Donor Advised Funds

Donor Advised Funds are a method of contributing to the Funds of the Faith that have several benefits for both the donor and the recipient. Donor Advised Funds are most often established with cash, and/ or appreciated securities (which reduce capital gains), by individuals who wish to reflect their philanthropic goals in a tax effective and convenient manner, by supporting a qualified 501c3 charitable organization such as the National Spiritual Assembly.

Donor Advised Funds are administered by a financial institution i.e. Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable, Vanguard Charitable, or qualified Community Foundation that sponsors charitable organizations. The donor/grantor receives an immediate tax deduction for the year in which the contribution(s) is made to the advised fund, the sponsoring financial institution holds the funds, and the donor has the option of determining how the funds are invested. The funds accrue interest tax-free until the donor is ready to authorize a grant to a designated qualified charity. The National Spiritual Assembly qualifies to receive grants from any Bahá'í who has established a Donor Advised Fund and named the "Assembly" as a grantee. We suggest you consult your financial advisor, and/or tax preparer before making a decision regarding this option. In addition, the rules and procedures i.e. minimum balances required, minimum and maximum of each grant, fees, etc., vary.

The Donor Advised Fund Allows You To:

- Reflect your philanthropic goals in a tax effective manner
- Receive an immediate tax deduction for each contribution
- Contribute appreciated securities and reduce capital gains
- Select from various investment options
- Grow the proceeds in your Donor Advised Fund tax-free
- Avoid estate taxes on contributed assets
- Manage deductions with a single charity receipt
- Consolidate giving