

CAAP CAN SUPPORT YOUR GIVING CIRCLE BY

- Offering advice and training on the following topics:
 - Fundraising
 - Grantmaking
 - Leveraging your network
- Sharing best practices and “tried and true” methodologies
- Leveraging philanthropic resources
- Promotion of your giving circle through CAAP’s digital, print, and word-of-mouth marketing channels
- Providing networking opportunities with other giving circles, local experts in community needs, and professional grantmakers
- We take away the administrative burden and leave you the fun! CAAP staff provides all necessary administrative support including:
- Thanking all your donors and sending them tax letters for IRS purposes (all donors receive a 100% tax deduction from CAAP at the time of their donation)
- Notifying your group of all giving circle contributions and the donor contact information on a regular basis

Contact CAAP to learn more about giving circles and find out how you can start a giving circle in your community!
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GIVING CIRCLES AT THE CENTER FOR ARAB AMERICAN PHILANTHROPY



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Starting or joining a giving circle is a fun and participatory form of philanthropy. When you form a giving circle, you pool your charitable resources with your network of friends and colleagues who share your interests in social causes. Together, you make decisions about the causes that matter most to your group, decide how you want to make change in the world, and then collectively award grants to nonprofit organizations. Many giving circle members also volunteer with the organizations they support financially.

Giving circles are just one way the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP) demonstrates that anyone can be a philanthropist – if they give of their time, talent, or treasure – and that there is so much power in giving together. By starting a giving circle with CAAP, you can make a bigger difference than you could alone, and you will be part of a national movement to increase the visibility of Arab American charitable giving – shaping perceptions and improving communities.



GIVING CIRCLES

GENEROSITY + PASSION + FRIENDS = IMPACT

MAKING AN IMPACT

PASSION:

While there are many ways to go about it, changing the world is a job that requires passion and purpose. At the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), we believe that you can make the most impact if you focus your energy on causes most dear to your heart. What change do you want to make in the world?

GENEROSITY:

Arab culture is renowned for its traditions of generosity and hospitality. Most likely, you already give to many causes that you care about. When you direct your charitable giving towards the causes that matter most to you, you can make a bigger difference. A giving circle is a great tool through which you can focus your passion and generosity.

FRIENDS:

Gather, have a great time, and give back! When friends and family come together with a common purpose, there's no limit to what they can accomplish. By starting a giving circle at CAAP, you not only have the chance to make your passion happen, you do it while having a great time with the people around you and making a bigger impact.

We have the expertise, you have the passion. Let's get started.



STEPS TO FORM A GIVING CIRCLE

Here are some basic steps to get you thinking about starting your giving circle – and, of course, CAAP staff will help you every step of the way.

- 1) Get your group together and hold your first meeting
What are you going to name your group? _____
- 2) Decide what charitable causes matter most to the group
What is your group's mission? _____
- 3) What is your fundraising goal?
How will you raise funds? _____
Some ideas:
Host a fundraising dinner and invite your network
Solicit individual donations, and offer a match
Plan a fun event, such as a movie viewing party, and ask for donations
- 4) Start making grants
CAAP staff will walk your group through the grantmaking process
- 5) Evaluate and celebrate!
Visit grantee organizations
Volunteer
View your impact!

Good to know:

The minimum amount to set up a giving circle fund at CAAP is \$1,000

CAAP charges a 5% administrative fee on all contributions to the fund

All organizations must be 501(c)3 nonprofits to be eligible for funding

Notes:
