Why Establish a Designated Fund?
If you know which nonprofit organizations you would like to support but do not feel the need to be actively involved in grantmaking, a Designated Fund through The Dayton Foundation is an ideal long-term giving option. Designated Funds also work well for individuals and families who want to leave a legacy or memorialize a loved one who was passionate about a particular cause.

Establishing a fund through the Foundation opens the door to a wealth of charitable-giving expertise and the flexibility to create a named fund using checks, stock or other assets that some smaller organizations might not be able to receive on their own.

Getting Started Is Easy
First, identify one or more charitable organizations, or a particular program or aspect of a nonprofit’s operations, to receive a percentage of your fund’s earnings. You also can identify The Dayton Foundation for its unrestricted giving efforts. Next, select a name for your fund that recognizes you, your family or an organization, or choose a name that protects your anonymity.

We manage the investments and regularly pay grants to your designated charities. If an organization you select ceases to exist or changes its mission, the fund can be redirected so that it continues to address your charitable intent. Your grants also can be made anonymously, if requested.

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 an IRA designation or a bequest in your will. The Dayton Foundation accepts gifts of many types of assets, including checks, stock and real estate, enabling you to benefit from maximum tax advantages. We also offer charitable gift options that provide income for life.

Your donations can grow based on how your fund is invested, so potentially you could have created a greenway, connecting city to city by planting trees along the river corridor, was more than a dream for one couple. It was their passion.
more money for your designated charities as time goes by. If you wish to create a permanent source of charitable income for them, The Dayton Foundation will safeguard your fund's principle, preserving your charitable gifts and intent in perpetuity.

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

We’re here to help you help others:
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