Why Establish a Donor-Advised Fund?
If you enjoy giving to multiple organizations and causes throughout the year but don’t want the hassle of paperwork, a Donor-Advised Fund through The Dayton Foundation is the perfect solution. You determine which organizations you want to support and when, we’ll take care of the details. It’s a highly personal approach to giving that allows you to show you care about helping others and want to build awareness around community needs.

How It Works
1. Name your fund. You can name it after yourself, your family or something that provides special meaning to you while protecting your identity, if you wish. You also can designate family members and others to join you in advising current grants or to succeed you as fund advisors.

2. Decide what to give. Establishing a Donor-Advised Fund through The Dayton Foundation opens the door to a wealth of charitable-giving expertise, as well as the flexibility to give a variety of assets, including appreciated stock and real estate that smaller organizations might not be able to receive on their own. Anyone can add to your fund at any time, in any amount, and receive a charitable tax deduction with each new gift. When tax time rolls around, all you’ll need is one statement from the Foundation for your gifts to your fund.

3. Recommend distributions to the charities of your choice – now or in the future. Once your Donor-Advised Fund is funded, you can start recommending grants to any 501(c)(3) IRS-qualified public charity locally, nationally or internationally, including your alma mater and house of worship. You can even support international causes. There is no minimum grant or annual payout required. You also may request that your grants be made anonymously.

You have secure, online access to your fund, 24/7, to submit grant recommendations. We will review your request and issue payment to your chosen charities.
Fund Minimum and Fees
A minimum gift of $25,000 is recommended, which can be made during your lifetime or through your estate plan, such as a bequest in your will or a designation of qualified retirement assets or life insurance policies. We also offer charitable gift options that provide income for life. We will work with you and your financial or estate-planning advisor to customize a plan for you.

Your donations can grow based on how your fund is invested, so potentially you could have more money for charities as time goes by. If you wish to preserve your charitable gifts and intent in perpetuity through a permanent fund, The Dayton Foundation will safeguard your fund’s principle.

The Dayton Foundation handles all of the administrative details, including providing you with quarterly and year-end statements of activity. Because we manage a large number of funds, we are able to keep our annual administrative fee low.

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Whether it’s helping runaway girls in Costa Rica, feeding hungry children in the Philippines or educating students in Honduras, Joyanna and Barry James trek thousands of miles each year, providing support and friendship while sharing the love of Jesus.

The Jameses travel as often as five times each year on missions through the Dayton Vineyard Church and Heart to Honduras. They also provide charitable support through their named advised fund at The Dayton Foundation to help these and other organizations around the country.

“We’ve been very blessed, and we enjoy sharing these blessings with others. The people in these countries have very little and adapt to what is available, however it’s a daily struggle,” said Joyanna James, a third-generation missionary. “It’s so rewarding to see how we can transform lives. Mission work is what I love – it’s my passion.”

Far left: Barry and Joy James