

# The family that gives together...

After establishing a Donor Advised Fund, one couple started a tradition of discussing gift recommendations around the table at Thanksgiving. They were surprised and delighted to discover that their kids had some great ideas! Together, they're creating generous habits that will continue beyond their lifetimes.

## Is a Donor Advised Fund right for you?

There are as many types of planned gifts as there are types of families. Each is unique. Here are some hints that a Donor Advised Fund could be right for you and yours:

- You want to “bundle” several years’ worth of charitable giving in order to take a tax deduction during the year in which you establish the fund.
- You aren’t at the stage of life yet when you can use other tax-advantaged planned giving vehicles such as annuities or IRA rollover gifts.
- You might consider a establishing a family foundation, but you balk at the start up costs and fees.
- You don’t want to manage the funds yourself, and would rather focus on your gifts and the impact they make.
- You want to get your family in the habit of making gifts, and you’re committed to long-term generosity.


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## Donor Advised Funds

**This flexible, low-cost alternative to family foundations and trusts makes it easy to be generous.**

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## Take the tax break now, and make gifts over the long haul.

### TAX BENEFITS

With the standard deduction so high, many people no longer itemize each year. This saves time and effort, but it means that they don't get to deduct their charitable giving. Establishing a Donor Advised Fund allows generous individuals and families to "bundle" multiple years of giving into a single tax year so that they can take the charitable deduction.

Unlike family foundation gifts, Donor Advised Fund gifts generally qualify for a charitable deduction of their full fair market value. And in the long run, they allow donors to make grants without the unfavorable restrictions and excise taxes associated with private foundations.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

You can open a Donor Advised Fund by transferring cash or other assets to Faith Foundation Northwest. You get a tax deduction the year you establish the fund. The Foundation takes your tax deductible contribution and establishes a special account in your name. This account is invested for long term growth.

Once the account is open, you are ready to begin giving! Simply contact Faith Foundation in writing with your annual recommendations of how you'd like money from your Donor Advised Fund to be distributed. *The Foundation owns the fund and is not legally obligated to distribute it as you desire*, but does have a responsibility to honor your wishes as much as possible. With over 50 years of experience helping United Methodists in the Northwest make planned gifts, the Foundation has proven to be a trustworthy partner.

After your lifetime, your family may make recommendations for distributions from the fund for a number of years. At the end of this term, the remaining fund balance will become an asset of your faith community. Your gift will continue to support the ministry and mission you love.

### TALK WITH AN EXPERT

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