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As a valued volunteer for Manna Food Center, we want to provide you with important information regarding the deductibility of certain transportation expenses incurred relating to fulfilling your responsibilities as a volunteer. We know that fuel prices in particular are higher than in the recent past, and though you might be interested to know:

When you use a personal vehicle to get to and from the place you volunteer, that's deductible according to IRS rules. The same is true for the miles you drive rescuing food, delivering food, or any driving you do that is directly related to the volunteer work you do for your organization. You can choose to:

1. Keep a log of your miles and take the standard deduction based on the IRS charitable standard mileage rate of .14¢ per mile. (Yes, this is much less than the allowable IRS deduction for paid employees.)
2. Deduct the value (actual cost) that is directly attributable to the volunteer service. *Example: You drove 10,000 miles this year and 200 were for your volunteer service. You can claim 2% (200 ÷ 10,000) of the cost of gas for the year (You must keep all your receipts and mileage logs.)*

You are **not** allowed to deduct ordinary auto expenses such as insurance, maintenance, tires, or depreciation as if you were using your vehicle for business purposes. Also, you do not need any verification of volunteer service from the organization. Please check with your tax advisor for any clarification.

Thank you again for your service to Manna Food Center, a qualified 501c3 organization, tax ID #52-1289203. We were founded by the community, for the community, and we couldn't fulfill our mission without you.

Jacqueline DeCarlo, CEO