

Making an Impact With Donor Advised Funds



What is a Donor Advised Fund?

A Donor Advised Fund allows you to reserve dollars in a fund specially-designed for giving to charities. At Community First Foundation we manage the administration of your fund, while you recommend the timing, dollar amounts and recipients of your fund's dollars. In this way you are actively involved without being bogged down by administrative tasks and tax paperwork. We are here to help you every step of the way.

A Donor Advised Fund can be opened with us for as little as \$5,000. You can continue to contribute over time, and even encourage others to support your fund. Read on to see a variety of stories in which a Donor Advised Fund can help you...and your community.



Why create a Donor Advised Fund?

- Support causes that are meaningful to you
- Improve your community
- Create a legacy of giving in your family
- Create a culture of giving in your company
- Memorialize a loved one by creating a fund in his or her name
- Protect yourself from capital gains taxes

Let us help you with your charitable giving.

To learn more, please contact our staff at 720.898.5900, or visit our web site at www.CommunityFirstFoundation.org and select our Donor Portal.

The generosity of people like you plays an important role in the health and well-being of the Denver community. When we all come together for the greater good, we brighten the lives of our children, our families, and ourselves.

That is why we at Community First Foundation offer services that help you change a community for the better. Our first step is to understand your personal needs. We consider the causes you care about and your financial goals – and then help you make an impact.

“In helping others we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.”

- **Flora Edwards**, *writer*

Together with you, your family, or professional advisor, we can help you create a plan that benefits your community while bringing you a fulfilling giving experience.

Donor Advised Funds *the simple charitable solution*

Do you wish to support causes in a way that is personally meaningful and convenient? Many people create Donor Advised Funds to do just that, but there are many other scenarios in which this type of charitable fund could work for you.



Support Many Different Charities

The web design firm that Jeff founded just eight years ago has flourished under his leadership. Jeff has always supported a variety of charities through a private foundation, but now his solid success allows him to do even more. Jeff wants to expand his charitable giving to include new beneficiaries, but finds that he no longer has the time to handle the administrative tasks that a private foundation demands.

A Donor Advised Fund is an ideal alternative to a private foundation. By creating the fund at Community First Foundation, Jeff still can remain actively engaged in recommending nonprofits he'd like to support, while leaving the cumbersome paperwork to us. What's more, a Donor Advised Fund costs less to run than a private foundation. Jeff can continue the most rewarding aspects of philanthropy, while trusting that the accounting, auditing and grant-making elements of managing a fund are taken care of.

Create a Legacy of Giving in Your Family

The Garcia family loves Colorado's beauty and has worked to protect it. The family's passion for nature conservation began with Grandma and Grandpa Garcia, who made significant gifts to organizations such as The Nature Conservancy and The Sierra Club. This passion for nature and for giving was passed down to the next generation. Now the younger Garcias want to develop a more formal giving plan that includes their children and grandchildren.

The Garcias can create a lasting legacy and involve their whole family in philanthropy with a Donor Advised Fund. After personalizing their fund by naming it the Garcia Family Fund, family members can decide together which charities they'd like to support. While the family recommends which charities they'd like to receive distributions, Community First Foundation will ensure that their choices are qualified 501c(3) organizations and then manage the distributions in the form of grants. In this way, the entire family is involved in philanthropy, and succeeding generations learn about the tradition of giving.



Receive an Immediate Tax Benefit from a Sale of Stock

Susan is a large stockholder of a company that has recently gone public. She would like to sell some of her shares, but would be required to pay a large capital gains tax. Knowing that she is a generous supporter of many charities, her financial advisor recommends that she open a Donor Advised Fund. Because the tax year is ending, this type of fund would give Susan an immediate tax benefit, yet allow her more time to decide which charities she'd like to receive grants from the fund.

Susan can donate a portion of her stock to a Donor Advised Fund rather than sell all of her shares and be saddled with a capital gains tax. This option would give her a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock as appropriate by law. Susan can set up the fund by the end of the tax year, but delay recommendations about grant recipients and allocations until later. If she wants help identifying charities that align with her personal values, the staff at Community First Foundation has a longtime involvement with community needs and charitable causes.



Memorialize a Loved One

In his 40 years of teaching history in public schools, Joe touched the lives of countless students and families. His death devastated a whole community. Joe's daughter is the beneficiary of his estate, and wants to honor her father while creating a way for his friends and students to honor him too. In his spare time, Joe loved to volunteer at his town's family health center. His daughter knew he was passionate about the health center and believes part of her inheritance could advance its important work.

Joe's daughter can set up a Donor Advised Fund to memorialize her father and allow others to make contributions in his honor as well. She can use as little as \$5,000 of her estate to open the fund at Community First Foundation. Joe's friends can contribute to the fund in lieu of flowers. By designating the family health center to receive grants from the fund, Joe's family can honor his charitable passion and keep his memory alive.



Community First Foundation offers

- **A variety of giving options**

We provide several charitable giving options, such as Donor Advised Funds and Charitable Gift Annuities, to help you achieve your charitable goals.

- **Flexible funds with low minimums**

Our charitable funds can be established for as little as \$5,000 and are among the most flexible funds available.

- **Donor-centered support**

We work closely with you throughout your relationship with the Foundation.

About Community First Foundation

For nearly 40 years, Community First Foundation has been bringing donors and nonprofit organizations together. We offer financial support and educational opportunities to strengthen nonprofits. We also fund community programs, inspire philanthropy and assist individuals and businesses with charitable giving. We are the proud recipient of the 2013 National Philanthropy Day in Colorado *Outstanding Foundation* award.

