Timing Matters!



To qualify for a tax benefit (when you itemize deductions on your income tax return), <u>you must</u> <u>make your gift by December 31st.</u> The gift date (the date used for tax purposes) is the day you transfer control of the asset. Here are more details about gift dates:

- **Securities** If securities are electronically transferred to us, the gift date is typically the day the securities enter our account.
- **IRA gifts** We must receive your gift by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year. If you have check-writing features on your IRA, be aware that your check must <u>clear your account by Dec. 31</u> to count toward your required minimum distribution for the calendar year.
- Donor-Advised Funds (DAF) You qualify for a tax deduction when you make a gift to the fund, without immediately having to choose the ministries you want to support.
- Life insurance The gift date is the date signed on paperwork transferring ownership to the Julia Greeley Home, assuming you properly forward the form on to the insurance company.
- **Checks** Be sure that your envelope is <u>postmarked on or before Dec. 31</u> when mailing through the U.S. Postal Service.



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