

# Q2 Newsletter 2025

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I hope you are enjoying the first few weeks of spring! Below you can find some resources to prepare for the warmer days and some last minute insights as the 2024 tax season comes to an end. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting.

## Personal Notes



Giving back to our community doesn't have to wait until you're a millionaire. Even our smallest family members can learn to help and lend their support. This year, as a part of lessons on giving back at preschool, the kids were asked to focus on raising money for the Heifer Mission Project. Heifer's Mission focuses on working to end hunger and poverty worldwide by collaborating with in need communities. They do this by providing livestock, supplies for housing and feeding the livestock, training, and the tools needed to foster sustainable livelihoods and ongoing community development. Each classroom at school chose an animal to raise money to supply to an in-need community – chickens, fish, water buffalo, bees, and goats were the decisions made.

Our favorite part about school is that they always want to make sure that the kids are involved and understand the time and work associated. In this case, a note was sent to all the parents that the kids were encouraged to participate more around the house or their community by taking on some responsibilities that could be used to raise money. They spent time in the classrooms (and asked parents to communicate at home) teaching the children that the donation of our time is just as valuable as the donation of money.

In our home, that participation was seen in two distinct ways – more at home tasks taken on joyfully, like helping more with feeding the pets, and the not so expected decision to grow some plants "to add to the pretty-ness for the birds and bees". Ellie dutifully filled her pots with soil, planted her seeds, and kept them watered. In an offhand comment to her, it was mentioned that we don't just survive on food and water, that we need joy too. So, on days that her plants don't need water, she sings or talks to them encouragingly. Through the work of the children, and the kindness of the adults in their lives, every classroom was able to meet their goals! And even though the fundraiser is over, the garden is a commitment that Ellie has stuck with.

When you're looking at the world next time, thinking that you can't because you don't have the money, just remember that the smallest step taken with an honest heart can still have a big impact.



### How to Give to Charity- if You're Not a Millionaire

By combining your charitable gifts with volunteer efforts, you can have a meaningful impact on causes you care about even if you don't have a lot of money to give away.

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## Spring Insights & Resources

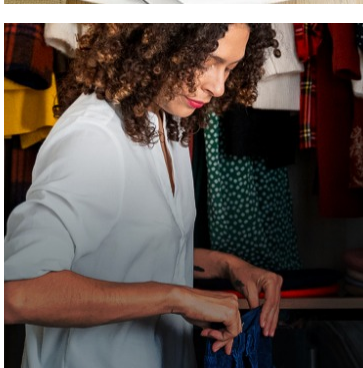
Welcoming The Warmer Months



### Easy Spring Dinner Ideas Full of Flavor

From satisfying mains (that are a little lighter and brighter) to easy sides made with the season's best veggies, these quick and simple recipes are perfect for celebrating the change of season.

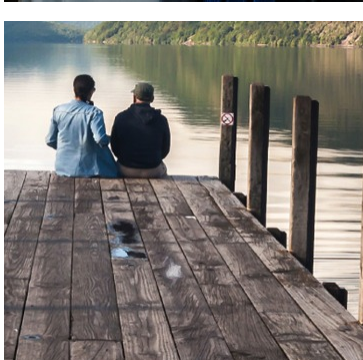
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### 5 Ways to Spring-Clean Your Finances

A lot can pile up over a year, or just a season. Here are five tips to help you tidy up, declutter and organize your finances this spring.

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### Tax-Smart Strategies for Your Retirement

You generally have until April 15, 2025, to make contributions to an individual retirement account (IRA) for the 2024 tax year and potentially decrease your taxable income for the 2024 tax year.

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