

# Donor-Advised Fund

A donor-advised fund is a simple, convenient, and effective way for you to manage your philanthropy. To establish a fund, you make an initial gift to the Greater Washington Community Foundation which qualifies for an immediate charitable tax deduction. You can then determine when and where grants from your fund should be distributed.

Grants from your fund can support any qualified nonprofit in the region and beyond. Our staff handle the administration of distributions to charitable organizations, conduct due diligence on grant recipients, and can help identify charities that match your interests.

In addition to receiving regular statements of fund activity, you will have access to your fund 24/7 via our secure online donor portal, where you can recommend grants, check your fund balance, and review its history.

You will also become part of our philanthropic community with access to community convenings, nonprofit site visits, the latest research and publications, donor connections, opportunities for collective giving, and other ways to transform the communities we love.

## CHOOSING TO ENDOW

A donor-advised fund is a wonderful way to continue a family tradition of giving. If you choose to endow your fund, you are ensuring that your charitable purpose will be carried out in perpetuity. A spending rate determined by our board determines the amount available to be distributed annually and ensures the ongoing viability of your fund. You may choose successor advisors to continue your tradition of giving after your lifetime.

## GIFTS TO YOUR FUND

You can establish a donor-advised fund with a minimum initial contribution of \$10,000, and add to your fund at any time. Your contributions qualify for the maximum charitable tax deduction. The Community Foundation accepts contributions of:

- **LIQUID ASSETS:** cash, credit card, or publicly traded securities.
- **COMPLEX ASSETS:** closely held stocks, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, or other real assets.
- **LEGACY GIFTS** through a bequest in a will or trust, beneficiary designation for retirement assets (IRA, 401K, 403B) or life insurance policies, or charitable remainder trust.

- **PRIVATE FOUNDATION ASSETS** may also be converted into a component fund within The Community Foundation.

## INVESTMENT OPTIONS

We will work with you to determine how your fund should be invested. The Community Foundation has partnered with SEI to manage our portfolio of investments. SEI has demonstrated a commitment to a triple bottom-line impact: profit, people, and planet. SEI's track record of continued growth, diverse portfolio managers, and outstanding suite of services offer many benefits to our donors, your charitable funds, and our community, now and for decades to come.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUPPORT FEES

The Community Foundation relies on fees assessed on component funds which enable us to provide you with high-quality administrative and philanthropic advisory services and help expand our work to build thriving communities in the Greater Washington region. Fees are assessed quarterly based on fund balance, with a minimum annual fee of \$750.

Endowed funds	Balance up to \$1 million	Balance from \$1-\$3 million	Balance from \$3-\$5 million	Balance above \$5 million
	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	0.35%
Non-endowed funds	Balance up to \$1 million	Balance from \$1-\$2.5 million	Balance above \$2.5 million	
	1.5%	1.25%	0.5%	

Additional fees may be charged for funds with high levels of activity or other enhanced services requested, such as support for family meetings or providing a docket of grants for review. These fees will be assessed annually based on fund activity.

### DONOR STORY: RUFUS LUSK III AND JESSICA DAMEN

Social justice is at the core of Rufus Lusk III and Jessica Damen's giving. For more than 15 years, they have partnered with The Community Foundation to maximize their impact. The couple credits The Community Foundation with connecting them to organizations in Prince George's County that are committed to social and racial justice and advising them about giving opportunities.

As Rufus observed, "To develop greater social equity, you need strong, local organizations. That's what The Community Foundation is all about."

