**“*I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples*.”** – Mother Teresa

 Please accept our sincere thanks for requesting information about designating funds from your IRA to St. Martin Center Inc. With your generosity, you will be able to impact more lives by providing your community with food, helping them to stay in their homes, and ensuring children have access to quality early education. Most importantly, your gift will contribute to the advancement of families. By giving to St. Martin Center, you enable us to provide them not just with the immediate needs of today, but also with the resources, guidance, and tools that they will need to continue to thrive into the future.

**In order to designate funds to St. Martin Center Inc., you may need to consider the following information (Consult with IRA administrator or financial advisor).:**

* Are you 70 ½ or above? Don’t need the funds? Want to avoid taxation? Philanthropy inclined? You may want to consider donating your Required Minimum Distribution with your IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution.
* Must be done by December 31st to satisfy your RMD for the current tax-year, if applicable.
* Ask your Financial Institution to include your name otherwise it may come to us as “Anonymous”

(We’d like to properly acknowledge you.)

* Identify the amount. Make check out to third party organization.
* Have check mailed to:

St. Martin Center Inc.

1701 Parade Street

Erie, Pa 16503

EIN # 25-1211464

* Do not have Federal or State taxes withheld from the distribution. You will receive a 1099-R at the end of the year, retain a copy for your records and give a copy to your tax preparer, make sure to inform them you did a QCD as it is not typically noted on the tax form.
* If desired, specific information as to where the funds should be utilized, i.e. the Self-Sufficiency Department, the Early Learning Center or where the need is greatest.

We hope that this information is helpful to you. If you have any further questions or assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at (814) 452-6113 x 216.

Thank you for thinking of our community and the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Jessica Krugger
Director of Development