# **General Information**

# What is the purpose of Schedule G?

Schedule G, Voluntary Charitable Donations, allows you to figure the amount of donations that you wish to make to one or more of the eligible funds. You may contribute any whole-dollar amount of \$1 or more.

Once you designate the funds to which you wish to contribute and the amount of your contribution, you may not file an amended return to make changes to the designated funds or the contribution amounts.

# What are the qualified contribution funds?

- a Wildlife Preservation Fund Help ensure the survival of native plants and animals with your contribution. Conservation of wildlife and their habitats is an ever-growing challenge. Your donation will pay for "on-the-ground" projects to restore habitat, conduct needed research on rare and endangered species, rehabilitate injured wildlife, and educate Illinoisans about the value of our native wildlife. Please visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Facebook page or the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov for more information.
- b Alzheimer's Disease Research, Care, and Support Fund An estimated 220,000 Illinois residents suffer from Alzheimer's
  disease. Grants from this fund will help support important
  research to find a cure, care and treatment for this progressive
  and fatal brain disorder, which is the sixth leading cause of death
  in Illinois for people 65 and older.
- c Assistance to the Homeless Fund Your contribution supports local agencies that provide shelter, meals, and services needed by homeless families and individuals. The assistance given by the local not-for-profit organizations enables homeless people to regain residence in the community and maintain their independence.
- d Diabetes Research Fund Approximately 1 million Illinois residents have been diagnosed with diabetes, and another 500,000 residents are not aware they have the disease. Diabetes can cause serious health complications, including heart disease, blindness, and kidney failure, and is the seventh leading cause of death. Contributions will be used to support research on the detection, prevention, screening, management, and treatment of diabetes. One-half the funds will be dedicated to juvenile diabetes research efforts.
- e Hunger Relief Fund Your contribution supports grants to food banks and hunger relief programs for the purpose of purchasing food and related supplies. These programs include food pantries, hunger relief centers, and other food or feeding centers that, as an integral part of their normal activities, provide meals or food to feed needy persons on a regular basis.
- f Ronald McDonald House Charities Fund Your contribution supports the Ronald McDonald House Charities in creating, finding, and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families by helping all children have access to medical care and providing support and active involvement for their families.

g New! 100 Club of Illinois Fund - Your contribution supports the 100 Club of Illinois charity, created by Public Act 102-1060, to provide resources to the families of first responders killed in the line of duty and active duty first responders.

# **Specific Instructions**

**Line 1a-1g -** Enter the amount you wish to donate to each of the following voluntary charitable donation funds. You may contribute any whole-dollar amount of \$1 or more.

**Line 2** - Enter the total of the sum of Lines 1a through 1g. This is your total contribution amount to enter on Form IL-1040, Line 34.

#### What if I need additional assistance or forms?

- Visit our website at tax.illinois.gov for assistance, forms or schedules.
- Write us at Illinois Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 19001, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9001.
- Call 1 800 732-8866 or 217 782-3336 (TDD, telecommunications device for the deaf, at 1 800 544-5304).
- Visit a taxpayer assistance office 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Springfield office) and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (all other offices), Monday through Friday.