



RETIREES---USE YOUR IRA AS A TAX-FREE WAY TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

If you are a retiree, here is information that may be valuable to you. Tax laws are changing in the future. But you still have a chance to take advantage of the charitable IRA legislation, but only until Dec. 31, 2011.

Congress recently extended a law that allows individuals 70 1/2 or older to make tax-free gifts now to qualified charitable organizations like ours using funds transferred directly from their IRA's. You can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 through the end of 2011. Let the Eau Claire Community Foundation help you make the most tax-effective gift to a cause you care the most about.

If you don't need the amount you're required to take annually from your IRA, you can eliminate the income tax on the distribution by transferring it to the Eau Claire Community Foundation as a charitable donation. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you will benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. Specify an existing fund, start your own fund, or designate our Community Fund or Operations Fund. You can witness the difference your philanthropic dollars make to our community.

THE EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAN HELP YOU HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Don't let this tax-wise opportunity pass you by. A gift to the Eau Claire Community Foundation will be used to make a grant to a local non-profit organization, supporting their efforts in arts & culture, education, environment, recreation, or social services. If you have a question, need more information or would like to make a gift, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you. Call 715-552-3801 or email info@eccommunityfoundation.org. For more information, click here to see a brochure about how to use your required minimum distribution for charitable purpose.

DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ON-LINE. GO TO www.eccommunityfoundation.org AND SELECT THE "MAKE A DONATION" TAB. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ON-LINE CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS.