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END OF YEAR GIVING By Wes Dorman

**REMEMBER,
YOU CAN DO
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING AT
RNC!**

By Ann Laughlin



Riverside. To take advantage of this giving opportunity you need to be 70 ½ and taking the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA. You can direct all or a portion of that distribution be made to Riverside. The amount of your donation will count towards the minimum distribution amount, but will not count as income, thus reducing your reportable income. To make this gift you will need to instruct your IRA Trustee to make the contribution directly to Riverside. This method is only available for the tax years 2006 and 2007.

As we approach the end of the year, please keep Riverside in mind for your annual charitable giving. I can suggest two approaches, one old and one new. The old approach is giving appreciated stock. The stock market has had a good year, and you may be holding stocks that have appreciated significantly. Rather than selling those stocks, you can donate them directly to Riverside and avoid the capital gains tax. If this is something that interests you, please contact me at 896-3850 at the Broadway Bank for more information.

The new approach, the IRA Charitable Rollover, authorized by the Pension Protection Act of 2006, is a gift from your IRA directly to

Before deciding to make a gift utilizing either approach, please consult with your tax advisor to make sure the method you are considering will work for you. And remember, the oldest methods of giving, volunteering your time or a gift of cash, are always appreciated.

Haven't finished your Christmas shopping? Dread the crowds and limited parking? Consider shopping at The Store here at Riverside. We carry unique merchandise at reasonable prices.

We have books which are specific to the Hill Country, wooden frogs which sound like the real thing, birds with true sounds, toys and books for children, dragonfly or turtle or frog-topped wine corks, Guatemalan terra cotta items, hand-made walking sticks, beautiful jewelry and more!!!

Come select memorable gifts, and don't forget, you get a Member's 10% Discount on most of the items we sell!!!

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!
From the
RNC Board
& Staff**

