



# Newsletter

## Q4 2023



### **Why your holiday charity donations make the most impact.**

According to Charity Navigator, charities receive an average of 41% of their contributions in the last few weeks of the year, making these weeks crucial in hitting year-end giving goals. In fact, each year, December 31 brings 20% of charities' online year-end revenue. And, nationally, the total amount of money donated on December 31 is 1,212% higher than total donations given on an average giving day.

### **Our your charity donations tax deductible?**

According to Nerdwallet.com, to claim a deduction for charitable donations on your taxes, you must have donated to an IRS-recognized charity and received nothing in return for your gift.

In general, you can deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income via charitable donations, but you may be limited to 20%, 30% or 50% depending on the type of contribution and the organization[1]

The limit applies to all donations you make throughout the year, no matter how many organizations you donate to. Contributions that exceed the limit can often be deducted on your tax returns over the next five years — or until they're gone — through a process called a carryover.

## In Summary

Charitable contributions or donations can help taxpayers to lower their taxable income via a tax deduction.

To claim a tax-deductible donation, you must itemize on your taxes.

Your donation must meet certain guidelines to qualify.

The amount of charitable donations you can deduct may range from 20% to 60% of your adjusted gross income.



### Retirement Withdrawal Rules Are Crazy t!

Retirement financials can be stressful, especially when it comes to understanding the complex rules around required minimum distributions (RMDs) for retirement accounts. This year is particularly complicated due to a variety of requirement changes. Here are a few things to keep in mind: ▪ RMD rules have changed over the years, with the age requirement increasing from 70½ to 72 and now potentially to 73. ▪ The rules for inherited IRAs are even more complicated, leading to penalties for missed RMDs. ▪ It's important to know which account owners need to take an RMD and when. ▪ If you skip or don't withdraw enough, there can be a penalty of up to 25% on the amount you should have withdrawn. ▪ Requesting a penalty waiver is possible, but there's no guarantee it will be granted. Stay informed and consult with a financial expert to navigate these retirement withdrawal rules effectively.

For our annual Toys for Tots Drive, we partner with our local chapter of Toys for Tots to collect toys at our Shelton office right up until Thanksgiving. Our collection site is a major contributor every year. We are so thankful to our community and clients to be able to bring happiness and cheer every holiday season.

If you are unable to come to our office for pie day, but still want to send in a toy, please address it as below: Amazon also will ship directly to us!!



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