

Year End Smart Giving and Other Tax Saving Ideas

As the 2006 year draws to a close, the NDHSA Board and Staff would like to thank all of its members, donors, and friends for your participation during the past year in encouraging and assisting families in their home education endeavors. From the Minot Convention, home school radio promotion campaign, interactions with public school officials, legal and legislative preparations, newsletters, website activities, and more, the NDHSA has seen a year of growth that seems to parallel the growth of home schooling nationally.

The NDHSA activities have continued to fulfill its purpose of encouraging and assisting Christian families in the education of their children according to Biblical principles. We deeply appreciate both the small and large ways during the past year in which you have participated with us in this ministry. The level of activity which the NDHSA can lead and support is proportional to both your personal participation and financial giving.

Some of us have wondered what the NDHSA could accomplish for the promotion and legislative reform of home schooling if we had the budget of the public schools...And then more realistically...What could be accomplished with just a portion of the money taken from us in taxes to support the public schools. Well, as a very lean and efficient organization, the NDHSA has accomplished a lot on a shoestring budget over the last twenty years, and is in a good position to further impact education in our state.

Christian leaders across the country are noticing that when parents home school, there are good things happening in churches because the family becomes a stronger unit. As families align with God's word regarding childhood education they also tend to grow in their faith, which also directly strengthens churches.

For those of you who would like help grow the influence of the NDHSA in its ministry to families and churches in North Dakota, perhaps you would consider directing your year end giving or planned giving to the NDHSA. As you consider your year end giving, perhaps you would also like to ponder a longer term giving strategy to encourage homeschooling.

The NDHSA Board and Staff have initiated a study on how to assist people with estate planning towards promoting home schooling and its related freedoms in North Dakota. Charitable giving tools such as the new IRA charitable rollover as well as gifts of stock, giving through wills, donor advised funds, lifetime income gifts, charitable lead trusts, gifts of real estate, gifts of life insurance, endowed staff positions and other creative means are all commonly used to support the growth of Christian ministries and are appropriate for NDHSA planned giving directions.

In general, there are important tax advantages to be gained by giving through these avenues. For many, the bottom line is a decision to pay taxes or direct those funds to a worthy organization and cause. The key is simply understanding that these options exist and may be a tax advantage to you. Your CPA or attorney can help you get through the details to make them happen.

If you have an interest in such giving options, please contact the NDHSA office for more information.

Thanks again for your prayers, participation and giving to keep the light of home schooling and the ministry of the NDHSA shining during 2006!

Sincerely, **NDHSA Board and Staff**

You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but the companion of fools shall be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20



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