

SUBJECT: Tax benefits with your Year-End Gift to MCA

As-Salaamu Alaikum,

Dear Friend and supporter of MCA,

The Executive Board (EB) and the Board of Trustees (BOT) of MCA want to thank you for your continued support in making a difference in the lives of people in our community and beyond.

Although we believe your primary motivation behind donating to MCA is pure intent to serve Allah (SWT) by serving His Creation and true altruism; we want to bring to your attention some tax benefits you should be aware of as the year 2016 winds down.

- 1. Benefit from the tax deduction for year-end by timing your donation well:** The effective date of donation to MCA must be in 2016. Putting the check in the mail to the charity constitutes payment. A contribution made on a credit card is deductible in the year it is charged to your credit card, even if payment to the credit card company is in 2017. The effect of deduction is that the higher your tax bracket, the more you will save in taxes. **Donate by December 31st and you may be eligible for deduction on your 2016 taxes.**
- 2. Gifts of Securities to MCA:** Stocks and other investments that have grown in value and that you have held for more than one year can become a substantial gift, made to us at a low net cost to you. You will still receive a charitable deduction for the donation of these assets, and it is based on their fair market value on the date of the gift. But there is a bonus – you avoid all federal capital gains tax that would otherwise be due on this sale.
- 3. Individuals who reached an age of 70 ½ should consider making a charitable contribution from IRA:** If you are over 70 ½ years, you may donate up to \$100,000 to charity directly from your individual retirement account (IRA) without counting the distribution as taxable income. This type of charitable gift is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). *Please consult your tax advisor if this applies to you.*

In 2017, your donations will be used to enhance and expand MCA's services. Some very important projects we are working on right now, include the MCA 3.0 HOPE Building purchase.

Please make your tax-deductible year-end gift today to MCA before Dec 31, 2016.

MCA 3.0 Building: <https://www.mcabayarea.org/mcabuilding>

General donations: <http://www.mcabayarea.org/secure/donations.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer, MCA