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You can make a 2019 tax-free gift from your IRA!

Due to recent tax law changes, many individuals aren't able to get a tax benefit for itemizing their charitable deductions. However, there is still another beneficial avenue to reduce your personal taxable income in 2019 by making gifts to Carolina Honduras Health Foundation.

As Part of the “protecting Americans from Tax Act of 2015” (The “PATH Act”), each year, any person who is at least 70½ years of age may make direct charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 from an IRA account without having to report that IRA distribution as taxable income on their federal income tax return. These annual IRA distributions are normally referred to as required minimum distributions (“RMD”).

Directing all or part of your annual RMD to a charity like Carolina Honduras Health Foundation provides you with an excellent opportunity to make a gift that will benefit the medical needs of the poor in Honduras and also will reduce your annual taxable income.

To Qualify:

- You must be at least 70½ years of age when you make your gift.
- Transfers must be made directly from traditional IRA account (**normally by your IRA Administrator**) to Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (EIN 57-1023037). **Funds that are received by you and then subsequently contributed to a charity do NOT qualify.** Gifts from a 401k, 403b, SEP and other plans **do NOT** qualify.
- Your gift must come to CHHF outright – it cannot be used to establish a life-income arrangement or support a donor-advised fund.
- Although the distribution will not increase your current taxable income, **this gift will also not generate** a charitable deduction for income tax purposes. (Therefore, it will not be included on your annual tax receipt form us.)

If you would like to make an IRA rollover gift for 2019 from your IRA Account, you need only direct your IRA Administrator to make the distribution to us by filling out the [form letter of instruction](#) and sending it to them or by writing a check directly from your IRA account and mail to CHHF. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to you for your records.

What a blessing this opportunity is for you, and the poor in Honduras. Your gifts will continue to help provide medical referrals and community development in a community where it is so needed. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of CHHF.

Best wishes,

Christine Mitchell

Executive Director

Carolina Honduras Health Foundation is a qualified charity under the PPA (Fed ID #57-1023037). Distributions from your IRA may not be used to fund a Donor Advised Fund or be applied to any other used not permitted under the PPA, and you may not receive any benefit in return that would normally cause a reduction in your income tax deduction. Please note that since gift transfers from your IRA are not subject to federal income taxes under the PPA, such gifts are therefore not eligible for federal tax deductions. Also note that state income tax laws may vary. Alpha Home encourages you to seek professional counsel when making important financial decisions.

Contributions are tax-deductible under Internal Revenue Code section 501 (c) (3).