A donor advised fund is a highly personal means of giving that helps donors support their passions, today and in the future. This unique fund type allows you to make a gift to the Arizona Community Foundation or one of its Affiliates and remain actively involved in recommending grants from the fund.

**How it works**
- You make a gift of cash, securities, closely held business interests, real estate or other assets to the Arizona Community Foundation or an Affiliate.
- A special fund is created in your name or the name you select.
- You may receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made and for up to five additional years, if applicable.
- You recommend grants and interest areas to support the causes you care about most, with the option of enlisting advice and support from our professional staff.
- You are not required to grant a certain percentage of the fund annually, allowing you to determine when to distribute gifts from your fund.
- ACF ensures that recipient organizations are IRS-recognized nonprofits in good standing.
- Administrative details and grant distributions are made by ACF in the name of your fund or anonymously, upon request.

**Benefits**
Donor advised funds are convenient, flexible tools for individuals, families and businesses that want to be personally involved in suggesting grant recipients. They are also typically less costly and easier to administer than other forms of philanthropic giving, such as private or corporate foundations.

Your gift can be combined with others to increase its impact, and you can add to your fund at any time, allowing you to become eligible for tax benefits with each new gift. You can establish a fund today and make grant recommendations now or in the future.

**Leave a personal legacy by creating a fund in your name**
Any donor advised fund can be established in your name, your family’s name, or for anyone or anything you wish to honor.

All grants distributed from the fund you establish—today and in the future—are awarded to charities in the name of your fund. It’s a great way to always be involved with, and remembered for, your charitable investment.

Some donors find it rewarding to involve the whole family in recommending nonprofits and programs for grant funding each year. Others who give regularly to several charities simplify their lives with a donor advised fund, letting the Arizona Community Foundation handle the details and deliver the checks.

**Give with a passion, forever**
We’ve been helping donors give with a passion since 1978. In order to serve as good stewards of your charitable gifts and goals, we safeguard donor intent in perpetuity.

Whatever your passion may be, we ensure the resources entrusted to us are protected and invested in positive, sustainable outcomes for our communities.