Giving Options and Important Dates

GIVING OPTIONS

Gifts to United Way of Washtenaw County may be made via cash, check, credit card, stock, mutual fund, IRA and ACH bank withdrawal. Checks should be made payable to United Way of Washtenaw County. Additionally, payroll deduction is available to anyone whose employer provides a workplace campaign giving option.

STOCK OR MUTUAL FUND INSTRUCTIONS

To donate stock or mutual funds to United Way of Washtenaw County, please contact your broker, well before the end of the year, and provide them with the following:

- Number of shares to be donated
- Name of stock
- DTC ID #5409
- Agent Id Account #74-1032-01-5
- EIN #38-1951024

Please contact Val Kennings at United Way of Washtenaw County, 734-677-7212 or vkennings@uwwashtenaw.org to advise of your gift.

YEAR-END REMINDERS

- If you qualify for a tax benefit, your gift must be received by 12/31/2020.
- Mailed gifts must be postmarked on or before 12/31/2020.
- Online gifts at uwgive.org can be accepted up to midnight of 12/31/2020

If you have questions regarding your gift, please contact Susan Smith, Director of Resource Development, at 734.677.7227 or ssmith@uwwashtenaw.org
The CARES Act makes a new charitable deduction of up to $300 available to taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions.

Maybe you should be itemizing and get a tax benefit for your charitable giving.

- If you are a single taxpayer who lives in home and pays over $10,000 in state and local income taxes, your hurdle for itemizing in 2020 is just $12,400. If you have home mortgage interest or charitable gifts of over $2,400 you can itemize and get the benefit of deducting the gifts.

- If you are a married couple in a home paying significant interest on your mortgage, your hurdle to itemize is $24,800. If you have $10,000+ in state and local taxes and let's just say $12,000 in mortgage interest expense any gifts above $2,800 gets you to the level of successfully itemizing.

Who is challenged to get a tax benefit for their giving?

- If you are a married couple, whose home is paid off or mortgage interest and taxes are low, you may need to give $10,000 or more before there is a tax benefit. This is not to say that you have to get a tax benefit from your giving or that there are not other approaches to getting a tax benefit.

You give to charity, but not enough to get a tax benefit. Do you have any options?

Yes! Here are two options for getting a tax benefit:

- If you are over 70 you can gift directly from your IRA to a charity. This never becomes income to you and can help satisfy your RMD (required minimum IRA distribution starting at 72).

- You can combine multiple years of giving into a gift to a Donor Advised Fund. (DAF) A married couple, for example, might give $10,000 to charity every year and still not get a deduction. By giving $30,000 to a DAF, they can take the tax break, and then use the funds in the DAF to make smaller gifts annually to charities in future years. They are giving away the same $30,000, but by using this technique, they can get a deduction for their gifts!

Professional advice can be helpful in determining how you can continue supporting the charities you care about AND possibly qualify for a tax deduction. Consult your tax advisor or financial advisor for more information.