**AMITY CHARITABLE TRUST**

**P.O. Box 8626**

**New Haven, CT 06531**

December 1, 2021

Dear Brothers in Amity:

Despite our challenges dealing with the Delta variant and other issues we have made it through another year. I hope to find you and your family well. The purpose of this letter is to remind you of your opportunity to make a tax-deductible gift by year end.

The work of the Trust has never been so critical as it has been this year. As you plan your goals for next year, please consider your charitable giving objectives. While there are many ways to help our community, the Amity Charitable Trust continues to be a very efficient and effective way to give. Your gifts may be given to a donor designated fund for Scholarship, Community Support, or the Worthy Projects Fund benefiting local non-profit organizations selected annually by the Worthy Projects Committee. Any gifts made to the Trust are acknowledged with a receipt to the donor. If a gift is made in honor of a family member, business associate, etc., a card is sent to them acknowledging the gift made in their names. As an alternative, you may consider starting a new fund.

Your gifts to the Amity Charitable Trust will not only fulfill your wishes, but also, continue our tradition to help college-bound students, and human service and healthcare agencies in the greater New Haven area. This past year, the Amity Charitable Trust awarded over $125,000 to our community in the form of Scholarship, Community Support and Worthy Projects Funds. We hope to increase that number in 2022.We need your support to accomplish this.

Please keep in mind that those donors age 70 ½ years old or older, can utilize a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This strategy involves contributing directly from an IRA to the Amity Charitable Trust. The QCD is very tax efficient. This is a great way to utilize Required Minimum Distributions. Please ask your Tax Professional about this strategy to determine if it is beneficial to your financial situation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Meanwhile, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, have a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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