
- Funds required for retirement/education or other needs
- Length of Time Until Retirement
- Changes in Taxes
- Social Security Disability Benefits
- Employer Disability Benefits

Note: Consult with your financial advisor about factors that may suggest additional insurance coverage.

## Long-Term Care

## Long-Term Care Defined

Long-term care is sustained medical or custodial care in a hospital, nursing facility, or equivalent care at home. This care meets the needs of people when, for some reason, they cannot care for themselves. Long-term care insurance provides coverage for costs when the need for care extends beyond a pre-determined period.
Benefits start when certain conditions and time frames specified by a long-term care insurance policy are met.
Generally the needs requirements to obtain insurance benefits fall into two categories:

| An inability to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living (or ADLs). | Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) are basic functions of daily independent living and includes: |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Dressing Toileting |
|  | Bathing Transferring |
|  | Eating Continence |
| Impaired Cognitive Ability | Loss of mental function can result from stroke, dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's Disease is a disorder that progressively affects one's ability to carry out daily activities. |

## The Cost of Waiting to Plan

- $40 \%$ of all long-term care recipients are under the age of 65 .
- Over $40 \%$ of seniors who reach age 65 will spend some time in a nursing home.
- Over $70 \%$ of seniors who reach age 65 will need some form of long-term care in their lifetime.
- One out of every four families provides care to an elderly relative or loved one.
- $35 \%$ will stay in a Nursing Facility for more than one full year.
- The average nursing home stay is 2.5 years and the average Alzheimer's stay is 7 years.

Without benefits from long-term care insurance or a comparable plan, the cost of providing these services could devastate your lifetime savings, or a relative's life savings. On average, one year in a nursing home costs in the area of $\$ 57,000$ and can easily exceed $\$ 100,000$.

Depending on the care required, most of these expenses are paid for by the patient or their family. Medicare may contribute toward the first 100 days expenses in a skilled care facility. There are no Medicaid benefits available for intermediate term or custodial care, unless the state finds the patient to be impoverished under local guidelines. Even then, care options would be restricted to care facilities that accept the very limited benefit payments Medicaid offers.

## Medicaid and Medicare Facts

- Medicaid is a welfare program designed as an emergency safety net to pay health care costs of the poor.
- Medicare is part of Social Security, and helps pay for the general health care needs of retired persons.
- Medicare typically only pays for doctors, hospitals, and short recuperative stays in nursing facilities.
- Private health insurance is designed for medical (doctors, hospitals, etc) not long-term care expenses.
- Most people end up relying on their own or relatives resources to pay for long-term care expenses.


## Long-Term Care Need Analysis

Long-term care (LTC) requires long-term planning. LTC insurance is available to cover these expenses, protect your assets, your independence, and control the quality of the care you receive. You are able to choose the specified daily benefit level, as well as the types of medical and care services covered.

When is the best time to purchase LTC insurance? Generally, the premiums stay level once the policy is purchased, much like level term insurance. In practice, the earlier you buy a policy, the lower the premium. Since the odds of becoming disabled increase with age, purchasing coverage before the age of 55 is good planning. Consider the premium cost of several coverage levels to determine which is right for your budget.

## Needs Estimate

These estimated long-term care cost examples are based upon your financial information. Consider the numbers here to be a starting point for analysis and discussion of your long-term care insurance needs.

|  | $\underline{\text { John }}$ | $\underline{\text { Mary }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Estimated daily care cost | $\$ 200$ | $\$ 200$ |
| Estimated annual care costs | $\$ 73,000$ | $\$ 73,000$ |
| Estimated years of care | 5 | 5 |
| Assumed inflation rate | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ |

Current financial assets exposed to potential long-term care expense risk : $\quad \mathbf{\$ 1 8 3 , 0 0 0}$

Cumulative Cost of Waiting to Purchase


Depending on your age, a delay in arranging a Long-term care policy can mean substantially higher premiums. This graph illustrates the cost of waiting to purchase a Long-term care policy.

Total Cost of Long-Term Care


A Long-term care policy can stabilize and moderate the potentially damaging costs of nursing home care. This graph displays potential cost differential and value of having a Long-term insurance plan in place.

## Long-Term Care Unprotected Need

This future long-term care needs chart displays the annual future amount of long-term care needed vs. your assets available. Total Long-Term Care Need is based upon average care requirements. Assets to Liquidate are your nonqualified working assets. Your Unprotected Need is estimated to be $\$ 781,738$ based upon these estimates:

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Long-Term Care Need Calculation |  |
|  |  |
| Total Long-Term Care Need: | $\$ 806,738$ |
| Assets to Liquidate: | $\$ 25,000$ |
| Unprotected Need: | $\$ 781,738$ |

Potential Asset Value Erosion

- Capital Assets
- Cost of Care

Favorable income tax treatment is available for policies meeting certain requirements. In those cases, premiums, with certain limitations, may be deducted as medical expenses for those who itemize their deductions.


