Donor-Designated Funds

Sustain and Grow Your Favorite Charity
You can provide a steady and dependable source of income for the organizations you care about most and leave a lasting legacy for you and your family.

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 continued »
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.

Horace "Huffy" Huffman and his wife, Jane, believed in preserving the Dayton Region’s natural beauty. After retiring as the CEO and chairman of the board of Huffy Corporation, Huffy spent his time volunteering for community activities. As a co-founder of the Dayton Cycling Club, which developed the downtown Dayton bikeway along the Great Miami River, he was highly regarded for his activities on behalf of nature preservation. "We have a wonderful resource in our river, and trees are needed to better define its banks and add beauty to our city," Huffy said in 1987. Jane also was an ardent supporter of numerous environmental organizations and preservation efforts.

Before their passing, the Huffmans established the Jane B. and Horace M. Huffman, Jr., Trees for the Rivers Endowment Fund through The Dayton Foundation. Grants awarded in perpetuity to Five Rivers MetroParks help promote tree planting, particularly along the river corridor, with an estimated 600 trees planted to date throughout the community.

We’re here to help you help others:

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