



BUYNAK LAW FIRM

**MAJOR DONATIONS TO THE SALVATION ARMY, GOODWILL & OTHERS
REQUIRE FORM 8232 & AN APPRAISAL**

In a recent case, Duncan Bass worked hard, two jobs, and always gave to charities. In two years, he claimed \$13,852 & \$11,594 in 173 donations of \$250 per group to avoid the need for an appraisal. On audit & in court proceedings, these deductions were denied.

Duncan failed to realize that under IRC Section 170(f) (1) (F), the grouping of similar items of property that tally over \$5000 require an appraisal.

So if you are at a high level of donations, follow the rules, gain an appraisal and file IRS Form 8283. Otherwise you'll not gain the deductions and be taxed.– you'd have to file a tax return without the charitable deduction – so there will be taxes, penalties & the costs of tax returns, state & federal.

Helping Clients Thrive!

S. Timothy Buynak, Principal