## Alternative Options to Long-Term Care Insurance

## Self-Insurance

This alternative to purchasing LTC insurance is using your existing investments to pay for long-term care if needed. This would be appropriate if sufficient assets are available and the potential loss of those assets to heirs is acceptable. Of course this means that you are willing to liquidate your assets, and if you don't have sufficient funds, you transfer the financial burden to your loved ones. While this alternative may be more flexible, the LTC insurance would be more beneficial if the coverage is eventually needed.

## Qualify for Medicaid

Medicaid was enacted to provide health care services for the impoverished. Recent legislation has made it extremely difficult for a person of modest means to qualify for Medicaid benefits by gifting or otherwise disposing of personal assets for less than fair market value.

## Summary

Be aware that the potential loss of financial assets to pay for long-term care costs is due to increasing life expectancies and advances in medical treatment for the elderly. This presents a risk to your lifetime savings and financial future. LTC insurance is available at varying levels of coverage and corresponding premiums to meet these risks. LTC insurance can allow you to maintain your desired level of independence and preserve personal assets. However, premium costs will be a significant factor in your decision. Consider discussing your LTC insurance needs and options with an insurance specialist who can explain specific policy details. Fully understanding available options can help you find the best choice for you and your family's future.

## Estate Planning

While a very complex topic, estate planning is a critical component of any well developed financial plan. To be effective, this planning needs to be carefully coordinated with the other areas of planning such as Insurance, Retirement, Investments, etc. The primary goal of this section is to highlight estate planning concepts, and help illustrate potential benefits of implementing basic estate planning techniques available today.
Estate tax rules changed in 2012 and 2018. To fairly illustrate concepts and estimate future estate taxes, this report illustrates estate taxes based upon existing estate law as enacted. New rules set an $\$ 11.2$ million unified federal estate and gift tax exemption (adjusted annually for inflation) with a top tax rate of $40 \%$. Rules provide for portability of unused estate tax exclusion to surviving spouses. To utilize the Deceased Spouse Unused Exclusion Amount (DSUEA), executors must file an estate tax return at the time of the first spousal death enumerating DSUEA and electing that the DSUEA be used by the surviving spouse. Note that estate law is uncertain and may potentially change again sometime in the future.

## Estate Tax

Minimizing estate tax is a primary goal of most people with estate tax exposure. History is full of examples of estates decimated by unnecessary estate taxes and related expenses. This analysis of the current estate situation helps illustrate suggestions that can minimize current and future estate tax exposure. Some of the basic planning techniques considered are:

Unlimited Marital Deduction<br>Maximizing use of Applicable Exclusion Amount<br>Unlimited Charitable Deductions<br>Annual Gift Exclusion<br>Revocable Living Trusts<br>Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts

## Other Financial Goals

Other financial goals to consider in estate planning are:
Estate liquidity
Managing probate, administrative and other expenses
Minimizing Income Tax

## Non-Financial Goals

The non-financial aspects of estate planning are just as important as the various financial goals described above. They will often be of a very personal nature and should be customized to fit into your overall plan. Generally, this can be accomplished by discussing these goals noted above. We will be able to point out only general concepts in this report. However, some of the non-financial goals for you to consider are:

Caring for dependents or minor children
Distribution of property to heirs
Maintaining control over assets
Lifetime health issues such as incapacity and health care powers of attorney

## Summary

Protecting your estate requires careful planning. The diverse skills required to coordinate a plan might require a team approach consisting of your financial planner, attorney, insurance specialist, accountant, and investment advisor. The illustrations provided here are intended as tools to help you and your team make informed decisions. In addition, your situation will most likely change with time. Therefore, you will need to monitor your estate planning situation periodically and make amendments as required.

This report is a hypothetical illustration and does not constitute legal or tax advice. You should always obtain legal counsel and professional tax advice before taking action affecting your estate planning.

## Current Estate Summary

The recommendations in this report are based on information that you provided. Before reviewing the estate plan or implementing any of the recommendations that follow, please verify the following data and assumptions.

