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Q. What is Community Shares?

A. Community Shares of Mid Ohio, started in 1993, is a coalition of more than 60 diverse nonprofits making an impact in Columbus and Central Ohio. Through workplace giving campaigns, our donors help member charities complete their missions.

Q. Why should I give through Community Shares instead of directly to the charity?

A. We do not want to discourage you from giving to charities directly. Payroll contribution is another way for you to support your community. Payroll contributions work for many people because:

- **it's an easy system that works;**
- **it may allow you to give more money because it is spread over a year's time;**
- **it is an automatic process.**

Our member charities like payroll contribution campaigns is because they are a low-cost way to educate and inform the community at-large about programs and services and to recruit donors and volunteers.

Q. Are my donations tax deductible?

A. Yes, all donations through payroll contribution are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Community Shares and all of its members MUST be tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations. Plus there are other advantages to payroll contribution:

- You can track your annual donations using just one form.
- It's a simple way to budget your donations each year.

Q. Can I direct my gift to a member nonprofit? Can I choose more than one?

A. Yes! The Community Shares of Mid Ohio campaign is "donor driven" — donors choose the organizations they want to support with all or part of their gifts. You may choose one or more of our member charities. If you want to have your gift divided among all of our member charities, choose Community Shares of Mid Ohio and your gift will be spread among all the members.

Q. How does this process work?

A. You will receive a Community Shares brochure listing more than 60 charities to select from and a pledge form. Review the list in the brochure and fill in your pledge form which needs to be returned to your immediate manager. You will receive a copy of your pledge form and your paycheck contributions will begin on the date established by your employer.

Q. What is the minimum donation I can make?

A. A donation can start at \$1 per pay .

Q. Can I cancel my donation?

A. Yes. Simply contact your HR or Payroll Department to notify them you wish to cancel your donation.