

# EWM Personal Finance Tips & Solutions

## Leave your Charitable Legacy with a Donor-Advised Fund

**Problem:** How can I leave a charitable legacy?

Solution: Create a Donor-Advised Fund through Fidelity!

#### What is a Donor-Advised Fund?

A Donor Advised Fund is a philanthropic account that allows individuals to make charitable contributions from your computer, receive immediate tax benefits, and recommend grants to nonprofit organizations over time.

Funding Minimum:	No minimum.
Distribution:	No annual distribution requirement.
Legal:	A fund held within a public charity or financial institution.
Control:	The donor's recommendations do not have to be followed by the administrator.
Privacy:	Donors can make grants anonymously.
Manage:	All administrative duties such as compliance, accounting and oversight are outsourced to the sponsoring organization.
Grants:	Computerized, you control all grants, but may have certain restrictions on types of grants.
Legacy:	Primarily focused on immediate grant-making and generally do not establish an endowment.

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#### What are the Main Benefits?

#### **Immediate Tax Deduction:**

- You can claim an immediate tax-deduction for the fair market value (for long-term gains) of the donated assets.
- Proactively plan when to itemize deductions to maximize the tax benefits from your donations.

#### **Tax-Free Growth:**

Donated funds can be invested and receive tax-free growth for a greater long-term impact.

#### **Estate Tax Benefits:**

Either foundation can reduce your estate taxes by removing appreciable assets from your taxable estate.

#### **Tax Strategies:**

- You can donate highly appreciated stock to a Donor-Advised Fund in order to pay no capital gains tax on the sale of assets.
- "Bunching" donations to receive a tax benefit. Maximizing your tax deductions is often achieved by itemizing deductions every 1, 2, or 3 years. You receive no tax benefit if you use a standard deduction.

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