## $\underline{\text { Basic Data }}$

|  | John | Mary |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Age | 52 | 50 |
| Age at Death for this Illustration | 52 | 50 |
|  |  |  |
| General Assumptions |  | $4.00 \%$ |
|  |  | $\$ 7,500$ |
| Administrative \& probate expenses as a percentage of estate assets: | No |  |
| Estimated final expenses | No | No |
|  |  | No |
| Existing Estate Planning | No | No |
|  | No | No |
| Will | No | No |
| Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust | No | No |
| Credit Shelter Trust Provisions | No | No |
| Generation Skip Trust Provisions | No | No |
| Revocable Living Trust | No | No |
| QTIP Trust Provisions | No | No |
| Marital Trust Provisions | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Durable General Power of Attorney |  |  |
| Durable Health Care Power of Attorney |  |  |
| Living Will |  |  |
| Existing percentage of Estate in Living Trust |  |  |

## Previous Gifting Detail

| Previous Taxable Gifts | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Previous Gift Taxes Paid \$0 \$0

## Current Estate Summary

- John's gross estate consists of \$504,500 and Mary's consists of \$188,500.
- Potential estimated federal estate taxes currently are zero.
- Administrative, probate, and final expenses could total from \$55,146 to \$67,281.
- Additional planning could save up to $\$ 48,817$ in estate taxes and other costs.


## Estate Net Worth

| ASSETS |  | Joint/ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Savings and Investments | John | Mary | Community | Total |
| Money market accounts/funds |  |  | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| Municipal bonds and funds |  |  | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Stock Mutual Fund / ETF |  |  | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Annuities | 30,000 |  |  | 30,000 |
|  | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$35,000 | \$65,000 |
| Retirement Accounts |  |  |  |  |
| Qualified Plans - John | \$100,000 |  |  | \$100,000 |
| Roth IRA Assets - John | 2,000 |  |  | 2,000 |
| Roth IRA Assets - Mary |  | 2,000 |  | 2,000 |
| IRA Assets - Mary |  | 14,000 |  | 14,000 |
|  | \$102,000 | \$16,000 | \$0 | \$118,000 |
| Other Assets |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  | \$200,000 | \$200,000 |
| Personal Property |  |  | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Auto |  |  | 30,000 | 30,000 |
|  | \$0 | \$0 | \$250,000 | \$250,000 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$132,000 | \$16,000 | \$285,000 | \$433,000 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |  |  |
| Residence Mortgage |  |  | \$120,000 | \$120,000 |
| Credit Card Debt |  |  | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Auto Loans |  |  | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$0 | \$0 | \$140,000 | \$140,000 |
| NET WORTH | \$132,000 | \$16,000 | \$145,000 | \$293,000 |

## ADJUSTMENTS

Life insurance in estate

| $\$ 300,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 72,500 | 72,500 |
| $\$ \mathbf{5 0 4 , 5 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 8 , 5 0 0}$ |

## Current Estate Flowchart

John Predeceases Mary

| John's <br> Estate <br> $\mathbf{\$ 5 0 4 , 5 0 0}$ |
| :---: |

The Marital Deduction allows unlimited assets to pass to a spouse without estate taxation.

Marital Transfer \$474,020
Proceeds from life insurance on John would transfer to beneficiaries.

## At Mary's Death

Mary's own assets, plus the assets transferred from John will be included in Mary's taxable estate.

Proceeds from life insurance on Mary would be subject to estate tax.

## To Beneficiaries*

\$625,719


## Mary Predeceases John

| Mary's <br> Estate <br> $\$ 188,500$ |
| :---: |

The Marital Deduction allows unlimited assets to pass to a spouse without estate taxation.

Marital Transfer \$170,660

Proceeds from life insurance on Mary would transfer to beneficiaries.

## At John's Death

John's own assets, plus the assets transferred from Mary will be included in John's taxable estate.

Proceeds from life insurance on John would be subject to estate tax.

John's
Estate
\$675,160

To Beneficiaries* \$637,854

## Current Estate Estimate

## John Predeceases Mary

| Estate | John's Death |
| :---: | :---: |
| Separate property | \$30,000 |
| $50 \%$ of jointly owned \& community property | 142,500 |
| Retirement Accounts | 102,000 |
| Life Insurance | 300,000 |
| Debt | $(70,000)$ |
| Marital Transfer | 0 |
|  | \$504,500 |
| Deductions and Expenses |  |
| Marital Transfer | (\$474,020) |
| Administrative, Probate and Final Expenses | $(30,480)$ |
|  | (\$504,500) |
| Federal Taxable Estate | \$0 |
| Federal Estate Tax |  |
| Federal Estate Tax | \$0 |
| Applicable Credit Amount | 0 |
| Federal Estate Tax | \$0 |

## Mary Predeceases John

Estate
$\quad$ Separate property
$50 \%$ of jointly owned
Retirement Accounts
Life Insurance
Debt
Marital Transfer

Deductions and Expenses

Marital Transfer
Administrative, Probate and Final Expenses
Federal Taxable Estate

