

*(Date)*

*(Donor Name)*

*(Donor Address)*

*(City, State Zip)*

Dear *(Donor Name)*,

Your support of *(Organization name)* has been vital to (*Mission*). Because of incredible people like you, (*Insert recent success story. It’s important to provide an emotional story that will connect with the reader and remind them how their donation will help*).

As you may be reviewing your year-end finances soon, we wanted to share a unique way to support our cause. A **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** can help you avoid tax burdens while making a difference in (*your mission served*).

## **What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution, and what are the benefits?**

At a certain age, some individuals are required to withdraw a set amount (called a Required Minimum Distribution, or RMD) from their retirement account holdings each year. **If the RMD is not met, the amount not withdrawn could be taxed at rates up to 50%.**

If you find yourself needing to make a distribution, you may be able to take advantage of the unique benefits of a QCD.

Making a QCD from a retirement account, such as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), can often satisfy your requirement. It’s possible you could\*:

* **Avoid the penalty** for not meeting the minimum withdrawal amount
* **Reduce your Adjusted Gross Income**, therefore reducing your tax burden and potentially moving you to a lower tax bracket
* **Definitely make a lasting impact** on *(insert who or what they will impact)*!

By making a QCD to *(Organization name)*, you will be helping (*Insert mission or mention success story from above. Talk about what the money will be used for and how it will benefit the mission you serve*).

Please consider making a gift today by contacting (*contact name*) at *(phone & email)*. If you aren’t sure if a QCD is right for you, you can contact your financial advisor or tax professional to learn more.

Thank you again for your support of (*Organization name*). With your help, we can (*Insert mission*)!

Sincerely,

*(Name)*

*(Title)*

P.S. Giving a QCD can be an extremely impactful way to alleviate tax burdens and create a positive change in (*population served*). Please consider making a gift today to change lives tomorrow!

(*website and contact information*)

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