

A Strategy and an Opportunity

The Eau Claire Community Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The following strategies and opportunities for giving under the new tax laws will help donors maximize their charitable impact.

Tax Law Change: **The Good News**

- Lower tax rates = more disposable income
- Charitable income tax deduction remains intact
- Capital gains tax rates left untouched – incentivizes gifts of appreciated assets

Strategies for **Donors**

- **New standard deduction** - \$12,200 for a single taxpayer or \$24,400, for a married couple
- **Bundling** (doubling charitable gifts in one year) to a donor advised fund may allow donors to itemize deductions and take the standard deduction the following year.
- For individuals over 70 ½, **make a qualified charitable distribution** from an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) - gift maximum \$100,000. **The advantage** - An IRA distribution sent directly to ECCF is excluded from income.
- Because of the combined federal and state capital gains tax, the tax benefits for giving appreciated assets is **even more compelling**.
- **Turn an asset**, real estate, farmland, machinery, business interests, etc. into a gift.

Some **Truth Telling**

- Only 30% of US taxpayers itemized before 2018
- People give because they believe in the organization's mission ... and believe that their gift can make a difference

ECCF encourages donors to visit with their financial and legal advisors to determine which charitable giving strategies are best for them. ECCF is available to work with donors and their advisors to fulfill personal, financial, and charitable wishes.

“What we found at the Eau Claire Community Foundation was personal relationships, community knowledge, responsible investment, flexibility, and help in meeting our giving goals.”

- Tim and Denise Pabich, *Fundholders, Pabich Trust Fund 2004*



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