

# DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS



**DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS**, an alternative to private foundations, offer a simplified, flexible and affordable approach to charity for those who are serious about their giving.

Donor-advised funds operate like a combined charitable checking and savings account, allowing you to make grants to your favorite causes now, while also growing your fund to give back for years to come.

## BENEFITS OF A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

### Flexibility

A donor-advised fund leaves the grantmaking up to you – you choose the causes and charities you want to support, we handle the rest. You can support a nonprofit organization’s general mission, or you can choose to support specific programs. The organizations you fund can be here or across the country. It’s charitable giving your way.

### Simplicity

Instead of writing individual checks to your favorite charities, Akron Community Foundation will handle the paperwork for you. We’ll also simplify your taxes by sending you tax acknowledgments from only one organization, so you no longer have to keep track of receipts from several different charities.

### Expanded Giving Options

If you’d like to add to your fund in the future, Akron Community Foundation can accept a variety of gifts – from the simple, like cash, to the complex, like gifts of closely held stock and real estate. And once your fund has been established, there is no minimum requirement for future donations. We even offer all of our funds custom giving URLs so gifts can be made online easily – for you, or for friends and family who wish to give to your fund in your honor.

### Greater Tax Deductibility

Donations to donor-advised funds are deductible up to 60% of adjusted gross income on gifts of cash, and 30% on gifts of appreciated assets like stock, mutual funds and real estate. Donating long-term appreciated assets to a donor-advised fund may even eliminate capital gains taxes. In comparison, deduction limits on gifts to private foundations are 30% and 20%, respectively.

### Advisor Relationships

We understand how important your relationships are with your legal and financial advisors, and it’s common for us to work with your advisors while establishing your fund. In certain situations, your advisor can also continue to manage the fund’s assets.

INITIAL DONATION — \$5,000

ANNUAL FEES — 2%\*

SET-UP TIME — AS LITTLE AS A DAY

GRANTMAKING MINIMUM —  
\$250 PER GRANT

\*1.25% administrative fee / approximately .81% variable investment fee.

## BENEFITS OF A DONOR-ADVISED FUND (CONT)

### **Accessibility**

From 24/7 access to our online donor portal to in-person assistance from our experienced staff, a donor-advised fund at Akron Community Foundation ensures that your charitable giving – wherever you want it to go – can be handled locally, where it's convenient for you.

### **Proven Growth**

Our investment strategy aims for superior long-term returns with minimal risk. Our Finance Committee and staff follow a strict financial discipline and provide regular oversight of our investments, which are managed by a board-approved independent consultant.

### **Legacy**

Not only can your fund be named in a way that carries on your family or company legacy, but you can pass that legacy on to your children, grandchildren, or other loved ones by involving them in your grantmaking or even making them successor advisors to the fund. You also have the option to endow your fund so it will grow in perpetuity. The dollars available for grantmaking will be limited, ensuring your fund lasts forever in your name.

## LET'S GET STARTED

For more information, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president and chief development officer, at **330-436-5610** or **mmedzie@akroncf.org**.

## THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT

Put simply, endowing your fund means it will last forever. Our funds are not required to be permanently endowed, meaning many of our fund advisors are able to invade principal and decrease their fund balance should they choose. But, endowing a fund offers a number of benefits, from providing perpetual income to your favorite causes to carrying on your family's name in perpetuity. For our permanently endowed funds, Akron Community Foundation limits spending to a total of 5% of the average value of assets.

### **Did You Know?**

While private foundation giving is public record, gifts made through donor-advised funds can be made anonymously. You can even name your fund in such a way that protects you from funding appeals.