

January 1, 2021

Dear Friends of Family Tree,

When you donate to Family Tree, you can always trust your gift is contributing to a significant and positive impact within our community. Recent changes required by the Colorado Economic Development Commission will not make your donation any less meaningful to the individuals and families that we serve. However, due to these updated guidelines, Family Tree must alter our eligibility requirements for the Enterprise Zone Contribution tax credit.

All tax credit eligible contributions funds made in **2020 and beyond** will be **restricted to support a portion of two** Family Tree programs:

- Roots of Courage emergency domestic violence program
- Homelessness Program including employment services

Eligible contributions will receive the tax credit certification on a first-come, first-served basis until the annual contribution limit is reached. The annual contribution of \$125,000 is based upon expenditures Family Tree can apply to the Enterprise Zone Contribution program.

When you choose to make a donation with the intent of receiving a tax credit please know the gift will be restricted to one of the programs indicated above (Family Tree has 11 unique programs). Family Tree receives a high percentage of restricted revenue from a variety of funding sources, therefore unrestricted gifts are vitally important to the execution of our programs and helping generate the impact Family Tree's services have on the lives of many people each year.

An additional change, beginning **January 1, 2021**, the minimum qualifying contribution will be **\$250 and above**.

Please feel free to reach out to Katherine Lawson, 303.403.5883, with any questions on how this might impact your giving, and know that your continued generosity despite these changes in policy is not only appreciated, but necessary in continuing our operations of support within the community.

For safe children and families,

Katherine Lawson
Chief Development Officer

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need to let Family Tree know of my intent to receive an Enterprise Zone Tax Credit?

A: Yes, please! You can send a note with your contribution if you send a check or you may make a note on the online form when paying by credit card. If you forget to let us know, we will do our best to follow up with you to understand your intent.

Q: How will Family Tree decide who receives the Enterprise Zone Tax Credits?

A: Eligible contributions will receive the tax credit certification on a first-come, first-served basis until the annual contribution limit is reached. The annual contribution of \$125,000 is based upon expenditures Family Tree can apply to the Enterprise Zone Contribution program. Contributions will be prioritized by the date received.

Q: How will I know when the limit is reached?

A: Family Tree will provide an update on how much of the limit has been used on a monthly basis in the newsletter. Or you can reach out to Katherine Lawson.

Q: What if I am a monthly donor?

A: As a monthly donor, you will be given credit for the committed monthly contributions.

Q: Do I need to select one of the two programs to restrict my gift in order to receive an Enterprise Zone Tax Credit?

A: A donor does not need to select either of the two programs to receive a tax credit. By the nature of requesting an Enterprise Zone Tax Credit, your gift is restricted to Roots of Courage and the Homelessness Program.

Q: Why have you set a maximum contribution of \$125,000 as the amount you can accept for Enterprise Zone contributions?

A: If Family Tree accepts more than the amount needed to fund Roots of Courage and the Homelessness Program, other Family Tree programs would be negatively impacted. The annual contribution of \$125,000 is based upon expenditures Family Tree can apply to the Enterprise Zone Contribution program.

Q: What is the advantage of choosing not to receive the Enterprise Tax Credit?

A: When you choose to make a donation and forego the Enterprise Tax Credit, you are supporting Family Tree in a more diverse manner. Family Tree has 11 unique programs, all of which receive a percentage of restricted revenue from a variety of funding sources, therefore unrestricted gifts are vitally important to the continuation of our programs and helping generate the impact Family Tree's services have each year.

Q: What is the eligible contribution amount to receive the Enterprise Tax Credit?

A: Beginning January 1, 2021, the minimum qualifying contribution will be \$250 and above.