2022 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN ESTABLISHING MY CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGY?



FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES	YES	NO	CASH FLOW ISSU
Have you identified what motivates you to give?			A charitable re payments of a
Do you need to confirm that your giving is matched to your values?			each year, to you years (not to exp
Do you need to establish a giving plan? If so, consider creating a plan to help you decide rationally, make impactful gifts, and			to the charitab
respond when solicited for support.			Do you want to a term of years,
 Do you need to conduct due diligence on a charity? If so, consider the following: Review the charity's mission, leadership, financial health, results, etc. 			your heirs? If so A charitable lea fixed amount f thereof, with th
Understand how your gift would be used (e.g., overhead, general fund, specific causes).			 beneficiaries o A charitable lea percentage of f
	YES	NO	years, lifetime(
CASH FLOW ISSUES	TES	NO	passing to non (e.g., your heirs
Do you need to quantify how much you can afford to give?			
Is your income fluctuating this year? If so, consider how this impacts your tax incentives and ability to make (or forego making) deductible charitable gifts.			ASSET ISSUES
 Do you want to make a substantial gift to a charity during your lifetime, but also want an income stream for yourself or another noncharitable beneficiary? If so, consider the following: If the charity you wish to benefit offers a charitable gift annuity (CGA), you can give cash, securities, and possibly other assets in 			 Do you have hig one year? If so, o Gifts in kind to gains while ma the date of the The deduction limited to 30% charitable bene

CASH FLOW ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO	
A charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) can make annual payments of a fixed percentage of the trust's assets, revalued each year, to you or a noncharitable beneficiary for a term of years (not to exceed 20) or lifetime(s), with the remainder passing to the charitable beneficiaries.			
 Do you want to make a substantial gift to benefit a charity for a term of years, but ultimately retain the assets for yourself or your heirs? If so, consider the following: A charitable lead annuity trust (CLAT) can make payments of a fixed amount for a term of years, lifetime(s), or a combination thereof, with the remainder passing to noncharitable beneficiaries of your choice (e.g., your heirs). A charitable lead unitrust (CLUT) can make payments of a fixed percentage of the trust's assets, valued annually, for a term of years, lifetime(s), or a combination thereof, with the remainder passing to noncharitable beneficiaries of your choice (e.g., your heirs). 			
	YES	NO	
(e.g., your heirs).	YES	NO	

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ASSET ISSUES (CONTINUED) Do you have a traditional IRA, and are you over age 70.5? If so, consider making a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 (per tax year), which would be excluded from taxable income. If you are age 72 or over, a QCD can count toward satisfying your RMD. Note the "first dollars out" rule.		NO	TAX ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	5			
								You can use a DAF to "bunch" several years of gifts in one tax year, taking advantage of the itemized charitable deduction when your gifts might have otherwise been covered by the standard deduction. You can then spread the grants from your DAF over future years to smooth the impact to the charities.
Do you have time and/or skills that you can contribute? If so, you may not take a deduction for the value of your services; however, you may be able to deduct unreimbursed expenses that you incur as a direct result of services you perform.			 Do you need help determining the deductibility of your gift(s)? If so, consider the following: Charitable gifts are itemized deductions (deductible to the extent that they exceed the standard deduction). For taxpayers who claim the standard deduction, you are allowed a deduction of 					
TAX ISSUES	YES	NO	\$300 (\$600 if MFJ) for cash contributions to certain qualifying charities in 2021.					
 Did/will you make charitable gifts this year? If so, consider the following: Any cash gift must be substantiated by financial statements or written confirmation from the charity. Cash gifts of \$250 or more must be supported by a contemporaneous written acknowledgment (CWA) from the charity. Generally, noncash gifts of more than \$500 require a CWA and the filing of Form 8283. Noncash gifts of more than \$5,000 must also be supported by a qualified appraisal (unless an exception applies, e.g., for publicly traded securities, vehicles, etc.). For noncash gifts exceeding \$500,000, the qualified appraisal must be filed with your 1040. 			 If your charitable gifts are less than 20% of your AGI, you can generally take a full deduction. Above this threshold, there are several deduction limitation categories, including 60%, 50%, and 30% of your AGI, which may apply depending upon the nature of the charitable gift and beneficiary. Excess deductions can be carried forward for five years. Does your taxable estate exceed your unused federal estate and gift tax exclusion amount (maximum \$12.06 million or \$24.12 million if you are married)? If so, consider incorporating charitable gifts in your estate plan to reduce your federal estate tax liability. 					
Did you receive anything of value in exchange for a charitable			OTHER ISSUES	YES				
gift? If so, you may take a deduction to the extent that your gift exceeds the FMV of the goods or services you received in return. A charity must provide to you a written disclosure if you make a quid pro quo gift of \$75 or more.			 Do you wish to remain anonymous? Do you need to review your gifting history and impact? 					
Do you want to make completed gifts for income tax purposes this year, but delay/spread the distributions to charities over multiple years? If so, consider the following:			Do you want to impose restrictions on the use of gifted assets? If so, consider earmarking your funds for a specific use, cause, or initiative (provided that you don't jeopardize the gift's deductibility).					
 A donor advised fund (DAF) allows you to make a gift and take an immediate charitable deduction while delaying delivery of the funds to the charities of your choosing. (continue on next column) 			Have you signed a pledge agreement under which you are fulfilling annual promises? If so, consider funding (or pre-funding) your pledges when the market is up.					

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