## Federal Estate Tax

Federal Estate Tax
Applicable Credit Amount

> Federal Estate Tax

| Mary's <br> Death |  |
| ---: | :---: |
| $\$ 0$ |  |
| 142,500 |  |
| 16,000 |  |
| 100,000 |  |
| $(70,000)$ |  |
| 0 |  |
| $\$ 188,500$ |  |


| John's <br> Death |
| ---: |
| $\$ 30,000$ |
| 142,500 |
| 102,000 |
| 300,000 |
| $(70,000)$ |
| 170,660 |
| $\$ 675,160$ |


| $(\$ 170,660)$ |
| ---: |
| $(17,840)$ |
| $(\$ 188,500)$ |
| $\$ 0$ |


| $\$ 0$ |
| ---: |
| $(37,306)$ |
| $(\$ 37,306)$ |
| $\$ 637,854$ |


| $\$ 0$ |
| ---: |
| 0 |
| $\$ 0$ |

(\$206,806)

| 206,806 |
| ---: |
| $\$ 0$ |

Note: The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 provides portability of unused estate tax exclusion amounts between spouses. To utilize the "Deceased Spouse Unused Exclusion Amount" (DSUEA) executors must file an estate tax return at the time of the first spousal death enumerating DSUEA and electing that the DSUEA be used by the surviving spouse.

## Alternate Estate Structure

## Summary of Alternative Estate Results

This is a review and comparison of cumulative impacts of suggested estate planning alternatives on the estate. Suggested Alternative Estate Flowchart diagram illustrates how improved estate structure reduces assets exposed to estate taxes. In your specific case, estate costs and taxes may be reduced by up to $73 \%$. These savings directly translate into additional assets available to beneficiaries.

Note: In 2012 and 2018 estate tax rules changed. To fairly illustrate concepts and estimate future estate taxes, this report illustrates estate tax rates and rules based on existing estate law as enacted assuming no changes are made to current regulations and laws. Keep in mind that estate tax law is uncertain and may change in the future.
Currently, your combined total estate is estimated to be $\$ 693,000$. Using estimated estate settlement costs of $\$ 67,281$, you would pass approximately $\$ 625,719$ to your beneficiaries.
With proper implementation of suggested alternative estate structures, your current estimated estate settlement costs may be reduced to approximately $\$ 18,464$. This would allow you to save $\$ 48,817$ in taxes and expenses, transferring $\$ 674,536$ to your beneficiaries.

## Impact of Planning upon Estate Costs



## Alternative Wills and Trusts

Implementing these estate strategies may significantly increase assets passing to beneficiaries at death, simplify asset transfers, as well as reduce both potential estate taxes and settlement costs.

## Your current estate documents:

- None


## Suggested additional/alternative estate documents:

- A Will for each spouse if necessary
- Revised asset ownership to balance property if necessary
- A Revocable Living Trust for each spouse
- Fund the Revocable Living Trusts
- Marital Trust provisions
- Credit Shelter Trust provisions
- Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts*
- Durable General Powers of Attorney
- Durable Health Care Powers of Attorney
- Living Wills
* Please note that Irrevocable Life Insurance Trusts may not be needed in all cases. Please consult your attorney.


# Alternative Estate Flowchart John Predeceases Mary 



## Mary Predeceases John



Note: The Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 provides portability of unused estate tax exclusion amounts between spouses (DSUEA). To utilize DSUEA, executors must file an estate tax return at the time of the first spousal death enumerating DSUEA and electing that the DSUEA be used by the surviving spouse.

## Alternative Estate Estimate

## John Predeceases Mary

Estate
$\quad$ Separate property (asse
Retirement Accounts
Life Insurance
Debt
Marital Transfer

Deductions and Expenses

Marital Transfer
Administrative, Probate and Final Expenses
Federal Taxable Estate

## Federal Estate Tax

Federal Estate Tax
(\$48,376)
Applicable Credit Amount
Federal Estate Tax

## Mary Predeceases John

Estate
Separate property (assets balanced)
Retirement Accounts
Life Insurance

| $\$ 0$ |
| ---: |
| $(9,576)$ |
| $(\$ 9,576)$ |
| $\$ 179,924$ |


| Mary's <br> Death |
| :--- |
| $\$ 157,500$ |
| 16,000 |
| 0 |
| $(70,000)$ |
| 0 |
| $\$ 103,500$ |

## Deductions and Expenses

| John's <br> Death |
| :--- |
| $\$ 157,500$ |
| 102,000 |
| 0 |
| $(70,000)$ |
| 0 |
| $\$ 189,500$ |


| $\$ 0$ |
| ---: |
| $(8,888)$ |
| $(\$ 8,888)$ |
| $\$ 94,612$ |

Debt
Marital Transfer

| Mary's <br> Death |
| ---: |
| $\$ 157,500$ |
| 16,000 |
| 0 |
| $(70,000)$ |
| 0 |
| $\$ 103,500$ |

