



Giving - It Means More than just a Write Off!

You know that by giving to charity you can get a substantial tax **write off**. But, you might not stop to consider how much good you do for local organizations who depend on those gifts. When you give to a nonprofit group they put that money to use by feeding hungry mouths, giving someone a warm bed to sleep in, providing medicine to the ill, and the list goes on. **Right off** the bat, you make people's lives better! And that's **right on!**

DATE Dec. 3

PAY TO THE ORDER OF GMCF \$

Write One. Right On!

MEMO _____

We make it easy to give to the causes closest to your heart. Simply complete the order form on the next page and write one check to GMCF. We'll take care of the rest.

SENSIBLE TIPS FOR YEAR END



Gifts by Check or Credit Card When you write a check to charity, the gift is complete when the check is mailed. Mail it by December 31, and you can deduct it for the year 2009 even if the charity does not cash it until 2010. When you charge your gift to a bank credit card, it is deductible by the donor in the year the charge is made.



Gifts of Stock A gift of stock may be accomplished by electronic transfer or by the donor's delivery of the stock certificate to charity, in person or by mail. Ownership of the stock certificate is changed to the charity on the books of the corporation issuing the stock. Be aware there are different rules for the effective date of a gift depending on how the donor delivers the stock certificate.

Gifts of Appreciated Property Gifts of appreciated property that would result in long-term capital gain if sold generally produce even greater benefits for you than gifts made in cash, by check, or by credit card. Why is this? Because you can usually deduct the full value of the contributed property (subject to the 30% of adjusted gross income limitation), even the gain portion that has never been taxed. Possible gift assets to consider include not only stocks, but bonds, mutual funds, real estate and other appreciated property.

Gifts of Loss Property "Loss property" is property that would generate a tax deductible loss if you sold it. If you gave this property to charity you would lose your deduction for the loss in value of the property in the time since you first acquired it. So, instead, sell the property, take the loss itself as a deduction, and use the proceeds of the sale to make a deductible charitable gift.

Pledges and IOUs If you made a pledge to charity or gave a personal IOU, you cannot deduct this as a charitable contribution in 2009 unless you actually satisfy the pledge or pay off the note by December 31, 2009.

Gift Matching Program If your employer offers a matching program, you can multiply the impact of your gift simply by requesting the match from your employer.

Have questions? Visit our website at www.mcfks.org or call us at (785)587-8995



Endowed Funds of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

Arts & Humanities

- ___ Manhattan Arts Center - Gene Grosh Endowment for the Arts \$ _____
- ___ Riley Co Genealogical Society Library _____
- ___ St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center Endowment _____

Basic Human Needs and Healthcare

- ___ Crisis Center Fund to Stop Domestic Violence _____
- ___ Fairy Godmothers Fund _____
- ___ Flint Hills Breadbasket Fund _____
- ___ Habitat for Humanity-Legacy Club Fund _____
- ___ Homecare & Hospice Fund _____
- ___ Flint Hills Community Clinic Fund - Jim Reed Endowment _____
- ___ KSU Volunteer Center of Manhattan _____
- ___ Manhattan Emergency Shelter Fund _____
- ___ Meadowlark Hills Good Samaritan Fund _____
- ___ Mercy Community Health Foundation _____
- ___ Riley County Police Department Employee Fund _____
- ___ Shepherd's Crossing Endowed Fund _____
- ___ United Way of Riley County _____

Community Development & Leadership

- ___ Flinthills Leadership Endowment Fund _____
- ___ Leadership Manhattan Scholarship Endowment _____
- ___ League of Women Voters Fund _____
- ___ UFM Community Learning Center Endowment _____

Preservation, Conservation & Beautification

- ___ Edna Williams Wolf House Complex Historic Site _____
- ___ Sunset Zoo & Wildlife Conservation Trust Foundation _____

Children & Youth

- ___ Big Brothers Big Sisters Endowment _____
- ___ Boy Scouts of America-Coronado Area Council _____
- ___ Boys and Girls Clubs of Manhattan _____
- ___ Flint Hills Christian School Endowment _____
- ___ Flinthills Leadership Children's Fund _____
- ___ Instruments for Interested Youth _____
- ___ K-State Rowing Association Fund _____
- ___ Little Apple Soccer Club _____
- ___ Manhattan Baseball Association Scholarship Fund _____
- ___ Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Youth Fund _____
- ___ Manhattan Catholic Education _____
- ___ Manhattan-Ogden Schools Foundation _____
- ___ Manhattan-Riley County Childcare Endowment _____
- ___ Parents As Teachers - David L. Flinchbaugh Fund _____
- ___ Sunflower CASA Endowed Fund _____
- ___ Toys for Manhattan _____
- ___ Youth Impacting Community Endowed Fund _____

Unrestricted Funds*

- ___ Fund for Greater Manhattan - Endowed _____

TOTAL \$ _____

* With our ever-changing community needs and priorities, it is the unrestricted gift that is the most valuable and enduring for a community. Unrestricted funds are for donors who have broad community interests but no specific priorities. These funds provide the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation the most flexibility in directing resources toward challenges and opportunities in our community.

***Please make your check payable to Greater Manhattan Community Foundation
and mail to P.O. Box 1127, Manhattan, KS 66505- 1127.***

You will receive a tax receipt from GMCF & gift acknowledgement from each fund to which you donate.