EVANSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Donor Advised Funds at ECF

Invest in What Matters

WHAT IS A DONOR ADVISED FUND?

A Donor Advised Fund, commonly referred to as a DAF, is a charitable investment account for the purpose of supporting IRS-qualified organizations and the Evanston community you care about.

When you open a DAF with ECF, you help support our mission of building a more vibrant, just, and equitable Evanston.

Quick Facts

- Total number of funds at ECF: **126**
- Number of DAFs: **39**
- Historical average return since 1988: **8.76%**
- Minimum contribution to open a DAF: **$10,000**
- Fund management fee: **1%**

GIVE → **GET** → **GROW** → **GRANT**

GIVE
Fill your named fund with cash, stock, or other assets.

GET
Get an immediate tax deduction to reduce your taxable income while taking time to decide what you'd like to support.

GROW
Your fund grows with ECF's larger pool of assets over time providing you greater growth and lower investment fees.

GRANT
Give with, to, and through ECF with our Grantmaking Partners program, Now Fund initiatives, and more.

BENEFITS OF AN ECF DAF

- Ability to fund ECF's community-led grants as a Grantmaking Partner
- Support innovative programs that promise long-term prosperity
- Streamline your giving through one trusted partner— ECF
- ECF handles all investment management and accounting
- Submit grants with ease through our Fund Advisor Portal
- Your 1% fund fee goes back to supporting Evanston community



OPEN A DAF WITH US

Grow your charitable impact in Evanston and beyond by opening or moving your Donor Advised Fund to ECF. Call or email us to get started.

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