

# Year-End Giving

Help Wildlife and Conservation with a Tax-Deductible Year-End Donation

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'Tis the season of giving: Gifts, family, time, parties and celebrations, and donations to non-profit charities. Nationwide, more than 40% of all individual charitable donations are made in December by people wanting to make a difference. It is also an opportunity, through giving, to generate income tax deductions that may help reduce your tax bill for 2020.

## Now's the time - up to December 31 - to make a deductible gift.

As 2020 draws to a close, please consider the value of donating to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society to support the conservation and education efforts at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Your tax-deductible gift helps support the Refuge in areas such as conservation education, water quality and wildlife research, internships, walkways and trails, interpretive exhibits, land acquisition and restoration, and so many other ways to preserve and protect this vital land and inspire future conservation stewards. With so many wonderful charities around the world doing work that makes a difference, please know how much we appreciate that you choose to support the work taking place here at the Refuge.

## Your gift, regardless of its size, will make a difference.

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### Ways to support conservation through the Society:

#### Online with a Credit Card

On our website ([dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org)), it's easy to make a secure, online, year-end gift to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society. Options include Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and Discover. Tax-deductible gifts for 2020 can be made any time before 11:59 p.m. (Central Standard) on December 31, 2020.

#### Checks

Those wishing to receive year-end tax credit need to have a postmark and check date on or before December 31, 2020. Gifts can be made out to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and mailed to: "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society, P.O. Box 565, Sanibel, FL 33957.

#### Gifts of Appreciated Stock

Donated appreciated stock (if owned for more than one year) may help you gain a deduction on the fair market value and avoid capital gains tax that might be due if sold outright. Stock transfers should be initiated and received on or before the close of the market on December 31, 2020. To ensure appropriate credit, it is important that you contact the DDWS office when you are ready to make your stock transfer gift by calling 239.472.1100 ext. 4.

#### IRA Charitable Rollovers

Congress permanently extended the Qualified Charitable Distribution provision which allows people over age 72 (70 ½ if you reached that age before January 1, 2020) to transfer money from their IRA assets to qualified charitable organizations and have it count as their required minimum distribution without increasing their gross income.

If you are age 72 or older, you can request your financial advisor to make a direct transfer from your IRA in any amount up to \$100,000 to a charity without reporting it as taxable income. Contact your account administrator to write a check to the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and deliver to the address below. For a year-end tax deduction, envelopes must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2020.

With any charitable gift, we encourage you to check with your professional advisors to see if this type of giving makes sense for you.

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