## 2023 · WHAT ISSUES SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN ESTABLISHING MY CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGY?



| FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES   | YES | NO |
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| > Have you identified what motivates you to give?   |     |    |
| Do you need to confirm that your giving is matched to<br>your values?   |     |    |
| > <b>Do you need to establish a giving plan?</b> If so, consider creating a plan to help you decide rationally, make impactful gifts, and respond when solicited for support.   |     |    |
| <ul> <li>Do you need to conduct due diligence on a charity? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>Review the charity's mission, leadership, financial health, results, etc.</li> <li>Understand how your gift would be used (e.g., overhead, general fund, specific causes).</li> </ul> |     |    |

| CASH FLOW ISSUES   | YES | NO |
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| > 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.   |     |    |
| <ul> <li>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:</li> <li>If the charity you wish to benefit offers a charitable gift annuity (CGA), you can give cash, securities, and possibly other assets in exchange for a fixed stream of income from the charity for your lifetime. (Note the gift tax consequences if the noncharitable annuitant is not yourself.)</li> <li>A charitable remainder annuity trust (CRAT) can make annual payments of a fixed amount of the trust's assets 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. (continue on next column)</li> </ul> |     |    |

| CASH FLOW ISSUES (CONTINUED)  | YES | NO |
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| ■ 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.   |     |    |
| <ul> <li>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:         <ul> <li>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).</li> <li>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</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |     |    |
| passing to noncharitable beneficiaries of your choice (e.g., your heirs).   |     |    |
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| ASSET ISSUES (CONTINUED)   | YES | NO | TAX ISSUES (CONTINUED)   | YI  |
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| If so, consider making a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 (per tax year, adjusted for inflation), which would be excluded from taxable income. If you are subject to taking RMDs, a QCD can count toward satisfying your RMD. Note the "first dollars  |     |    | ■ 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.  |     |
| out" rule.  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.   |     |    | <ul> <li>Do you need help determining the deductibility of your gift(s)?         If so, consider the following:         <ul> <li>Charitable gifts are itemized deductions (deductible to the extent that they exceed the standard deduction).</li> <li>If your charitable gifts are less than 20% of your AGI, you can generally take a full deduction. Above this threshold, there are</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |     |
| TAX ISSUES   | YES | NO | several deduction limitation categories, including 60%, 50%, and 30% of your AGI, which may apply depending upon the nature of   |     |
| <ul> <li>Did/will you make charitable gifts this year? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>■ 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.</li> <li>■ Generally, noncash gifts of more than \$500 require a CWA and the</li> </ul> |     |    | 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 \$12.92 million or \$25.84 million if you are married)? If so, consider incorporating charitable gifts in your estate plan to reduce your federal estate tax liability.                                      |     |
| 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   |     |    | OTHER ISSUES   | Υ   |
| noncash gifts exceeding \$500,000, the qualified appraisal must be filed with your 1040.   |     |    | Do you wish to remain anonymous?   |     |
| <b>Did you receive anything of value in exchange for a charitable gift?</b> 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 need to review your gifting history and impact?  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).   |     |
| this year, but delay/spread the distributions to charities over  |     |    | 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.  |     |
| <ul> <li>multiple years? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>■ 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)</li> </ul>  |     |    | Provided for educational purposes only and does not constitute investment, tax, or Consult a licensed professional prior to taking any action.   | leg |