



Only Once a Year Do We Ask...

As 2022 comes to an end, VISTA Gardens thanks you, our members, for all your support this year. Many of you have donated money and goods to help us initiate and complete projects in many areas of our garden. As you reflect on your 2022 year-end philanthropic plans, we will appreciate your considering a gift to VISTA.

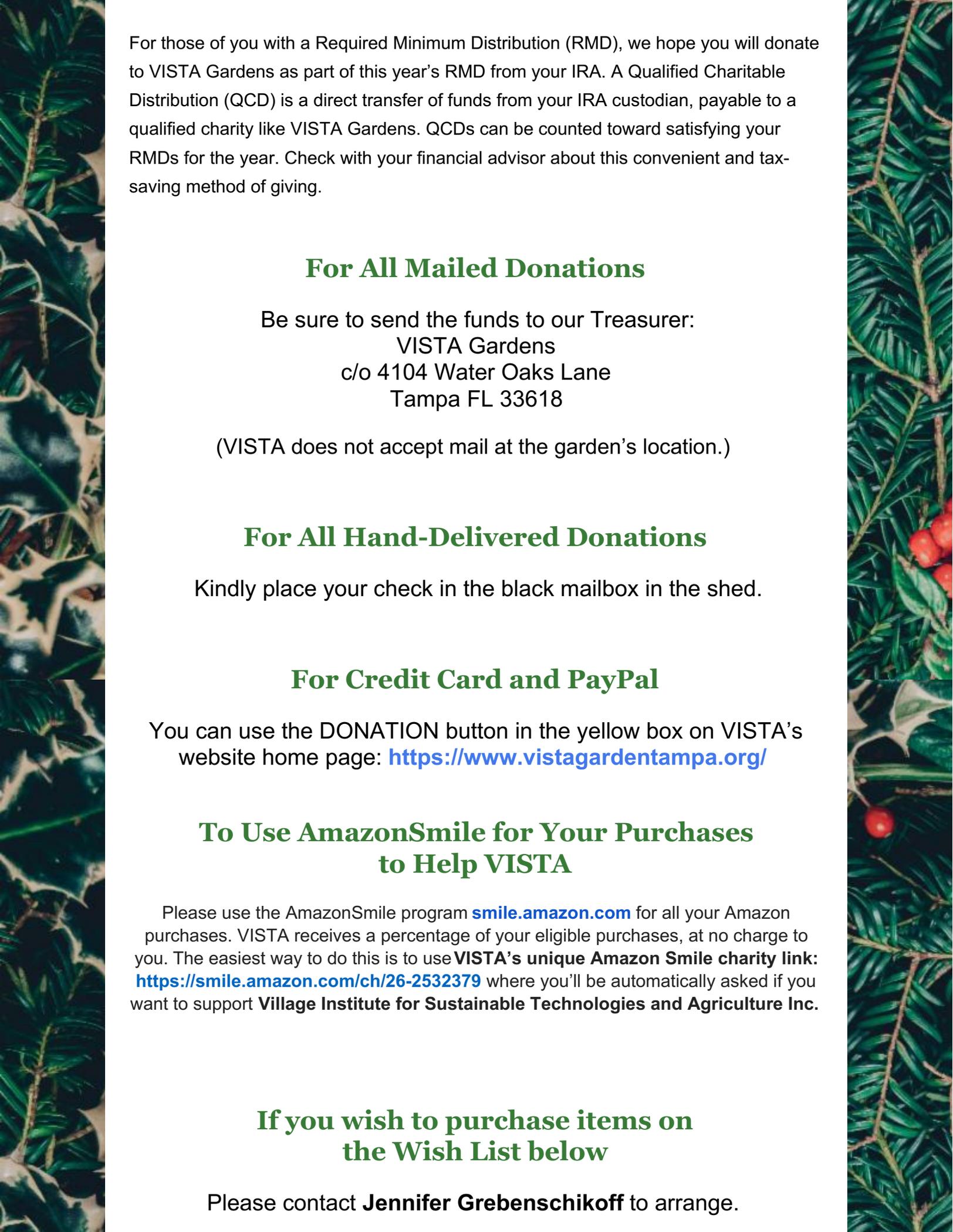
For example, without your donations, we wouldn't have been able to resurface the driveway, build the flower garden pergola, provide the items for a successful raffle and silent auction at the pavilion celebration, create and install the plaques on the pavilion, repaint the House of the Rising Seeds sign, nor acquire the many tools and equipment that all of us use every time we are working in the garden.

