Opening a Donor Advised Fund allows your family to make a gift to York County Community Foundation, then remain actively involved in suggesting uses for your gift.

**How it works**

- Your family makes a gift to York County Community Foundation—you can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- YCCF sets up a special fund in your family’s name.
- Your family receives tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- Your family recommends uses for the fund—working with our professional program staff to support the causes and organizations you care about most.
- Your recommendations are presented to YCCF’s board for approval.
- We handle all the administrative details and award grants to charities in the name of the fund your family establishes (if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- Your fund is an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift—and all future earnings from your gift—is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.

“We wanted to share our community values with our children and share our family values with our community,” says Sara Lin, explaining why she and her husband Peter established the Lin Donor Advised Fund at their local community foundation.

Every year, the Lins and their children meet with community foundation staff to recommend uses of the fund. Two years ago, they recommended that it be used to help start an inner-city daycare center. Last year, the fund helped expand the hours of this center, in addition to supporting an area arts camp.

“We look forward to a day when we might involve our children’s children in giving back,” says Sara.
More benefits

Donor Advised Funds provide a convenient, flexible way for your family to get involved with your community and with one another. This type of fund is typically less costly to administer than other forms of philanthropic giving (such as a private foundation), but it still allows you to establish a charitable legacy in your family’s name, fulfill multiple charitable interests, and teach giving values to the next generation.

By working through York County Community Foundation, you can choose to combine your gift with others to increase the impact in areas your family cares about most. Gifts typically qualify for maximum tax benefit, and you take advantage of the expertise of our professional program staff and investment managers. Your family can establish a fund today and make grant recommendations now or in the future.

York County Community Foundation creates a vibrant York County by engaging donors, providing community leadership, and investing in high-impact initiatives while building endowment for future generations.

Community foundations provide a simple, powerful, and highly personal approach to giving. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals.

You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets to your community foundation. Most charitable gifts qualify for maximum tax advantage under federal law. For more information and ideas on ways to integrate your financial planning with charitable giving, ask your financial advisor or contact your community foundation.

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Ten reasons people choose to give through community foundation

one
We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.

two
Our professional program staff has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.

three
We provide highly personalized service tailored to each individual’s charitable and financial interests.

four
Our funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.

five
We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

six
We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

seven
We offer maximum tax advantage for most gifts under federal law.

eight
We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

nine
We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

ten
We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

Creating a Vibrant York County