



# Let's Work Together

## Create a Donor Advised Fund at Greater Worcester Community Foundation

### Donor Advised Funds

You can support the organizations and causes you care most about today and after your lifetime, all while maximizing your financial and tax advantages.

For those who want to play an active role in their charitable giving, a donor advised fund is a wonderful option. Through our Fundholder Portal, you can manage your DAF and make grant recommendations to nonprofits you wish to support. Foundation staff is also available to help you identify potential grantees that align with your charitable goals.

### Why Create a DAF?

#### Involve your children and family in philanthropy

You can appoint successor advisors for generations beyond yourself, and can also determine the ultimate purpose of the fund once the advising period ends.

#### Invest in your community

Hosting your DAF at a community foundation rather than a national institution gives you access to a team that is deeply knowledgeable about Worcester County, its most pressing needs, and the nonprofits working to address them. And your fees support the work of a long-standing local organization created to support the community now and forever.

#### A flexible alternative to private foundations

DAFs are an excellent alternative to establishing a private foundation. They offer broad flexibility, maximum tax benefits, professional administration and no annual minimum payout.

### Quick Facts

- Minimum Size:**  
\$10,000. No maximum.
- Permanence:**  
Option to establish a permanent or unrestricted fund.
- Spending Policy:**  
Permanent funds have a 4.0% payout rate.
- Recognition:**  
Gifts from your fund can be anonymous upon request.
- Location:**  
Grants can be made to any qualified charitable organization in the U.S.
- Fees:**  
**Support Fee Schedule for fund balances:**
  - Up to \$1 million: 1%
  - Between \$1 and \$5 million: 0.75%
  - Between \$5 and \$10 million: 0.50%
  - Over \$10 million: 0.25%

**Investment fee:** 0.90% of fund's market value.

For more information about Donor Advised Funds, contact Kelly Stimson at 508-755-0980, ext. 112 or [kstimson@greaterworcester.org](mailto:kstimson@greaterworcester.org)

# Donor Advised Fund FAQs



## Todd and Shelley Rodman Fund

Shelley and Todd created their donor advised fund to nurture their community in perpetuity.

“Our careers brought us here 30 years ago,” says Shelley. “We stayed for the access to nature and culture. We have great affection and appreciation for Worcester and the quality of life we enjoy here.”

Formerly a fundraiser, Shelley, a Foundation corporator, and Todd, an attorney, serve on multiple nonprofit boards. They regard the Foundation as a trusted partner for philanthropy. “With such endeavors as its nonprofit training program and equity and inclusion initiative, the Foundation leads on region-wide priorities,” says Shelley. “It’s also flexible, supporting emerging organizations as well as anchor institutions.”

*“We’ll enjoy advising on our fund’s grants during our lifetime and [...] we have designated our fund to eventually add to the Foundation’s discretionary funds. We want to help the Foundation remain nimble and address this community’s changing needs.”*

Shelley Rodman

## Once the Fund is created may I or others make additional gifts to it?

Yes. Once a Fund is established, additional gifts of any amount may be contributed to it at any time.

## How often will I receive information about the Fund?

When you open your fund, you will receive access to our online fundholder portal. Through the portal you will be able to view financial information, monthly fund statements and recommend grants.

## How do I make grant recommendations from my Fund?

You can recommend grants at any time through our online portal, mail, email or telephone. Grants are processed and paid within two weeks. All grants are made payable to the charitable organization. You will be able to view the process of the grant payment through the online fundholder portal.

## Can you send me the grant check to give to the charity?

We are not able to send grant checks to the donor or any party other than the organization. Checks are mailed directly by the Foundation to the nonprofit.

## Are there restrictions on the types of grants I can make?

Grant recommendations must be for a charitable purpose. Distributions to individuals are prohibited from DAFs. By law, you cannot suggest a grant to fulfill a charitable pledge, pay for a membership, buy a ticket to a charitable event, or anything for which you receive a personal benefit.

## If I have questions about a nonprofit or area of interest, can you help me?

Yes, we can. Our Program Team will be happy to share their knowledge with you and assist you in any way possible.

## What happens to my DAF after I die?

We offer a number of options to continue your Fund after your lifetime, including naming successor advisors.