Now, as we approach the joyous celebrations of December and the New Year, we urge you to come forward and support VISTA Gardens with a gift of money or a donation of items on our Wish List. From the smallest donation to the largest gift, all funds and in-kind gifts will help VISTA Gardens continue to thrive and flourish.

Want to give a gift with impact? Or, maybe you are looking for a unique gift for the person "who has everything," or for the folks who say, "Don't give me anything." A donation to VISTA in honor of that person can be the ideal way to give a meaningful gift.

Better yet, treat those special people in your life to a VISTA membership, which brings with it a year of exploration, discovery, fun, and memory-making while supporting VISTA's mission to protect and sustain our natural environment.

If you're writing checks or making online donations to your favorite charities, please remember that VISTA is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Especially if you've had a high-income year, there may be opportunities that you haven't yet taken full advantage of to reduce your taxable income. Check with your financial advisor on how a financial gift to VISTA can work for you.



For those of you with a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), we hope you will donate to VISTA Gardens as part of this year's RMD from your IRA. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity like VISTA Gardens. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your RMDs for the year. Check with your financial advisor about this convenient and tax-saving method of giving.

For All Mailed Donations

Be sure to send the funds to our Treasurer:
VISTA Gardens
c/o 4104 Water Oaks Lane
Tampa FL 33618

(VISTA does not accept mail at the garden's location.)

For All Hand-Delivered Donations

Kindly place your check in the black mailbox in the shed.

For Credit Card and PayPal

You can use the DONATION button in the yellow box on VISTA's website home page: <https://www.vistagardentampa.org/>

To Use AmazonSmile for Your Purchases to Help VISTA

Please use the AmazonSmile program smile.amazon.com for all your Amazon purchases. VISTA receives a percentage of your eligible purchases, at no charge to you. The easiest way to do this is to use VISTA's unique Amazon Smile charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2532379> where you'll be automatically asked if you want to support **Village Institute for Sustainable Technologies and Agriculture Inc.**

If you wish to purchase items on the Wish List below

Please contact **Jennifer Grebenschikoff** to arrange.

VISTA Gardens 2023 Wish List

- Garden gloves for our volunteers (\$15 for six pairs)
- Paper goods for potluck events (\$50)
- Self-guided, reusable walking tour maps of VISTA for our visitors (\$50)
- Weather proof box to hold the walking tour maps (\$75)
- Barley for reducing algae in VISTA's pond (\$100)
- Child-size wagon (\$100)
- Durable hand pruners (\$100 for 3-4)
- Durable (non-rusting) garden scissors (\$100 for 6)
- Children's books focused on gardening and nature (\$100)
- Fish food for VISTA's pond (\$100)
- Additional wood for stand up garden plots (\$100)
- Valves and irrigation parts (\$200)
- Littoral shelf plants for VISTA's pond (\$200)
- Herb plantings replacement and additions (\$200)
- Deck storage box for storing sifted compost (\$200)
- Heavy-duty watering hoses (\$200)
- Bench for pond (\$202)
- Oxygen meter for VISTA's pond (\$210)
- Informational/educational signage to inform members and visitors about value and uses for cut, edible, and wildflowers (\$250)
- Rocks for VISTA's pond (\$280)
- Upgraded video equipment for VISTA's education activities (\$300)
- Compost canopy replacement (\$300)
- Additional stones around pond to hold back run-off (\$300)
- Secured bulletin board for garden notices attached to shed (\$300)
- Native plants (Virginia Sweetspire and Shiny Coffee) to replace removed invasive Elephant Ears (\$300)
- Three-tier "potting bench" to expand work area for volunteers when seeding and up-planting. This will double as space to harden off seedlings as they transition to living outdoors. (\$350)
- Educational signage for the flower garden (\$500)
- Replacement wood for the beds (\$1,000)
- Pond watering system design, purchase and installation (\$1,000)
- Replacement well pump (\$3,500)

Thank you for any support you are able to give. Because of incredible donors like you VISTA Gardens continues to grow.

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