

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

give donors an unparalleled opportunity to:

- Play an active, personal role in their charitable giving;
- Enhance their understanding of community agencies and needs;
- Benefit from the Foundation's experience in fund and grant management;
- Obtain immediate tax benefits; and
- Build an enduring, permanent resource that ensures perpetuation of their charitable presence in the community.

In creating a Donor Advised Fund, donors retain the right, during their lifetimes or during the lifetimes of other advisors they name, to recommend grants to specific organizations or program fields. Donors may consult with the Foundation's staff about community needs, programs and agencies. Grant distributions and investment management are handled by the Foundation.

By establishing Donor Advised Funds, donors have the satisfaction of shaping philanthropic programs that reflect their special interests and concerns. Their giving patterns will guide the Foundation in managing their permanent endowment funds through the years.

The following policies and guidelines have been established to govern the handling of Donor Advised Funds in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Foundation and in keeping with applicable tax regulations.

1. Donor Advised Funds belong to the Foundation and are subject to the terms and conditions of its governing instruments.
2. Donors or other advisors named by the donor when a fund is established are invited to submit

recommendations for grants of \$100 or more to be made from the fund. Such recommendations will be given careful attention. They must be advisory, however, and may not bind the Foundation, which, by law, must have the final authority to determine the use and distributions of all of its funds.

3. Suggestions made by donors will be evaluated to determine that they are consistent with the broad purposes of the Foundation and that recommended agencies are eligible to receive charitable distributions. The Foundation's Board, usually at a regular bi-monthly meeting, then acts upon donor recommendations. Recommendations also can be considered between meetings.
4. Donor Advised Fund grants are made primarily to agencies and institutions within the Marshfield area but also can be awarded to nonprofit agencies in other communities. However, grants to religious organizations for sectarian purposes are usually authorized only from funds that anticipated such use at the time of the gift.

Guidelines for Donor Advised Funds



**If you have questions
regarding Donor
Advised Funds, please
call the Foundation's
Executive Director at
715-384-9029**

5. Donors are strongly encouraged to allocate a portion of the fund's annual distributions (25% or more) to the Forever Fund, a fund that supports the Marshfield Area Community Foundation's administrative costs and Community Grants Program. Community Grants are awarded to special projects identified by the Foundation's Board as critical to our community.
6. Such allocations help the Foundation respond to new opportunities and emerging needs.
7. From time to time the Foundation will call advisors' attention to special community needs and programs and invite participation in special program initiatives. Additionally, foundation staff are always available to consult with fund advisors.
8. In accordance with Treasury Department regulations, grants awarded from Donor Advised Funds may not be used to pay for memberships, dues, or anything that might be perceived as giving material benefit to their donors. In addition, grants may not be used to satisfy a previously committed personal pledge made to a charity by a donor.
9. Grants from Donor Advised Funds are made to nonprofit organizations and may not be made to individuals.
10. Unless the donor wishes to remain anonymous, the Foundation identifies for grant recipients the named funds from which grants are paid, and the grant recipients are encouraged to acknowledge the donor whose generosity made the grant possible.
11. Unless other arrangements are made at the time the fund is established, a Donor Advised fund will be considered a permanent endowment.
12. At the time a Donor Advised Fund is established, donors may recommend other living persons—children, friends, or business associates—as successor advisors to suggest grants from the fund. However, advisors selected by the donor may not name others to serve as their successors.

In the case of "Donor Advised Fund Agreement (Organization)," successors may be identified by position held within the advising organization. This will provide for perpetual advisors as long as the organization continues to exist.
13. The Foundation encourages donors to leave funds as unrestricted as possible upon the termination of the role of the last advisor. At the time the fund is established, however, donors may identify areas of charitable interest for which the fund always will be used.
14. All funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the Foundation's governing instruments, as amended. Among other things, the governing instruments provide that the Foundation has the power to modify and vary any donor direction or restriction in the event it becomes unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.