

Donor-Advised Funds

The Dallas Foundation is a nonprofit publicly-supported community foundation. Since 1929, our sole purpose has been to help donors create charitable funds that reflect their interests. As the oldest community foundation in Texas, we look forward to helping others serve their philanthropic objectives, now and in the years to come.

Although we are a Dallas-based community foundation, The Dallas Foundation works with many donors outside the area to make grants to charitable organizations around the United States and the world.

Why Establish a Donor-Advised Fund?

You can simplify your charitable giving by establishing a donor-advised fund at the Dallas Foundation. Hundreds of individuals and families partner with the Dallas Foundation, utilizing the community foundation's services and expertise to make their giving easy and effective.

By creating a donor-advised fund, you can organize all your charitable activities through one expertly-managed and cost-effective charitable vehicle. Your gift qualifies for an immediate tax deduction, and you can take your time deciding which organizations to recommend for grants.

Why The Dallas Foundation?

The Dallas Foundation can help navigate through discussions of charitable giving, meet with advisors and their clients to help clarify personal philanthropic goals, facilitate family meetings about giving, or discuss complicated gifts. We also provide:

- **Efficient, responsive, individualized service.** In some situations, donors have opened advised funds with The Dallas Foundation within one day of their initial contact with us
- Coordination of **local site visits** to nonprofit organizations
- **Information** on local and national philanthropic trends, emerging and emergency community needs
- **Education** on charitable issues and giving
- **Flexibility** and **tax advantages** that surpass those of private foundations. Because we are a public charity, gifts to The Dallas Foundation receive an immediate tax deduction
- Assistance with **bequests** and **estate planning**
- The option to give **anonymously**