



## Happy Anniversary!

Timothy K. Hutchens, CPA, P.C. has proudly served the Southwestern Michigan community for the last 25 years. We are grateful for your business and referrals over the years, and look forward to continuing our relationship into the future!



## Qualified Charitable Distributions: A new approach to tax deductible charitable giving

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) to a qualified 501(c)3 charitable organization.

A QCD will also count towards

your required minimum distribution (RMD). Rather than have your entire RMD be subject to income tax you can reduce the taxable amount of your RMD by the amount of your QCD for the tax year.

Taxpayers who have typically itemized deductions may now find it more beneficial to take the standard deduction given certain limitations to itemized deductions (mainly the \$10,000 annual limit on state and local taxes) and the fact that the standard deduction has doubled due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). These taxpayers will no longer deduct their charitable contributions by itemizing deductions, but by donating via a QCD there may be additional tax savings now due to the changes of the TCJA of 2017.

**You must be 70 ½ when the QCD is made**, and you must have the same type of documentation/ acknowledgement that you would have to claim a deduction as charitable contribution as an itemized deduction. However, IRA trustees aren't required to detail donations on the taxpayer's 1099-R form. As a result, you must notify your tax preparer of any QCD's made during the tax year.

If you would like to discuss how QCD's may benefit you, please contact one of our professionals for additional information.



## Can We Talk?

Have you had a major life change in 2019? Did you get married or divorced, have or adopt children, bought or sold a house, changed jobs or careers? These major life events can have an impact on your tax picture. We would be happy to sit down with you now while the information is fresh to go through your situation to determine if any changes to your withholding or estimates are necessary. Just give us a call to schedule an appointment:

Otsego office: 269-694-1810

Allegan office: 269-673-6634

## Bits & Pieces

### Farewell ~

Two of our Otsego employees have retired as of the end of May, 2019:

**Laurie Weymouth**, our receptionist, has retired to spend time with her grandbabies and great-grandbabies. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

**Bev Towne** has retired after many years of service to our company. Well, maybe not exactly retired—she will be helping us out during tax season for at least a couple of years more. We appreciate all of the hard work from Bev, and hope that she gets some rest so she is ready to go for the 2020 tax season!

### Hours:

#### Allegan Office

##### Tax season:

M-F 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sat 8:00 a.m.—Noon

##### Non-tax season:

M-Th 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

#### Otsego Office

##### Tax season:

M-F 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sat 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

##### Non-tax season:

M-Th 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

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### Here is another service we provide to our clients:

Would you like to have access to your tax return 24/7? We would be happy to set up an on-line portal for you. Our portal is free to our clients. It is an encryption-secured on-line storage site where we can put your documents. You would have access to anything in this portal at any time from your computer, tablet, or phone. You can also upload any documents to the portal that you need to share with us.

If you would like a portal set up for you, please feel free to give either of our offices a call.



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