Charitable Planning with Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

What is a Donor Advised Fund

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a charitable fund that is maintained and operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization like the Community Foundation of Snohomish County (CFSC). Each DAF is composed of contributions made by an individual donor. Donors can contribute a variety of assets and receive a tax deduction. Once the donation is received, CFSC staff work with the donor to set up a fund that enables them to advise the grants made out of the fund and continue to support their favorite charitable causes now and in the future.

SET UP & ADMINISTRATION

- Minimum of $5,000 to start a fund, or $250,000 if donor’s financial advisor continues to manage assets through our Independent Investment Management (IIM) program
- No set up costs and fund can be established immediately.
- 2% fee (or 1% for IIM) covers all donor services, staffing, and investment management.

GRANTMAKING SUPPORT

- CFSC staff provides local expertise, donor advice, and connections to nonprofits of interest to the donor.
- Donor recommends grants from fund to qualified nonprofits. Grants are approved by CFSC Board and staff completes IRS due diligence.

TAX ADVANTAGES

- Contribute cash, stock, real estate, or other appreciated assets.
- "Bunch" multiple years' donations in one tax year to create a DAF, itemize your taxes and receive deductions. In later years, continue to make grants from the fund with no additional tax consequences.

For additional information visit www.cf-sc.org/plan or connect with us elena@cf-sc.org or (360) 913-8977

*Clients should seek advice from a financial professional to determine if the tax advantages apply to their individual situation.