

Donor-Advised Funds

Why The New York Community Trust?

Opening a donor-advised fund with The New York Community Trust allows you to focus on the joy of giving and leave the rest to us.

As the creators of the world's first donor-advised fund (in 1931!) we offer unparalleled expertise to help you amplify your impact and build deeper connections with the communities, causes, and places you care about.

Our donors are our leading source of referrals. They trust us because of our collaborative approach, unparalleled community insights, and personalized donor support.

The Trust is here to help you amplify your giving and achieve your philanthropic goals. Join us to shape a more equitable and thriving New York.

More Joy Less Hassle Bigger Impact

A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a powerful charitable tool that lets you recommend grants to support the causes you care about the most.

As a donor-advised fundholder at The Trust, you can connect with our knowledgeable staff to identify nonprofits that align with your values and objectives. We're committed to understanding your unique vision and helping you make the greatest possible impact.

Opening a DAF at The Trust offers thoughtful and flexible ways to bring giving into your life. You can create a DAF alone or with family and friends, to honor a loved one or life milestone, or as an efficient alternative to a private foundation. A DAF provides an immediate tax deduction each time you contribute and allows your investments to grow tax-free.

We invest your fund for growth, and its fees are reinvested into our work supporting the region. By partnering with The Trust, you become part of your community's collective power to create lasting change.

OLA, a multiservice Long Island grantee, brings affordable Tai-Chi classes to residents of the East End. Photo by Casey Kelbaugh



Benefits of Grantmaking at The Trust



Philanthropic Advising

Our team of experts is here to help navigate the issues that matter most to you, connect you with nonprofits, and help keep you informed on emerging needs.



Sound Investment

The Trust offers various investment options for your fund. Our team is here to help you choose the one that best aligns with your giving goals and values.



Impact Assurance

Every time you recommend a grant, our team carefully reviews the recipient organization to make sure your gift goes to a trusted nonprofit that is equipped to use it effectively and make the impact you intend.



Community Connection

As a Trust donor, you can choose to engage with like-minded philanthropists, attend exclusive events, and tap into expert insights—deepening your connection to evolving community needs.

Getting Started

1.

Click or Call – We’re All Ears

Our staff are happy to walk you through the steps to start a fund at The Trust. You can quickly open your fund online at thenytrust.org/daf. To open your fund over the phone, call us at (212) 686-2234.

2.

Make Your Gift

We accept a variety of assets, including cash and publicly traded and closely held stock. The minimum amount to start a fund is \$5,000.

3.

Let the Giving Begin!

Once your fund is created and you have made your initial contribution, you can recommend grants of \$250 or more to support the causes and organizations you’re passionate about. Our secure online donor portal, MyGrants, lets you make grant recommendations seamlessly, 24/7. Plus, our team is available to offer guidance and help you make choices that best align with your giving goals.

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