# **Donor-Advised Fund**

Flexible Giving With a Personal Touch



### What is a Donor-Advised Fund?

A donor-advised fund, also known as a DAF, is the fastest-growing and most popular charitable giving option today. DAFs offer a strategic way to create a lasting legacy and support a charity you believe in over time, with immediate tax benefits.

With a DAF, money is deposited into a charitable giving account that can grow in value tax free, and can be granted to charities, like the American Neuromuscular Foundation.

#### What Are the Benefits of a DAF?

DAFs offer tax-free growth and provide a flexible range of investment strategies. Most organizations that offer DAFs, accept various types of gifts including cash, marketable securities, real estate, and closely held business interests. The three largest commercial US organizations that offer DAFs are Fidelity, National Philanthropic Trust and Schwab Charitable. Talk to your financial advisor or one of these organizations to learn more about DAFs.

DAFs also allow you to consolidate all your charitable giving, simplifying the process and making it easy to track all your donations. By combining stock donations to a DAF, you can ensure that you meet or exceed standard deductions, maximizing your tax benefits.

You receive an immediate income tax deduction, avoid the capital gains tax on appreciated assets, and have the ability to make grants to charities you want to support like the ANF. Future generations can be appointed to continue your giving legacy.



#### **How Do DAFs Work?**

You make contributions directly to your DAF account. The assets then grow in value, tax-free, while you retain advisory privileges over the fund's disbursements and investment strategy. You then can request recurring donations or a one-time donation to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations, like the American Neuromuscular Foundation. Since the account is "donor-advised", you as the donor, "advise" on which nonprofits receive the funds.

## **Support ANF With a Donor-Advised Fund**



#### **GIVE**

You make an irrevocable tax-deductible donation to a donor-advised fund working with an authorized organization.



You advise the investment strategy for the donated assets – any investment growth is tax-free.

**GROW** 



You **request funds** be distributed to

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the American Neuromuscular Foundation, ideally on a recurring schedule.

To establish a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF), consult your financial advisor or contact one of the national financial service companies like those listed above.

Already have a DAF? Simply request a grant to the ANF!

When including the American Neuromuscular Foundation in your plans, please use our legal name and federal tax ID.



**Legal name:** American Neuromuscular Foundation **Address:** 2621 Superior Dr NW, Rochester MN 55901

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