

<p>ABA LEGAL NEWS NETWORK</p>	
<p>Charity Begins at Home: New Deductions for Taxpayers</p> <p>Narrated Package Plus Additional B-Roll and SOTs</p>	
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<p>SUGGESTED ANCHOR LEAD:</p> <p>Americans think of Thanksgiving and Christmas as times of giving. Charities find they receive more donations as the year draws to a close. For those thinking about contributing to charity, or if you've already done so and plan to deduct the donations on your 2005 tax return, it helps to know about some new rules – and tax benefits – particularly for those who have donated their time and efforts and money to hurricane relief.</p> <p>Lee Miller has more.</p>	
<p>TITLES IN ORDER:</p> <p>Courtesy American Bar Association</p> <p>Kelley McManaman Charitable Homeowner</p> <p>Mark McManaman Charitable Homeowner</p> <p>Dennis Drapkin Chair, ABA Section of Taxation</p>	

<p>COUNTDOWN: Charity Begins at Home  Ch. 1 – Narrator  Ch. 2 – BG &amp; SOTs  Pkg. Runs 2:10  Plus Additional B-Roll and SOTs  TRT 6:12</p>	
<p>Title: Courtesy American Bar Association</p> <p>Feng family walking to home</p> <p>Pictures of home destruction</p> <p>Fengs walk into home</p> <p>Set up shot McManamans</p>	<p>NARRATOR:  Mingguo (“Mingo”), Jenny and Angela Feng are evacuees from hurricane Katrina. Their home outside of New Orleans was destroyed in the storm and they lost almost everything. After living on the streets, and then in a shelter for several days, the Fengs finally got a chance to rebuild their lives -- moving in with a family in Atlanta, Georgia.</p> <p>For Kelley and Mark McManaman, charity begins at home.</p>
<p>Kelley McManaman  Charitable Homeowner</p>	<p>SOT Kelley McManaman:  I just felt really in my heart very strongly that I wanted to open my home and um let someone come here and make them feel as if this is their home.</p>
<p>Kids playing</p> <p>McManaman’s doing their taxes</p>	<p>Narrator:  The two families have grown very close over the past three months, and the McManamans say they have gotten much in return for opening up their home to the Fengs.</p> <p>Now the IRS is offering the McManamans and the thousands of families who have housed hurricane victims something more -- a new tax deduction of \$500 for each Katrina evacuee housed for more than 60 days. But the McManamans believe their rewards are far more than monetary.</p>
<p>Mark McManaman  Charitable Homeowner</p>	<p>SOT Mark McManaman:  These people have been through so much. Within a short period of time we’ve been able to give them some relief, some, a place to stay, but to give them some happiness and for them to give it right back to us, it was a phenomenal feeling.</p>

<p>Fengs in bedroom</p> <p>McManaman's doing their taxes</p>	<p>NARRATOR: While the McManamans are opening up their home, many others are opening their checkbooks. The hurricanes this year have already inspired Americans to donate well over two billion dollars to relief efforts.</p> <p>The American Bar Association is offering tips to make sure that taxpayers know about the deductions and tax benefits available to them - . . . especially if they plan to make a donation in the last few days of the year.</p>
<p>Dennis Drapkin Chair, ABA Section of Taxation</p>	<p>SOT Drapkin: This is the time to start getting organized, get all those deductions together, get the checks written, make the cash contributions that need to be made, put the charges on the credit card, and get it all done before new years eve.</p>
<p>ABA Website</p>	<p>NARRATOR: The ABA website <a href="http://WWW.Taxtips4U.org">WWW.Taxtips4U.org</a> has additional tips for consumers, including new Katrina related deductions and changes in the deduction for those donating vehicles.</p>
<p>McManamans and Fengs Eating dinner</p>	<p>Tax relief is a great benefit for those who make charitable contributions - but for many, like the McManaman's, the real payback is something money can't buy.</p>
	<p>NARRATOR: This is Lee Miller.</p>
<p>Suggested Anchor Tag: For more tax tip and information on new Katrina-related deductions you can go online to <a href="http://www.TaxTips4U.com">www.TaxTips4U.com</a>.</p>	

