

Giving Through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

A Simple and Flexible Way to Support God's Work

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a charitable giving account that can help simplify your generosity while giving you flexibility in how and when you support the ministries you care about most.

Many faithful Christians use Donor Advised Funds as part of their stewardship planning because they make charitable giving easy, organized, and intentional. A DAF allows you to contribute cash or other assets, receive potential tax benefits, and recommend grants to your church and other ministries over time.

How Does a Donor Advised Fund Work?

1. Open and Fund Your Donor Advised Fund

You establish a Donor Advised Fund through a sponsoring organization and contribute assets to the account. Contributions may include:

- Cash
- Appreciated securities
- Stocks and mutual funds
- Real estate
- Business interests
- Other qualified assets

The source document notes that DAFs can be funded with cash as well as marketable assets such as appreciated securities, real estate, stocks, and business interests.

2. Grow Your Giving Account

Assets held within the fund may remain invested, creating opportunities for future charitable giving.

3. Recommend Grants

When you're ready to support the church, you simply recommend a grant from your Donor Advised Fund. The sponsoring organization then distributes the funds to the ministry you choose.

Why Many Generous Families Choose a DAF

Flexibility

You can make charitable gifts when it best fits your plans and priorities. Once your fund is established, you may recommend grants to ministries and charities whenever you choose.

Simplicity

A DAF provides a streamlined way to organize your charitable giving. The donor brochure highlights the ease of supporting multiple charities without continually updating estate-planning documents.

Legacy

Many families use Donor Advised Funds as part of a long-term philanthropic strategy. The brochure notes that a DAF can continue supporting charitable causes beyond your lifetime and for future generations.

Privacy

If desired, grants can often be made anonymously, allowing generosity to remain private while still making a meaningful Kingdom impact.

Stewardship

A DAF can help you plan your giving intentionally and support the ministries that reflect your faith and values while simplifying the administrative aspects of charitable giving.

Donor Advised Funds and Estate Planning

Many church members choose to incorporate a Donor Advised Fund into their broader estate and legacy plans.

A DAF can be an effective way to:

- Create a charitable giving strategy for your family
- Involve children and grandchildren in philanthropic decisions

- Support church ministries for years to come
- Establish a lasting legacy of generosity
- Encourage conversations about faith, values, and stewardship

Rather than seeing charitable giving as a one-time event, a Donor Advised Fund can become a tool for teaching and modeling generosity across generations.

A Legacy of Generosity

God entrusts resources to His people not only for their own needs, but also for the blessing of others and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Whether you are making annual gifts, planning your estate, or seeking a more organized approach to charitable giving, a Donor Advised Fund may be a valuable stewardship tool to consider.

Let's Begin the Conversation

We would be honored to help you learn more about Donor Advised Funds and other stewardship resources available to support your generosity goals.

Contact Us

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"Command them to do good, to be rich in good..."