



## Ten Reasons to Set up a Donor-Advised Fund at WSF

1. **Local Knowledge.** Many people want to give to worthy causes, but may need assistance in determining which organizations to support. We work with nonprofits in our community every day, and we're able to offer information when you need it. Our staff can help you research organizations addressing your charitable interests, and then we'll facilitate your grants to support them.
2. **Simplified Recordkeeping.** We keep track of your donations, providing timely gift acknowledgments, and we utilize professional money managers for endowed assets. Statement access is provided securely online or through quarterly printed statements.
3. **Tax Timing Advantages.** From a tax perspective, it may make sense to make larger charitable contributions in some years more than in others. With a donor-advised fund, you can make contributions in years when it's more tax advantageous, and then make charitable distributions in subsequent years - without having to add to the fund each year.
4. **Fast and Easy Set-up.** A non-endowed donor-advised fund can be opened in a day, with a simple one-page agreement and an initial gift of \$1,000 or more. An endowed donor-advised fund is established with a trust agreement and can be set up in a few days with an initial gift of at least \$25,000.
5. **Modest Fees.** A donor-advised fund is typically less costly and easier to administer than other forms of organized giving, such as family or corporate foundations. Non-endowed donor-advised funds are assessed an annual administrative fee of \$120. Endowed donor-advised funds have a 1% administrative fee based on the fund's prior quarter-end market value.
6. **Make Charitable Grants Anonymously.** If desired, you can make grants anonymously on a grant-by-grant basis.
7. **Avoid Capital Gains Taxes on Appreciated Securities.** If you have stocks or bonds purchased more than a year ago that are worth more now than when you bought them, you will not have to pay capital gains taxes on the earnings if you gift them to the Foundation.
8. **Give Strategically.** You can choose to partner with the Foundation to fund Community Grants in a variety of areas to strengthen the community.
9. **Grow Your Giving Capacity.** If you choose to endow a donor-advised fund, your initial gift can grow significantly over time, and all growth in the fund is tax-free.
10. **Make a Difference in Perpetuity.** You can name a second generation of advisors to an endowed donor-advised fund. After the second generation, the fund will continue to distribute grants for changing community needs or to the nonprofits you designate.