

# The *Legacy* of a Foundation

The names echo with familiarity. They are the families who have established America's greatest private foundations. Through the vehicle of a private foundation, these individuals and groups have seen their philanthropic vision take shape, and to a great extent, have defined philanthropy.

In many ways, the private foundation has seemed to be an ideal tool. It allows for involvement in a wide range of charitable causes, while making it possible for the donor to retain complete control of giving decisions.

While a private foundation may have benefits for those with very large assets, it is far from ideal for everyone.

A new strategy brings the lasting legacy of a private foundation to a wider range of families. It is known as the *Donor Advised Fund*. While it is rooted in the same broad charitable support and lasting impact as the private foundation, for many, the DAF offers even greater benefits and increased flexibility.

## For More Information:

- I would like to speak with someone who can provide additional information.
- I would like to receive information on other charitable tax planning options.

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# A LASTING LEGACY



*The Oklahoma United  
Methodist Foundation*

# Exploring the *Donor Advised Fund*

Donor advised funds are becoming ever more popular. With great tax incentives, flexibility in the fund's distributions and a lasting legacy for your family, many United Methodist families are establishing a DAF with the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation.

## **Name Recognition**

Much like a private foundation, the DAF makes it possible to take action today that will bear witness to charitable wishes for future generations. It is a lasting witness to the priorities and values of those whose name adorns the fund. You or an advisory committee of your choosing may advise the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation as to the charitable recipients of the fund.

## **Charitable Giving Flexibility**

A major attraction of the DAF is its flexibility to remain true to your charitable wishes. You can support multiple United Methodist causes and other charities. For example, the fund can make distributions to your church's capitol campaign, annual budget and special offerings throughout the year. Though the



final distribution and administration rests in the hands of the Foundation, you are able to see your desires and goals realized.

## **Economic & Administrative Efficiency**

The cost of establishing and maintaining a private foundation can be considerable, but there is no cost to maintain a DAF. The fund is actually part the Oklahoma United Methodist Foundation, and your fund will benefit from the Foundation's experience of experts in fund management. A DAF can be established with a minimum gift of \$10,000 by using cash, securities or real estate. Deferred gifts may be retirement asset plans, remainder interest of a charitable remainder trust or gift annuity, life insurance or charitable bequests.

Management and administration costs can dramatically reduce a private foundation's charitable grants when they have less than ten million dollars in assets.

## **Income Tax Deductions**

The donor advised fund offers very attractive income tax deductions. The fund allows you to take advantage of tax incentives while deferring decisions on the ultimate disbursement.

Because the fund is managed by the Foundation, it qualifies for the standard charitable income tax deductions. This means



cash gifts are deductible up to 50% of adjusted gross income, and appreciated securities are deductible up to 30%. (Deductions for a private foundation are limited to 30% and 20%, respectively.)

When all of these benefits are considered, it is easy to see why so many families are taking a serious look at the donor advised fund. If you would like more specific information on how a DAF can help you and your family meet your charitable giving desires, you're invited to use the reply form on the reverse side. Our planned giving staff will answer your questions and help you review the options that best meet your needs.