$(\$ 22,291)$

| 48,376 |
| ---: |
| $\$ 0$ |


| 22,291 |
| ---: |
| $\$ 0$ |

## Future Estate Taxes

## Recent and Future Estate Tax Changes

Estate tax rules changed under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 which set a $\$ 5$ million federal estate and gift tax exemption, and a top estate tax rate of $40 \%$. That Act also provided portability of unused estate tax exclusions to surviving spouses. To utilize Deceased Spouse Unused Exclusion Amount (DSUEA) executors must file an estate tax return at the time of first spousal death enumerating DSUEA and electing it be used by the surviving spouse.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 effectively doubled individual estate and gift exclusion amounts to $\$ 11.2$ million during years 2018 through 2025. The exclusions are adjusted annually for inflation, and in 2026 will revert back to the pre act amount unless increased exclusion amounts are extended or modified by new tax law.

## Estate Tax Exposure Using Suggested Planning

We have taken information provided about your current estate net worth to estimate your estate tax exposure under the new law over the next several years. We make some general assumptions regarding the growth of assets. Also, as previously suggested in this analysis, we assume that each individual has funded a credit shelter trust utilizing the applicable exclusion amounts available to them (currently $\$ 11,580,000$ per person). We also assume that any life insurance benefits are kept out of the taxable estate. The graph below shows your estimated estate tax exposure (red) and your estate remainder after taxes (green) at each year end. Keep in mind estate law is uncertain and may potentially change again sometime in the future.

Estimated Estate Growth and Federal Estate Tax


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## Education Funding Illustration

John and Mary Sample

Assuming inflation of $6 \%$ the total projected cost of education will be
\$198,677
If you can invest your education funds at $6 \% *$ after taxes you may make:

1. A single contribution now:

- Required education funds
\$127,200
- Current education funds
- Additional contribution needed \$20,000


## 2. Level contributions:

- Required level annual contributions
- Planned contributions
\$107,200
$\$ 12,063$ or $\$ 1,005 / \mathrm{mo}$
- Additional annual contributions needed

| $\$ 12,063$ |
| :---: |
| $\$ 0$ |


| $\$ 12,063$ |
| :---: |$\$ 1,005 / \mathrm{mo}$

The following schedule demonstrates making level annual contributions until the last year of education expenses. Any current funds saved will be utilized as educational expenses are incurred.

Education Funding - Level Contributions

| Student | Year | Contributions <br> to Fund | Education <br> Cost | Ending Balance <br> at $6 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2021 | $\$ 12,063$ |  | $\$ 33,987$ |
|  | 2022 | 12,063 |  | 48,812 |
| Janie starts | 2023 | 12,063 |  | 64,527 |
|  | 2024 | 12,063 |  | 81,186 |
|  | 2025 | 12,063 | 20,073 | 77,565 |
| Janie ends | 2026 | 12,063 | 21,278 | 72,451 |
| Allen starts | 2027 | 12,063 | 22,554 | 65,677 |
|  | 2028 | 12,063 | 23,908 | 57,062 |
|  | 2029 | 12,063 | 25,342 | 46,410 |
| Allen ends | 2030 | 12,063 | 26,863 | 33,506 |
|  | 2031 | 12,063 | 28,474 | 18,120 |

Education Funding - Per Student

| Student <br> Name | Start <br> Year | Number <br> Of Years | Per Year in <br> Today's \$ | Total Cost <br> at 6\% Infl. | Current College <br> Funds Saved | 529 <br> Plan | One-Time <br> Deposit | Annual <br> Deposits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Janie | 2025 | 4 | $\$ 15,000$ | $\$ 87,814$ | $\$ 20,000$ | No | $\$ 43,600$ | $\$ 6,624$ |
| Allen | 2029 | 4 | 15,000 | 110,863 |  | No | 63,600 | 7,157 |

[^3]
## Other Expense - 1



## Investment Planning

## ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset allocation is an important underlying principal in portfolio design because it helps to manage investment risk while attempting to maximize returns. There are basically three forms of investment risk. Credit Risk is the possibility of loss due to the underlying investment losing all of its value, for example, in a bankrupt company. Market Risk is the inherent volatility in the price and performance of investments in stocks, bonds, commodities, real estate or any other markets. Purchasing Power or Inflation Risk is the risk of an investment's value eroding over time due to an appreciation in the cost of living. Asset allocation is an attempt to utilize historical characteristics of markets to construct a portfolio that reflects the return potential of these markets. It also attempts to diversify some of the volatility risk across several asset classes, thus reducing the risk of any one big loss of principal, or any opportunity missed by not having a position in the appropriate markets.

