

Find Your Charitable Opportunity

2020 has provided its share of unexpected challenges for all of us so far. Through it all, countless givers have stayed committed to generously using their resources to serve and help others.

Below are several charitable giving opportunities for you to consider in light of this year's events and recently passed tax law changes.



CARES Act

Congress included several provisions in this relief bill that relate to charitable giving in 2020.

- + For 2020, all taxpayers, even those who do not itemize deductions, can deduct up to \$300 of cash contributions made to most public charities. Notably, contributions to a donor advised funds (DAFs) do not qualify.
- + For 2020, tax itemizers can deduct charitable contributions up to 100% of their annual income, though with the same limitations: the contributions must be cash and not to DAFs, private foundations, etc.

SECURE Act

The legislation Congress passed in January includes a **limit on "stretch" payments** from an inherited IRA to 10 years. As a result, beneficiaries would end up paying higher taxes on distributions. If this affects your plans, you might instead consider using your IRA to fund a charitable remainder trust. A charitable remainder trust can provide lifetime payments to your beneficiaries while spreading out any taxes they might owe.

Removing Gift Restrictions

Most ministries and nonprofits have faced unexpected financial need as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. An important way you can help is to grant ministries **permission to use any gifts you have already given to their greatest need**, rather than restricting those funds to a specific project. This gives the ministries you support the flexibility to use your gift to meet critical needs during this challenging season.

Donor Advised Funds

If you have a donor advised fund, consider recommending extra grants to the ministries you already support or to new ministries.

If you are looking for a way to give more generously to the causes you care most about, consider opening a donor advised fund. A DAF is a tool that provides strategic ways to expand generosity.

Key features include:

- + Contribute cash or other assets and receive a tax deduction
- + Invest DAF funds to grow generosity
- + Maximize resources for bigger charitable impact through gifts of business interests, publicly traded securities, or real estate

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