

# Why DAFs and SOs are a Gift Planner's Friend



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# Agenda

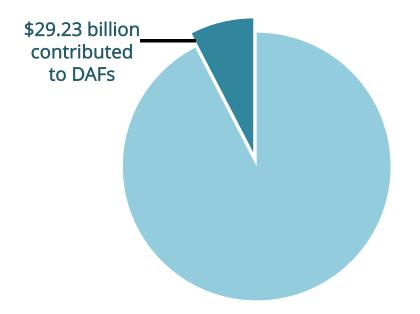
- Why gift planners should care about DAFs and SOs
- Legal definitions and vocabulary
- Commercial DAF providers versus charitable DAF providers
- Donor motivations for creating DAFs
- Myth busters!
- Supporting organizations primer
- Questions

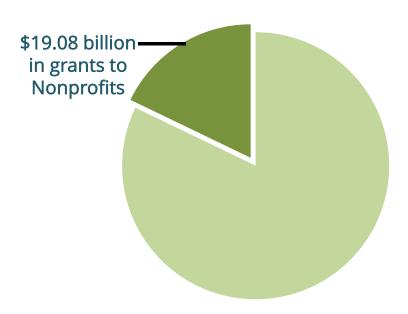


# Grants from DAFs to Nonprofits\*

Total Charitable Funds Raised in 2017: \$410.02 billion\*\*

Total Assets Held in DAFs in 2017: \$110.01 billion





<sup>\*</sup> Data from National Philanthropic Trust's 2018 Donor-Advised Fund Report.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Data from Giving USA 2018



#### Contributions to DAFs\*



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### Nonprofits Encourage DAF Donations





A 9-year-old girl studying at school in Karamoja, Uganda.



# Give from Your Donor Advised Funds

A donor advised fund (DAF) is a type of giving program administered by a third party that allows you to combine the most favorable tax benefits with the flexibility to easily support your favorite charities. It is created for the purpose of managing charitable donations on behalf of an organization, family or individual. An increasingly popular charitable vehicle, DAFs are an excellent way to both simplify your charitable giving and facilitate your strategic philanthropic goals. DAFs allow donors to give cash, stock and other assets where the donor receives an immediate tax deduction when the contribution is made, but can grant specified amounts to the charities of their choice at a later time.

#### **How It Works**

- Establish your DAF by making an irrevocable, tax-deductible donation to a public charity that sponsors a DAF program
- Advise the investment allocation of the donated assets (any investment growth is tax-free)
- 3. Recommend grants to qualified public charities of your choice

#### Main Advantages of Donor-Advised Funds

Donor-advised funds provide a number of benefits that direct donations to a charity may not, including:

- Simplicity The DAF sponsor handles all record-keeping, disbursements, and tax receipts Flexibility – Timing of your tax deduction can be separate from your charitable decision making
- Tax-efficiency— Contributions are tax-deductible and any investment growth in the DAF is tax-free. It is also easy to donate long term appreciated securities, eliminating capital gains taxes and allowing you to support multiple charities from one block of stock
- Family legacy A DAF is a powerful way to build or continue a tradition of family philanthropy
- No start-up costs There is no cost to establish a donor advised fund.

  However, there are often minimum initial charitable contributions to establish the DAF (tupicallu \$5.000 or more)<sup>\*\*\*</sup>



## **Common DAF Sponsors**



Community
 Foundations



 Investment companies with a charitable arm (Fidelity, Schwab, Vanguard)



• Topic institutions

(Universities and colleges and religious foundations)



# Donor Advised Fund: A Relationship





#### How Does a DAF Work?

# The Wendy and Tinkerbell Donor Advised Fund of The Neverland Community Foundation

- I advise a grant to the Humane Society
- Fund Sponsor approves or not
- Fund Sponsor makes a grant to the Humane Society



# Why Do Donors Give to DAFs?

It is.....





