SAVING TAXES BY CONTRIBUTING FROM YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN

If you are 70.5 and have an IRA or similar retirement plan, you may be able to receive a tax benefit by donating to CCMS directly from your retirement plan.

Starting at age 70.5, you are required by law to begin taking an annual "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from your IRA. RMDs are subject to federal and Massachusetts income taxes, but there is an exception that allows all or a portion of RMD withdrawals to be excluded from your taxable income if donated directly to suitable 501(c)(3) charitable organizations like CCMS. In addition to saving on taxes on the RMD, you will also reduce the figure used by the IRS to tax your Social Security benefits.

The tax-free distributions are known as Qualified Charitable Distributions or QCDs. QCDs must be made during the time period required for the RMD and must be made directly by the retirement plan; you cannot take the distribution yourself and then make the donation as a QCD.

If, as we hope, you wish to support CCMS with a QCD, the website of your retirement plan administrator such as Fidelity, Vanguard, TIAA/CREF or Schwab will likely provide an overview of the procedure for making a QCD and the administrator’s form for doing so. You may need the following information for the form:

CONCORD CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. Box 69
Concord, MA 01742

If required, our Tax ID Number is 90-0008491.

GIFT AND ESTATE PLANNING

You can express appreciation for CCMS by remembering us in your will or estate plan. Please see the information above for name, address and taxpayer ID number.

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

CCMS can be named as the sole or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Though this does not by itself carry with it any tax benefits, it is a convenient way to make a gift to CCMS. On the other hand, if CCMS is also made the owner of a paid-up life insurance policy and the donor relinquishes all rights to the policy, the gift may be tax deductible. If the policy is not paid-up and the donor continues to make the payments, the payments may be tax deductible. Please note that CCMS does not accept responsibility for payment of premiums on donated insurance policies.

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