



Donor Advised Fund

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A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a charitable investment account used for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations that you are passionate about. A DAF benefits you with an efficient, less-expensive solution to help fulfill your philanthropic wishes with maximum flexibility and after-tax benefits.

DAFs allow a donor to fund their preferred charities with a wide range of appreciated assets, including securities (e.g. stocks, bonds, stock options, pooled funds) and other eligible assets. The ability to make in-kind contributions can create a valuable tax deduction for highly appreciated assets.

This creates a tax-efficient way to support desired causes, while relieving the donor of the additional administrative time and costs that are associated with annual charitable giving. At Guardian Capital Advisors LP, we have partnered with a DAF sponsor that is a registered charity and host administrator to establish this service on behalf of our clients.

KEY BENEFITS DONOR ADVISOR FUND

-  Immediate donation tax benefit, with time to decide on a giving plan
-  Client maintains control of charitable destination and timing of donations
-  Centralized and simplified gifting to multiple charities
-  Quick and easy setup, with less-expensive ongoing administration costs

-  Opportunities to engage in multi-generational family philanthropy
-  Financial and personal privacy
-  Cost-effective solution for charitable giving
-  Personalized private sessions to help determine appropriate giving methods and destinations

How does a DAF work?



YOU AND YOUR ADVISOR
DEVELOP A DONATION PLAN



MAKE DONATIONS
of cash or securities



TAX RECEIPTS
issued by DAF Sponsor
(a registered charity)



GRANTS TO CHARITY
or other qualified donee

Once established, the donor has two options:

1. Utilize the DAF as a long-term entity, setting aside funds to donate over time, whether that be recurring or ad hoc donations, while receiving an immediate tax benefit at the time the funds are contributed to the DAF; or
2. Utilize the DAF as a flow-through to receive the tax benefit, immediately donating all contributed funds.

Once eligible assets are transferred to a DAF, the assets are redeemed immediately, tax-free and invested into an advisor-managed portfolio. The Investment Policy Statement for the DAF Foundation Account will be established depending on whether option 1 or 2 is selected; the short-term flow-through option will be managed with a low risk tolerance to ensure the safety of assets to be donated in the near-term, while the second option will be managed as a long-term balanced portfolio to ensure growth and preservation of capital.

Ways to give and benefit

There are a number of ways that you may donate directly to charitable organizations each year:

- Redeem securities for cash to facilitate a donation;
- Donate cash directly to a public foundation who will manage it on your behalf and disburse it to the charitable community;
- Donate a wide range of appreciated assets directly to the charitable organization, including securities (e.g. stocks, bonds, stock options, pooled funds) and other eligible assets;
- Register your own private foundation, which can be costly and time-consuming; or
- Set up a DAF

The benefits to taking the DAF approach include less expensive administrative fees, the ability to pass on administrative responsibilities to the DAF sponsor and, most importantly, the ability to donate securities, including units of pooled funds, as an eligible investment.

A DAF also allows for greater tax efficiency and flexibility around donations and privacy.



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