



Thursday Thoughts

New Year, New Rules: The SECURE Act and Changes to "Stretch IRAs"

In late 2019, the Senate passed a \$534.4 billion dollar spending bill which included the **SECURE* Act** which impacts required minimum distributions (RMDs) and the ability for beneficiaries to "stretch" an inherited IRA. Effective January 1, 2020, the SECURE Act raises the age for account owners to make their RMD to 72, giving taxpayers another 1 ½ years to defer withdrawals. It also removes the maximum age for making contributions to traditional IRAs (the age limit had previously been 70 ½).



Among the myriad of changes, the SECURE Act also limits the stretch period to 10 years (*except for a surviving spouse*) whereas previously beneficiaries could stretch RMDs based on his or her life expectancy.

Breathe easily. Individuals who are 70 ½ can still make tax-free withdrawals from their retirement accounts tax-free if the dollar are donated to charity (up to \$100,000). With a new year comes new opportunity, so use this as an opportunity to explain the benefits of donating through an IRA or other non-cash vehicle to your donors!

*SECURE is an acronym for "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement."

Read the [full article](#) here.

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Meghan Peters at mpeters@denvercasa.org.

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Thursday, February 13th
8:00 am - 10:00 am

Building the Pipeline

Speaker:

Lora Adams, Alzheimer's Association

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Kenzie Crow

Title/Organization: Lead Gala Consultant,
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Years as an AFP member: 1

Three words to describe yourself:
Spirited, thoughtful, positive

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Ridiculous memory, especially dates and time

Two things you can't live without?
My Weimaraner and travel



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Debby Roth Bush of Greater Giving

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February 13th

Coffee Chat: Building the Pipeline with Lora
Adams

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