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### **WAYS TO GIVE**

# TAX SMART STRATEGIES: IS NOW A GOOD TIME TO GIVE?

If you plan on giving a gift of cash or securities to your heirs or a charitable cause, there may be strategic opportunities from a tax perspective. Not all gifts are treated equally when it comes to taxation. What you give and when you give it can have a material impact on the after-tax outcome for you and your family. Here are three potentially advantageous giving scenarios and some guidance on how you might take advantage of them.





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For any and all financial decisions we strongly encourage you to consult with your wealth management advisor.

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