If you want the flexibility to support a broad range of charities, a donor advised fund at The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) could be a solution for you. Donor advised funds are a convenient, versatile tool that many individuals and organizations use to effectively plan and manage their charitable giving.

**Flexibility and opportunities**

When you establish a donor advised fund at GCF, you can:

- Support your charities of choice throughout the country. Contribute to a local nonprofit where you volunteer or that has helped someone you know. Give to your local church or synagogue. Suggest a grant to an alma mater. Any public charity in the United States can receive grants from a GCF donor advised fund.
- Suggest multi-year grants that pay out on a regular schedule – or plan your grants to help charities when they need it most. You suggest the timing; GCF will manage the details.
- Give to annual campaigns such as the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and ArtsWave. Many people do most or all of their annual giving through their GCF fund.
- Donate stock, real estate, or partnership interests, as well as cash. Your investment portfolio is unique; therefore, your giving options should allow maximum flexibility. GCF is equipped to handle gifts of closely held and publicly traded stock, as well as limited partnership interests.
• Involve your children or grandchildren – and potentially generations to come. A GCF donor advised fund can become a family affair. Larger funds may be endowed for future generations to carry on. You can use a bequest or a gift to increase the impact, ensuring a lasting legacy and passing along charitable family values. Providing a future charitable gift allows you to maintain your personal charitable gifts forever. Future gifts from your estate range from simple to complex. Whether your gift comes from your will, retirement plan assets, life insurance, or other source, GCF will help establish a plan that benefits the community forever.

• Safely access fund information and make grant recommendations online to make your contributions efficient, quick, and “green.” We also accept recommendations by fax or mail.

How your fund works
Once you have decided to establish a donor advised fund, GCF works step-by-step with you to create and manage it.

1. You make your gift to GCF of cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.

2. You select the investment manager from GCF’s list of partners.

3. GCF creates the fund in your name, your family’s name, or the name of any individual or organization you choose.

4. You receive tax benefits in the year(s) your gift is made.

5. You recommend uses for the fund, working with our professional staff to support the causes and organizations you care about most.

6. Your recommendations are presented to GCF’s Governing Board for approval. For legal purposes, grants must be ratified by GCF to ensure compliance with regulations governing valid U.S. nonprofit organizations.

7. GCF issues the grants to the designated nonprofit organization from your fund.

8. GCF handles all administrative details, including the accounting and filing with the IRS. Essentially, GCF does all the work. You receive all the joy of giving.

9. An assigned staff member will help you make the most of your giving and you’ll receive regular communication from GCF about your fund. You are invited to engage with GCF when and how you choose. You may serve on a Community Grant Review team; attend educational or social events; or work closely with your GCF staff on your giving plan.

You can establish a fund today and make grant recommendations now or in the future.

GCF support
When you set up a fund at GCF, you will have access to the experience and expertise of our dedicated staff. You will receive personal attention from a professional who cares about you and your charitable goals. In addition to fund and investment information, our staff can answer questions about how to make smart and meaningful investments in our local community.