

## **Charitable Giving During the Holidays (November)**

### **Smart Charitable Giving Strategies for the Holiday Season**

The holiday season brings out the generous spirit in many Asheboro families. Beyond the joy of giving back to your community, charitable giving offers substantial tax benefits that can reduce your burden come April. Understanding how to maximize these benefits ensures your generosity serves both your favorite causes and your financial goals.

### **Why November Matters for Charitable Planning**

Many people wait until December 31st to make their charitable contributions. However, planning your charitable giving in November gives you time to research organizations, gather documentation, and implement smart strategies that maximize your deductions. Additionally, starting early means you can spread larger donations across multiple organizations without the year-end rush.

### **Tax Benefits of Holiday Charitable Giving**

When you donate to qualified charitable organizations, you can deduct those contributions if you itemize your tax return. For 2024, the standard deduction sits at \$14,600 for single filers and \$29,200 for married couples filing jointly. This means your total itemized deductions need to exceed these amounts to benefit from charitable deductions.

Moreover, you can generally deduct up to 60% of your adjusted gross income for cash contributions to public charities. This generous limit allows substantial giving for those in a position to help their community significantly.

### **Smart Donation Strategies That Maximize Impact**

#### **Give Appreciated Assets Instead of Cash**

Donating stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have increased in value offers double tax benefits. You avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation, and you can deduct the full fair market value of the asset. This strategy works particularly well if you've held the investment for more than one year.

#### **Bundle Multiple Years of Giving**

If your itemized deductions typically fall just below the standard deduction threshold, consider bunching two or three years of charitable contributions into one tax year. This pushes you over the standard deduction limit, allowing you to claim the deduction. Then, in subsequent years, you take the standard deduction while your donor-advised fund distributes the money to charities over time.

## **Donate from Your IRA if You're Over 70½**

Qualified charitable distributions allow individuals 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to charity. These distributions count toward your required minimum distribution but don't increase your taxable income. This strategy particularly benefits those who don't need their RMD for living expenses. Learn more about [qualified charitable distributions from the IRS](#).

## **Documentation Requirements You Can't Ignore**

The IRS requires proper documentation for all charitable contributions. For donations under \$250, a bank record or written communication from the charity suffices. However, contributions of \$250 or more require a written acknowledgment from the organization that includes the amount, whether you received goods or services in exchange, and the value of any benefits received.

For donations of property valued over \$5,000, you'll need a qualified appraisal. Keep all documentation organized throughout the year to make tax filing smoother.

## **Choosing Qualified Organizations**

Not all charitable organizations qualify for tax deductions. The IRS maintains a [Tax Exempt Organization Search tool](#) where you can verify an organization's status. Before making substantial donations, verify the organization's tax-exempt status to ensure your contribution qualifies for a deduction.

## **Local Asheboro Giving Opportunities**

Asheboro offers numerous worthy charitable organizations serving our community. Whether you support local food banks, educational programs, healthcare initiatives, or cultural organizations, your contributions make a real difference in neighbors' lives while providing tax benefits.

Gibson Tax helps Asheboro residents navigate charitable giving strategies that align with their financial goals. Our team understands how to structure donations for maximum tax efficiency while supporting the causes you care about most. [Contact us](#) to discuss your charitable giving strategy.

## **Plan Before You Give**

Smart charitable giving requires thoughtful planning rather than spontaneous year-end donations. Review your tax situation, consider which strategies offer the most benefit, and ensure you have proper documentation systems in place. The time you invest in November creates significant savings when tax season arrives.

For more year-end planning strategies, check out this guide on [tax planning services](#). Start planning your holiday charitable giving today, and you'll maximize both your community impact and your tax benefits.

**Meta Description:** Maximize your charitable giving tax benefits this holiday season in Asheboro NC. Smart donation strategies that help your community and your wallet.