

## CRITICAL TRANSITIONS WEALTH ADVISORS

### We are on the Move!

Critical Transitions Wealth Advisors is moving our office! We have a great downtown Columbia office that will serve as a more centralized location for our clients. **Effective May 12**, our new address will be 625 Meadow Street, off Devine Street. This is on the bottom floor of the Foundation Mortgage Building, and we have our own parking spaces and outside entrance on Meadow Street. Our official “move date” will be May 12, and we ask for your patience as we take the weeks of May 2-13 for packing, moving and reorganizing. **WE WILL BE AVAILABLE** during this time, so feel free to call or email if you need us.



In addition, we have added a new MAILING address for correspondence: PO Box 322, White Rock, SC, 29177. All of our phone numbers and emails will remain the same. New notices will contain this information, so rest assured we have you covered!

We look forward to welcoming you at our new home in the upcoming weeks!

### 529 College Savings Plans

A 529 plan is an investment plan operated by a state, designed to help families save for future college costs. As long as the plan satisfies a few basic requirements, the federal tax law provides special tax benefits to the plan participant. There also may be state tax deduction benefits depending on your state's plan. If you choose to invest in a 529 plan, you are not restricted to just the plan offered by your own state. However, there may be state tax implications for selecting another state's plan.



One of the key advantages of a 529 plan is the income tax breaks on the non-deductible contributions. Any earnings grow tax-deferred for as long as the money stays in the plan. And when the plan makes a distribution to pay for the beneficiary's college costs, the distribution is federal tax-free as well.

Another major advantage is that the account holder stays in control of the assets in a 529 account. The named beneficiary has no rights to the funds. In fact, the account holder has the flexibility to change beneficiaries at any time, but only once per year. The account holder decides when withdrawals are taken and for what purpose. Most plans even allow account holders to reclaim the funds for themselves any time they desire. However, earnings will be subject to income tax and an additional 10% penalty on non-qualified withdrawals.

In addition to these benefits, 529 plans are one of many ways to save for college. Once you decide on a plan, the assets are professionally managed either by the state treasurer's office or by an outside investment company. And everyone is eligible to take advantage of these plans—there are generally no income limitations or age restrictions.

The most important thing you can do to secure a child's educational future is to start planning today.

Prior to investing in a 529 Plan investors should consider whether the investor's or designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protections from creditors that are only available for investments in such state's qualified tuition program. Withdrawals used for qualified expenses are federally tax free. Tax treatment at the state level may vary. Please consult with your tax advisor before investing.

## May is Disability Insurance Awareness Month

Life comes with all sorts of curveballs. Sometimes, they're easily overcome and even end up being positive experiences. But every now and then, something unexpectedly serious can happen. When was the last time you assessed your insurance coverage? It may be time to reevaluate your needs.

What funds would you live off of if you suddenly weren't able to work? The main breadwinner of the household should consider having some type of disability insurance, whether it's through an employer or supplemental coverage. This ensures you can take care of your financial responsibilities even if you had a sudden illness or accident that prevented you from performing your job. Be prepared for the unexpected in the future, and thankful for good health today!

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## Happy Memorial Day

"As we set today aside to honor and thank our veterans, let us be mindful that we should do this every day of the year and not just one."

~Beth Pennington



## Office Hours

May 12 - Moving Day! Please call or email if you need assistance!

May 30 - Office closed for Memorial Day



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