The identification of an efficient set of portfolios is the first step in portfolio management. This set is represented by the Efficient Frontier, a graph of the lowest possible risk that can be attained for a portfolio's given expected return. The fundamental idea behind the Efficient Frontier is that, for any risk level, investors will be interested only in that portfolio with the highest expected return. This principal was set forth in a mathematical model constructed by Harry Markowitz in 1952, for which he earned a 1990 Nobel Prize for economics. Later studies, presented by Brinson, Hood, Singer Beebower, sought to determine why large pools of capital earn different rates of return. This research led to the conclusion that while only $6 \%$ of the returns in a portfolio were due to individual security selection and $2 \%$ to market timing, $92 \%$ of the returns were due to proper asset allocation.

## THE EFFICIENT FRONTIER



## Investment Planning

MARKET RISK AND DIVERSIFICATION
Investment markets are unpredictable, particularly in the short-term. Since volatility can be managed and reduced, but never eliminated, investors should be concerned with how their portfolio is constructed to diminish market risk.

Diversification is an aid in reducing market risk. Diversification may be approached several ways. The first approach is diversification across asset classes. There are distinctions between large, mid, and small cap stocks based on the market capitalization of the companies. There are distinctions between growth stocks, with high price-to-earnings ratios, and value stocks, with price-to-earnings ratios similar or below the market averages. These asset classes may act dissimilarly in the market, each responding to macro-economic factors in its own way. Asset classes that react to market movements differently are said to have little correlation. Therefore, investing in diverse domestic equity asset classes, ones with little correlation between them, may lend stability of the performance of a portfolio.

International equity asset classes also react dissimilarly to market conditions. European markets are more closely tied to economic forces outside of the United States and may behave differently than their American counterparts. Emerging market economies in Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe, are also subject to distinct economic conditions, and as a result will experience different results in many cases. Including international equity classes in a portfolio may further diversify market risk.

Another approach to diversification may be to invest in different types of assets, such as bonds or real estate. Because these assets do not have the same investment characteristics as equities, the movement of both types of assets within one portfolio should vary diametrically, thus providing stability to overall performance.

A third approach to diversification involves investing in different industries or companies in the equity markets, and different issuers or maturities in the bond markets. This may help to balance fluctuations in a portfolio due to such factors as seasonality or interest rate changes.

It is important to remember that although volatility involves risk, it is also the engine that drives superior investment returns. U.S. Treasury bills are not very volatile, but they offer low investment return. Small cap high growth stocks are very volatile, but offer superior return potential. It is important to discuss how you can best manage volatility with your Financial Advisor, and determine together which approach is best suited to your particular circumstances.

*S\&P 500 Index. Standard and Poor's index tracks 500 stocks of large U.S. companies and is the basis for several index mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.

## Investment Planning <br> INVESTMENT RETURNS AND THE POWER OF COMPOUNDING

One of the most important elements of achieving superior investment results is to allow the power of compounding to work for you. Given the inherent volatility of the investment markets, returns can vary substantially from year to year. When allowed to build upon themselves over an extended period, returns may become substantial. Often investors become impatient and are unwilling to allow time to work for them. But time, coupled with compounding, is the underlying engine for superior investment return potential.

Compounding is achieved in two basic ways. First, reinvesting dividends and interest payments; more money is put to work in the original investment. This allows new money to work with old money, and over time compounding power accelerates the investment performance. The second method of compounding is dollar cost averaging. This is simply making additional contributions to investments on a regular basis, such as monthly contributions to a 401(k) retirement plan. Because investment markets fluctuate, security prices may be lower than when the first investment dollars were contributed. This allows some of the investment to be purchased at lower prices, thus lowering the average cost of the entire investment. Conversely, when the market creates higher prices, fewer shares are purchased, thus achieving a favorable average cost per share. Of course, such a method cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

Asset classes that carry higher levels of risk do not necessarily assure higher returns over time. Generally, relatively volatile asset classes, such as stocks, exhibit higher compound growth potential than do relatively less volatile asset classes such as cash and bonds. Your Financial Advisor can assist you in determining the best method to assure that your portfolio take advantage of the power of compounding.

The chart below compares the compounding annual returns of a few asset classes:


## Debt Freedom

Credit is a useful and important tool in today's modern financial world. Mortgages, loans and credit cards allow people a way to purchase the goods and services they want now, then pay for the costs over time. With good planning and in the proper amount, credit is an affordable expense. Excessive debt can wreck even the best financial intentions.

Understanding and controlling debt is one aspect of long term financial well being. This part of the report offers guidance on efficient repayment strategies. Being in control of debt is the first step toward debt freedom.

## Too Much Debt is Costly

Costs of excessive borrowing can be heavy, both psychologically and economically. Psychologically, too much debt is a burden that squeezes family finances and increases stress as monthly payments eat up too much income. On the economic side, interest on debt increases the effective cost of purchases, and the benefits of credit are overwhelmed by the price over time

## Three Step Debt Freedom Program

## 1 Accelerated Debt Reduction or Elimination

Develop a written plan to follow for efficient debt elimination.
Save money on interest payments by following a payment strategy.
Shorten payment schedule by increasing monthly payments.

