

**CASE STUDY**

# Retiree seeks cruise control for a smoother financial future



**“Along with a steady stream of income to pay for my housing, utilities and other expenses, I’d like enough liquidity to visit family, help with my grandsons’ education and still have a cushion for whatever my future holds.”**

**Subject**

**Sarah, age 74, an active retiree**

- Needs income she can count on
- Does not want to be a financial burden on her family in the future

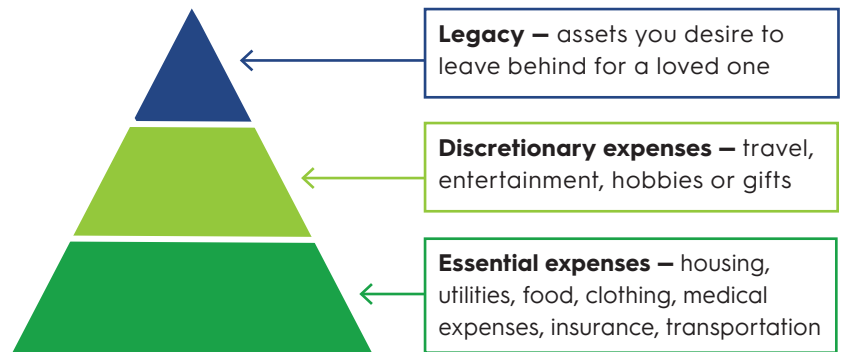
**Her story**

Widowed three years ago, Sarah is financially comfortable, thanks to a combination of her late husband’s retirement plan assets, insurance, a savings account and investments. She has been drawing Social Security benefits since her full retirement age, and qualifies for Medicare to cover her healthcare costs.

Sarah wants to reposition some of her assets to ensure a steady income to meet her non-discretionary expenses such as housing, utilities, taxes, etc. She also wants to make sure she has enough liquidity for small emergencies and trips to visit her grandsons. If possible, she would like to help pay for her grandsons’ college educations, and keep a cushion of funds in case she needs assisted living in the future.

Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

**TYPICAL RETIREMENT EXPENSES**



Not a deposit – Not FDIC/NCUA insured – Not insured by any federal government agency – Not guaranteed by any bank or credit union

Insurance products issued by:

**Minnesota Life Insurance Company**

## Solution

Sarah's financial professional recommends making *IncomeToday! 2.0* – a single-payment immediate annuity – a component of her retirement income plan. Together they decide a Life with 10-year Period Certain income option will best help her meet her goals. With this selection, Sarah's Social Security checks combined with payments from *IncomeToday! 2.0* will cover her basic living expenses.

### ***IncomeToday! 2.0* provides Sarah with:**

- Fixed income payments for life
- The ability to receive tax-favored income payments

**A guaranteed period certain to provide income to her or her heirs** for at least 10 years

- Emergency access to a portion of her funds through the Advance Withdrawal Benefit
- Freedom to position the balance of her retirement portfolio for discretionary spending and to leave a legacy to her children and grandchildren



## Learn more

To find out more on how an immediate annuity such as *IncomeToday! 2.0* can be used in your retirement portfolio, review our product fact sheet and talk to your financial professional today.

## Why consider adding an immediate annuity to your retirement journey?

First and foremost, fixed immediate annuities provide a source of retirement income, with:

- Guaranteed income that you can count on
- A wide variety of income options, including income for life. Payments can also be structured to meet IRS required minimum distributions
- Tax-favored treatment of income for non-qualified annuities. Each payment is considered part taxable income and part a return of your investment

### ***IncomeToday! 2.0* also provides an Advance Withdrawal Benefit**

- Emergency access to a portion of funds through the Advance Withdrawal Benefit – a special feature that allows a one-time advance of income during the guaranteed period certain – just in case an unforeseen expense arises

*IncomeToday! 2.0* is a single payment immediate annuity. The guarantees in *IncomeToday! 2.0* are subject to the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company. You should thoroughly review your contract for specific details of the product features and costs.

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