

# GIVE WISER AT THE END OF 2024: TOP 10 IDEAS

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## Get tax benefits even if you aren't itemizing deductions

Make a charitable gift, get a charitable tax deduction. Can't use these deductions? You can still avoid taxes.

- Donate appreciated assets (stocks, real estate, etc.) before selling them to avoid capital gains tax. The Ballet doesn't pay taxes on the gain when it sells.
- For age 70½ or older, give directly from your IRA/IRA rollover. This income is not taxed when sent directly to the nonprofit.

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## Bunch gifts with a donor-advised fund

Combine multiple years of donations into one large gift through a donor-advised fund. Itemize the donation year, then take standard deductions in following years.

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## Make a charitable swap

Instead of giving cash, donate appreciated stock, then repurchase it with cash to maintain your portfolio. You'll remove the capital gain while keeping the same investment.

- Tax benefits: Deduction for the gift's value and avoiding capital gains tax.

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## Make IRA gifts @ age 70½+

Direct IRA donations are allowed from age 70½. Give up to \$105,000 annually tax-free, reducing taxable income.

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## Reduce RMD taxable income at age 73+

If you're 73 or older, donate RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) directly from your IRA/IRA rollover to avoid taxable income.

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## Take advantage of higher interest rates

Use a Charitable Gift Annuity to lock in fixed lifetime payments, receive a tax deduction, and benefit from 2024's higher rates. Fund it with appreciated assets or IRA distributions (up to \$50,000 annually from an IRA/IRA rollover).

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## Prepare for future IRA donations

Convert a 401(k)/403(b) into an IRA rollover before age 73 to simplify future gifts. Be sure to take the required RMD during conversion to avoid penalties.

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## Consider IRA beneficiary over a will

Leave part of your IRA, 401(k), or 403(b) to a nonprofit, as charities don't pay income tax on these accounts (heirs do). Update beneficiaries easily online.

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## Combine Roth conversion with a donation

Offset the income spike from a Roth conversion with charitable planning. Consider gift annuities, donor-advised funds, or early pledge payments to reduce taxable income.

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## Immediate deduction for property inheritance rights

Donate inheritance rights to farmland or a home through a special deed for an immediate income tax deduction.

*Example:* In 2024, a 65-year-old deeds \$100,000 of farmland inheritance rights, creating a \$46,037 deduction.

These are just a few ideas to discuss with your tax advisor. They may not apply in your situation.

To learn more about how your gifts can make a lasting impact at Kansas City Ballet, contact Rebecca Zandarski, Director of Gift Planning at 816.216.5597 or [rzandarski@kcballet.org](mailto:rzandarski@kcballet.org).