

# QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

## A GREAT WAY TO DONATE

In previous tax years, many of our contributors would list donations to Meals on Wheels of Lynchburg as a charitable contribution on their tax return. As of 2018, with the new tax law, these contributors will instead take the standard deduction on their tax return because it will be larger than their itemized deductions.

*However*, some of our contributors can still get a significant tax break if they make their donation as a **Qualified Charitable Distribution**. In order to do so, you must be 70 1/2 and already taking the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA. Arrange with your IRA custodian to make your annual contribution to Meals on Wheels of Greater Lynchburg directly from your IRA. *Please request that your name be referenced on the distribution check so that we can properly record and acknowledge your donation.*

This type of contribution lowers your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), which lowers your tax, and you still get the new larger standard deduction! It may even lower Medicare costs, which are based on AGI. It takes a little planning, but the tax breaks for contributing are still there.

If you are interested, consult your tax advisor or call the Meals on Wheels office. We have resources and professionals on call to answer your questions.