

## **Donor-Advised Funds**

A Donor-Advised Fund established with the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP) offers a convenient and hassle-free way for you to give to the causes you care about, while being recognized as an Arab American donor.

## What are the Benefits of Establishing a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)?

- Low minimum of \$1,000 to establish a fund, zero fees and no minimum balance
- You receive an **immediate tax deduction** when you contribute to your DAF and a single tax document will be provided saving you time and hassle (instead of writing 10 to 15 checks to individual charities, and keeping all those receipts, it's collected in one document)
- There is no time restriction on when you make grants from your fund. Make a grant tomorrow or wait several years, it's up to you!
- CAAP staff will handle all the due-diligence and administrative support, including screening all organizations for IRS compliance, and making sure International 501(c)(3)s are not included on terrorist, trade control, or fraud lists
- If you're not sure what charities you'd like to contribute to, we'll make recommendations based on your interests
- The grant checks carry the CAAP name making a bold and powerful statement about Arab American civic engagement. Donations through your fund become part of a movement to empower Arab Americans and change perceptions about our community
- We leverage your philanthropy with other like-minded donors. If a donor shares the same charitable interests as you and is unsure which charity to support, our team may recommend to the donor the charity you support
- Why CAAP? Even if you have a donor advised fund at other entities, a fund at CAAP can be very effective. We are uniquely connected with the community nationally, emphasizing cultural relativism.

## How Does a Donor-Advised Fund Work?

You fill out the donor-advised fund contract and write a check to CAAP in the amount of \$1,000 or more, which establishes a fund in your name or a family member's name

You receive an immediate tax deduction in the year the gift was made

You make recommendations for grants from your fund in the amount of \$250 or more to any 501c3 organization

CAAP conducts all due diligence, including ensuring the recipient organization is a valid 501(c)(3) public charity in good standing with the IRS

CAAP sends grantee organizations a check with an enclosed letter indicating that the donation came from you. Or you can remain anonymous if you wish

You can continue adding to the fund in any amount at any time