

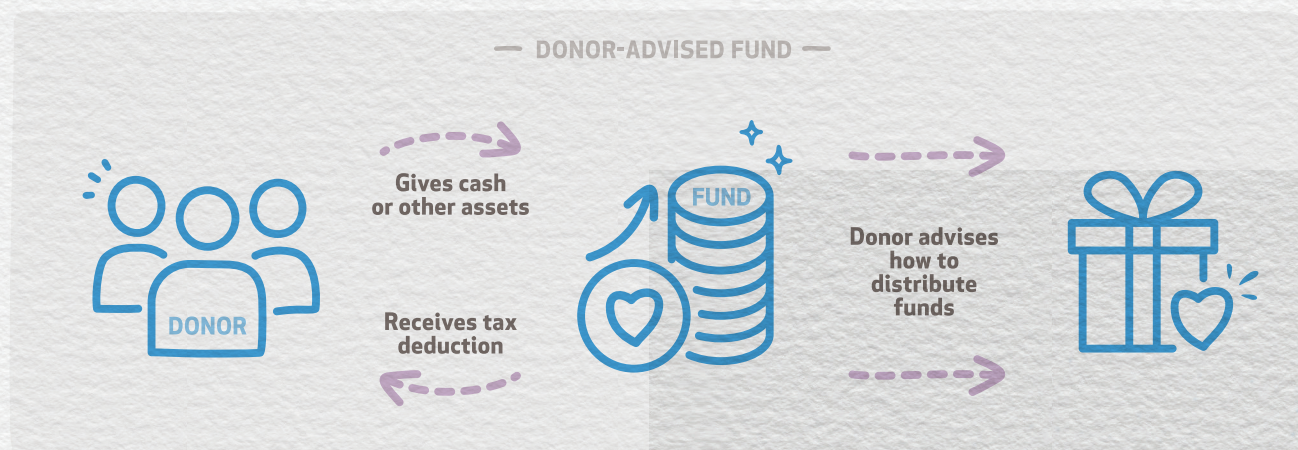


*The Fleischer family started their donor-advised fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation in 2011. From left to right are Andrew, Dawn, Christopher and Katharine in 2019. Image by Joshua Franzos.*

## What's a Donor-Advised Fund?

As the most popular option for starting a charitable fund with The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, a donor-advised fund (DAF) is best described as a charitable investment account. It allows a donor to personally recommend grants from their fund to specific and qualified nonprofit organizations that are impacting causes the donor cares about. Donors can appoint future advisors to the fund and determine its long-term purpose.

## Starting a Donor-Advised Fund



- 1 A donor or a donor's advisor contributes cash or other assets to start a DAF.\*
- 2 The donor receives a tax deduction.
- 3 Donors can choose to have their fund invested with the Foundation or work with their preferred advisor to manage their charitable assets.
- 4 Donors decide how and when to distribute their funds. We can recommend charitable grants to any bona fide 501(c)(3) based on the causes donors would like to impact.\*\*



\* A \$10,000 minimum must remain endowed in the fund

\*\* Approval required by The Pittsburgh Foundation Board



## Benefits of a Donor-Advised Fund



- No IRS requirement to grant out or add to the fund during a given timeframe.
- Flexibility to determine how much and when to give.
- Significantly reduces tax burdens.
- Charitable assets grow over time, supporting causes and organizations for years to come.
- Grow funds through appreciated securities or similar complex assets.
- Option to give anonymously.

## Advantages of Working with The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County

- **Expertise:** Our staff's deep knowledge and regional nonprofit network supports grantmaking activities.
- **Learning and Giving Opportunities:** We provide access to events featuring expert advisors, local nonprofits and peer donors, including our unique Giving Circle.
- **Advisor Flexibility:** Donors can choose to work with a third-party advisor.
- **Planned Giving:** The Pittsburgh Foundation can assist donor's in estate planning so their legacy of impact lasts in perpetuity.
- **Engage Future Generations:** Our team can facilitate meetings to engage the next generation and family members in plans for charitable giving, including appointing successor advisors.
- **Communication:** A donor-focused newsletter updates you on charitable giving trends and issues in the Pittsburgh region.
- **Customization:** Donor's may choose to invest their fund either through our Legacy Portfolio or their personal financial advisor.

### DONOR-ADVISED FUND FEE SCHEDULE (\$275 ANNUAL MINIMUM)

Asset Value	Rate
\$1,000,000 or less	1.10%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.95%
\$2,000,001 - \$5,000,000	0.80%
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	0.70%
\$10,000,001 or greater	0.60%

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### Interested in Learning More?

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