

Donor Advised Funds at KZCF

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Kalamazoo Community Foundation (KZCF) offers Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) as a tax-advantaged tool for individuals who wish to actively participate in giving to a variety of nonprofit organizations and causes.

Anyone can start a DAF with any gift amount. The DAF will become active once the fund balance reaches \$5,000. Like our other funds, these DAFs are invested to grow. We know individuals, families and organizations have many choices regarding where to open a DAF. Here is why you might choose KZCF.

Our returns are competitive.

Compared to the most popular commercial sponsors of DAFs, KZCF offers excellent returns on your investment. Our 10-year return (net of all fees) was 6.7% for our non-endowed DAFs compared to 4.41% and 4.60% for comparable offerings at Fidelity Charitable and Vanguard Charitable, respectively. Better returns mean more money available for your grantmaking.

We are available for you.

If you are savvy with a computer, we offer a donor portal that allows you to be self-sufficient in suggesting grants and monitoring your fund. For the times when you really need someone on the other end of the telephone — or at the opposite end of the table — we are available. Call us, email us or stop by our office to receive in-person service.

We offer local expertise to aid your Kalamazoo County grantmaking.

Since we know you care deeply about nonprofits and initiatives in Kalamazoo County and may want to learn more about them, we can recommend local organizations that are addressing the issues you care most about. We partner with those organizations in numerous ways and are well-equipped to share our local knowledge and expertise with you. We can facilitate your grantmaking to eligible nonprofit organizations in Kalamazoo County or around the country.

We encourage your local engagement.

With a DAF at KZCF, you will be invited to annual site visits and community events. Your relationship with us comes with an invitation to connect with the wider community.

We know a thing or two about philanthropy beyond DAFs.

We respect that you may only be interested in a DAF. However, if you are looking for assistance in amplifying your philanthropic legacy or engaging your family in your values of giving, we can help.

Shop locally and support the local economy.

When you open a DAF at KZCF, the administrative fee we take on your DAF supports our operations, which includes everything from mailing your grant checks to paying our salaries. Opening a DAF at KZCF instead of with a commercial provider is a great way to support us as your neighbors and the local economy.

Our Team

Our Philanthropic Services & Development team is here for you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

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