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Welcome to **Quest Corner**, our newsletter with spotlights on lifestyle information, financial tips, local happenings, and more. We hope you will find this to be a valuable and entertaining resource.

Advisor Message



The holiday season is here, and with it comes the spirit of giving. As we celebrate **Giving Tuesday** this month, it's a great time to think about how charitable giving can align with your financial and estate planning goals. Whether you're considering a legacy gift or looking for a **tax-savvy way to give now**, tools like **Donor-Advised Funds** can make a big impact while offering valuable tax benefits.

In this month's newsletter, we'll explore how charitable giving fits into estate planning and how you can maximize your contributions to support causes close to your heart. If you'd like to chat further about this or Donor-Advised Funds, please reach out!

And just a quick plug: my kids are hosting a virtual fundraiser, selling delicious [DoubleGood](#) popcorn to support their school athletics program. If you're looking for a thoughtful gift for teachers, friends, or family—or simply want to treat yourself to some yummy popcorn—please consider making a purchase! More details can be found in the 'Triangle Happenings' section below!

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday season! Let's make this season of giving meaningful for you and the organizations you cherish!



Financial Tips

How To Incorporate Philanthropic Giving Into Your Estate Plan

Integrating charity into your estate plan is more than just a financial decision—it's a chance to leave a meaningful legacy. In this insightful Forbes article, discover strategies for aligning your charitable goals with your financial planning, from maximizing tax benefits to supporting the causes closest to your heart. Whether you're setting up a donor-advised fund or leaving a bequest in your will, learn how to make your giving intentional and impactful.

[Click to learn more.](#)

Lifestyle

10 Christmas Decorating Ideas from Around the World

Christmas traditions vary across the globe, offering a fascinating glimpse into how cultures celebrate the season. From Germany's enchanting Christmas markets to Australia's beachside barbecues, this Better Homes & Gardens article explores the rich diversity of holiday customs. Dive into the magic of unique decorations, foods, and festivities that bring cheer to homes worldwide.

[Click here to read about how the world decorates for Christmas](#)





Triangle Happenings

Support Student Athletics with Delicious Popcorn, *December 2 - 6, 2024*

Craving a snack? We've got you covered! Browse the **Double Good Popcorn** selection, featuring gourmet flavors you'll love. Every purchase helps my kids' Evan and Morgan reach their goal of a fully funded student-athletics program.

Donate to Evan's fundraiser at: popup.doublegood.com/s/z97fk54x

Donate to Morgan's fundraiser at: popup.doublegood.com/s/rtu15u79

Downtown Raleigh Illuminate Art Walk, *December 2024*

Downtown Raleigh comes to light with Illuminate, a self-guided, light-based art walk. This free, five-week activation transforms public spaces with a large-scale interactive installation, light-based sculptures and projection art. Details are online at downtownraleigh.org/illuminate

Wendell Wonderland, *December 2024*

A perfect chance to experience historic downtown Wendell lit up for the holidays, with a visit from Santa Claus, trolley rides through town, lighting of the town tree, live music, hot chocolate, food trucks, a craft market and more. The Lake

Myra Christmas light show—one of the East Coast's most dazzling displays—will also be in full swing, featuring more than 400,000 lights—and it's all free! Learn more at [this location](#).

State Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 2024

With luminaries lighting the Capitol grounds and local choral groups filling the air with seasonal songs, the lighting of the tree at the North Carolina State Capitol building is a sign for many that the holiday season is officially here. After the lighting of the tree, stick around to tour the inside of the Capitol, covered in wreaths and draped in garland. Get the full schedule at [this location](#).

First Night Raleigh, Dec. 31, 2024

First Night Raleigh, a downtown Raleigh New Year's Eve celebration for more than 25 years, is an all-day event with more than 100 performances (music, dance, theater, comedy and more) across 35 venues. Tons of kids' activities, a 90-foot-tall Ferris wheel and a countdown to midnight (where, yes, a giant acorn drops from the sky as the clock strikes 12) and celebratory fireworks highlight a full day of festivities. Learn more at firstnightraleigh.com

Word of the Month

The Word of the Month
is: **Munificence** (noun): Great
generosity or a lavish willingness to
give; a display of generous,
magnanimous spirit.

Sentence: "The donor's munificence
transformed the small organization,
allowing it to expand its reach and
provide resources to more people in
need."



Thanks for reading. Would love to hear your
thoughts!

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