## 2 Accelerated Wealth Accumulation

Enhance your present lifestyle with increased cash flow.
Invest more money for future needs such as college education or retirement.

## 3 Debt Education

Be knowledgable about debt and understand when it makes sense to borrow.

## Part 1: Accelerated Debt Reduction or Elimination

## Your Personalized Plan to Get out of Debt

Here you will learn:
Which debts to pay off first
How much money you can save in interest payments
The effect of increasing debt repayments

Your Current Plan: The following is your existing debt repayment plan if you do nothing:
2 Loans
Monthly Payment: \$797.00
Total Debt: \$20,000.00
Loans paid off in 5 Years 2 Months
Total Interest Payments: \$3,090.10

| Current debt plan: Detail | Debt <br> Amount | Monthly <br> Interest | Current <br> Monthly <br> Payment | Monthly <br> Minimum <br> Payment | Interest <br> Rate |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Creditor Name Card Debt | $\$ 5,000.00$ | $\$ 46.00$ | $\$ 500.00$ | $\$ 115.00$ | $11.00 \%$ |
| Auto Loans | $\$ 15,000.00$ | $\$ 88.00$ | $\$ 297.00$ | $\$ 297.00$ | $7.00 \%$ |

## Part 1: Accelerated Debt Reduction or Elimination

Proposed Debt Reduction Plan: The following is your plan for debt freedom:
2 Loans
Monthly Payment: $\$ 797.00$ (an increase of $\$ 0.00$ over total current loan and mortgage payments)
Total Debt: \$20,000.00
Loans paid off in 2 Years 5 Months
Total Interest Payments:\$1,800.06

| Proposed debt plan: Detail |  |  | Monthly <br> Minimum | Interest <br> Rate | Debt Freedom <br> Monthly <br> Payment |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Creditor Name | Amount | Interest | $\$ 5,000.00$ | $\$ 46.00$ | $\$ 115.00$ |
| Payment | $11.00 \%$ | $\$ 500.00$ |  |  |  |
| Credit Card Debt | $\$ 15,000.00$ | $\$ 88.00$ | $\$ 297.00$ | $7.00 \%$ | $\$ 297.00$ |

## Good News

## You will...

1. Save $\$ 1,290$ in loan interest
2. Reduce debt payoff time by 2 Years 9 Months

## Part 1: Accelerated Debt Reduction or Elimination

## How the Accelerated Debt Repayment Plan works

1. Debt Freedom calculates the most efficient method of debt repayment.
2. Total monthly payment is larger than minimum payments.
3. When Loan \#1 is paid off, the payments that were being applied to \#1 are paid toward \#2 . This continues as each loan is paid until all your debts have been eliminated.
4. Assumptions: Interest rates remain the same and you don't borrow more money.

## Monthly Payment Schedule

(Shown for the next 5 years, debt payment may continue longer )

## Loan Payment Amounts



## Loan Payment Term



## Part 2: Accelerated Wealth Accumulation

Your Personalized Plan to Get out of Debt and Obtain Financial Goals
Enhance your present life style with increased cash flow.
Invest more money for future needs such as college education or retirement so that you can retire as planned or earlier.

## How does the Accelerated Debt Repayment \& Wealth Accumulation Plan Work

1. Eliminate debt as outlined in the proposed Accelerated Debt Repayment section by making a monthly loan payment of $\$ 797.00$
2. Save and invest some or all of the amount that was going to loan re-payment: $\$ 797.00$ starting in 2 years 5 months


## Good News !

The Results of Accelerated Debt Repayment and Wealth Accumulation Program

1. If you follow your Debt Acceleration Plan, you will save $\$ 1,290$ in loan interest
2. If you follow your Debt Acceleration Plan, you can reduce debt payoff time by 2 Years 9 Months

## Part 3: Debt Education

Good Debt versus Bad Debt

| Value | Tax Deductible <br> Interest?* | Appreciating <br> Asset? | Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Good | Yes | Yes | Home Loan <br> Home loans are considered good debt, because homes <br> tend to be appreciating assets** and mortgage loan <br> interest is deductible. For many, loans are the only way <br> they could ever buy a home. |
| Okay | Yes | Yes | Home Equity Loan <br> Home equity loans are considered acceptable debt, <br> because they may be deductible. They make sense for <br> home improvements, but probably not for consumer or <br> luxury purchases. |
| Risky | Yes | Yes | Margin Loan <br> Margin loans are secured by an investment portfolio to <br> purchase additional investments. |
| Rad | No | No | Consumer Credit <br> Consumer credit loans are used to purchase items that <br> rapidly decrease in value like furniture, appliances, and <br> automobiles. |
| Rad | No | No | Credit Card <br> If not paid off each month, credit card obligations can lead <br> to serious debt problems and increase the real cost of <br> purchases |
| Good | Yes | Yes | Business Loan <br> This is usually a term loan to invest in your business to <br> increase its value and income |