## Benefits Provided by DAFs

All charitable dollars are in one place

Flexibility in timing

Potential for growth of charitable dollars

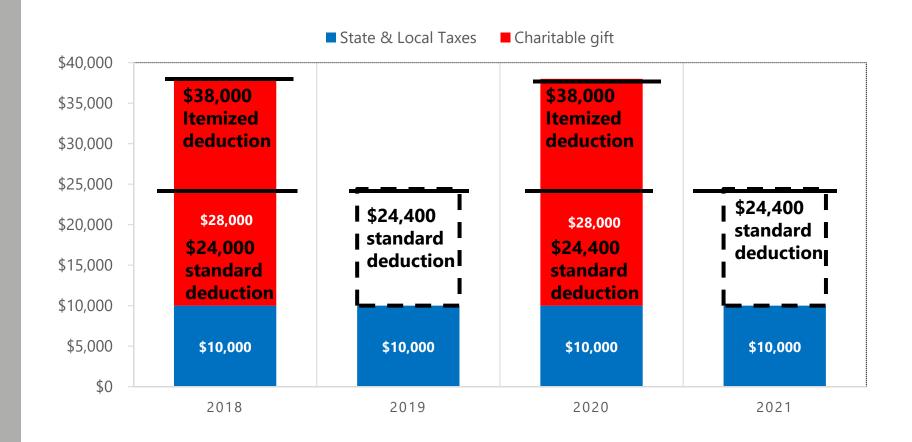
DAF host is better equipped to accept complex assets

Anonymity

Post-advisory planning



## Standard Deduction Change in 2018





#### Downside of DAFs

# Limited list of recipients

- Qualified 501(c)(3)s
- Indian tribal governments
- Government entities
- Churches, schools, and hospitals

# Cannot receive QCDs from IRAs

Challenge for donors over 70.5 years old



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#### Limitations of DAFs

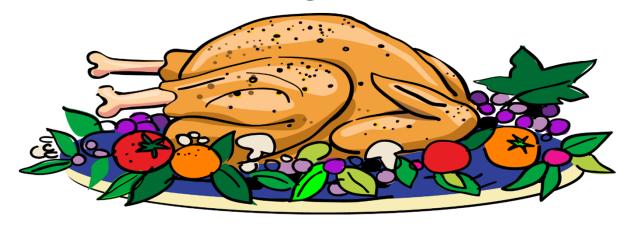




#### Downside of DAFs

# No chicken dinners!

 Tickets to charity events cannot be purchased with grant from DAF





#### Downside of DAFs

# No binding pledges!

Use a letter of intent





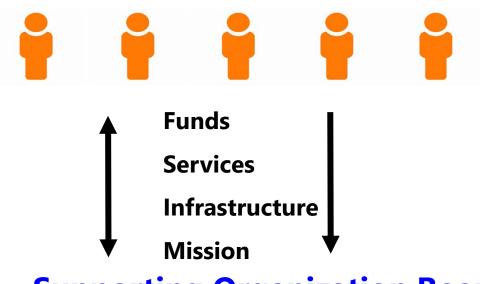
# **Supporting Organizations**





# Structure of a Supporting Organization

### **Supported Organization Board**



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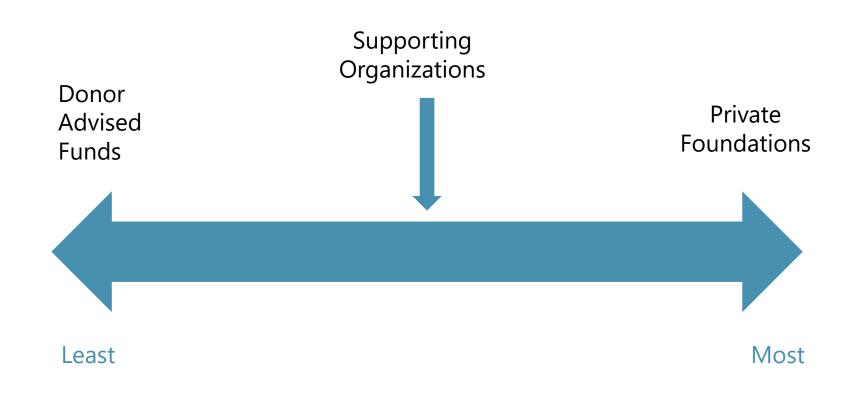








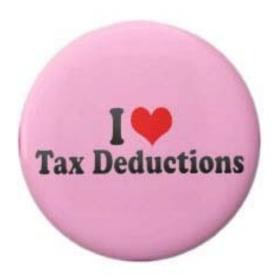
# Spectrum of Control





# Why Donors Like Supporting Organizations







## **Supporting Organizations Technical Points**



Can I control the board of my supporting organization?

Can the supporting organization pay my wife a salary?

It's not like I have to attend board meetings, right?



#### How to Work with Donors with SOs

Ask your donor how to request a grant from the SO:

Will the donor advocate for your nonprofit vis-à-vis the board?

Is there a competitive grant process?

Should your nonprofit give a presentation to the board?



# Why Donors Like Supporting Organizations

# Thank you!



# Questions?





## Still Have a Question?

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