

Arenal Mission:

A new way to give AND to save money on your taxes!

Hello STM School Families!

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As always, thank you for your generosity and support of Arenal Mission, our sister community in Nicaragua. As you think about your year-end giving and tax planning, we would love for you to keep this important organization in mind. In addition to cash gifts, we are excited that we are now able to accept stock contributions as well, which can be quite tax advantageous (*see below for more information*).

Here's the link for the instructions. *Please note on your contribution that this is for the **SCHOOL** and for **Mission Arenal**.

<http://stmchapelhill.org/documents/2015/4/Stock%20transfer%20instructions.pdf>

Again, thank you so much for your generosity! We know Father Rob and the Arenal community really appreciate it.

Warmest regards,

Kathryn Merkel and *Angela Moss*, Co-Chairs of the Arenal Mission Committee

How it works: *If you donate a stock that has increased in value and you bought it more than one year ago, then you can get an itemized deduction for the stock's fair market value on the day you gift it. You do not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. For example, if you bought ABC stock on 1/1/14 for \$60 and you gift it on 1/2/15 and the value is \$100, then you get a deduction for \$100 and you don't pay capital gains tax. NOTE: we advise that you consult with your tax/financial advisor for more information and to better understand your personal tax situation.*