Types of Loans: Basic

| Type | Description |
| :---: | :--- |
| Term Loan | A loan with a fixed maturity and an amortization schedule. These types of <br> loans are usually used for autos and homes. |
| Line of Credit | When a lender extends an amount to a borrower, usually without a fixed <br> maturity. Examples of these types of loans are credit cards and home equity. |
| Secured | When a lender loans money secured by some form of collateral, such as a <br> home. |

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## Part 3: Debt Education

## Reasons for Growing Debt Levels

People owe more and are saving less than at any other time in modern history. There are many reasons, some of which include:

## 1. Lack of Knowledge:

Limited money skills and a poor understanding of credit's true costs lead to ballooning debts.

## 2. Instant Gratification:

Saving up for large purchases is more difficult than using credit.

## 3. Loss of Employment:

Unemployment disrupts income. Credit is a stop gap measure between jobs.

## 4. Health Bills:

Health care and insurance are a large percentage of budgets. Unexpected costs can lead to big debts.

## 5. Student Loans:

Many people come out of college with large student loans that compound other credit problems.
6. Inflation:

In recent years, average inflation has been relatively low. However, increases in health care, fuel, and suburban real estate taxes have taken a heavy toll on the middle class.

## 7. Wages:

Many salaries have not kept pace with inflation. Easy credit is a tempting way to increase buying.

## 8. Inflexible Lifestyle:

When financial times are tough, some people save less and borrow more to maintain their lifestyle.

## 9. Lack of a Plan:

Too many people fail to make an overall financial plan that includes goals for saving and spending.

## Part 3: Debt Education Continued

## Tips for Borrowing

The following recommendations may help to improve your financial outlook regarding debt and borrowing:

## 1. Credit Cards:

Pay off balances monthly. If you carry a balance, switch to a lower interest card for new purchases and work to transfer balances to the lowest rate cards.

## 2. Depreciating Asset Loans:

## a. Automobile:

Avoid large automobile loans. Instead of buying new, purchase used cars with money you have saved. If you must borrow, try to keep your car for 10 years or more.

## b. Automobile Leasing:

Don't lease so you can afford more car. For example if you could only really afford to buy a $\$ 25,000$ car, don't lease a $\$ 40,000$ vehicle. Look for lease "deals". Nearly all manufacturers offer low down payment lease plans from time-to-time with very low payments. Just remember that you have to obtain a new car at the end of the lease.
c. Furniture, Department Store, and Appliance:

These loans often have the highest interest rates. If at all possible, avoid these loans.

## 3. Home Loans:

Recently, mortgage rates have been at historically low levels. These rates have allowed buyers to spend more on their homes. One way to improve your financial outlook is to buy a lower-cost home and save and invest more. In addition to the purchase cost, larger homes cost more over the long run in taxes, insurance, furnishings, maintenance, utilities and real estate taxes.

## 4. Home Equity Loans:

These can be attractive for the purchase of automobiles, home improvement and business financing because the interest can be deductible (consult a tax advisor). However, as with all loans, consider your overall financial plan.

## 5. Debt Consolidation Loans:

Home Equity loans are often marketed to consolidate credit cards and depreciating asset loans. These are attractive, because of the possibility of tax deductible interest and lower payments. However, many people use the lower payment to go out and buy/borrow more, and then later consolidate again. This never-ending cycle increases debt and eats away at the equity in the home from appreciation.


[^0]:    * These suggested asset allocation percentages are representative portfolio target values.
    ** Does not include any provision for an Emergency Fund.
    Note: Asset Allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

[^1]:    * Spending needs are stated in today's after tax-dollars. See Assumptions page for complete listing of assumptions.

    Actual future returns, taxes, expenses, and benefits are unknown. This illustration uses representative estimates and assumptions for educational and discussion purposes only. Do not rely on this report for investment analysis.

[^2]:    *Adjustments include charitable deductions or previous taxable gifts that have been included in your estate plan analysis.
    **For the purpose of this illustration, the exclusion amounts are incremented annually by $2 \%$.

[^3]:    * This hypothetical rate of return is for illustrative purposes and does not represent a particular investment.
    ** Annual deposit total shown may be higher than the level payment amount, but decreases as each student graduates.

[^4]:    * Tax deductibility subject to many conditions and limitations, discuss with your tax advisor.
    **Appreciation is a general assumption, market conditions and property condition will affect your actual outcome.

