

AT A GLANCE

NATIONAL DATA REGARDING DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS (DAFs)

GRANTS FROM DAFs

2022 - \$55.53 BILLION

2023 - \$54.77 BILLION

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DAFs

2022 - \$75.94 BILLION

2023 - \$59.43 BILLION

TOTAL CHARITABLE ASSETS IN DAFs

2022 - \$228.93 BILLION

2023 - \$251.52 BILLION

DAF's ANNUAL PAYOUT RATE

2023 - 24%

THE PAYOUT RATE FOR DAF's
HAS BEEN AT OR ABOVE 20%
EVERY YEAR SINCE 2007.

AVERAGE DAF ACCOUNT SIZE

2022 - \$129,206

2023 - \$141,120

NUMBER OF DAF ACCOUNTS

2022 - 1,771,709

2023 - 1,782,281



FROM THE PRESIDENT

With philanthropic support trending toward pre-pandemic patterns, **Donor Advised Funds** (DAF's) remain a very popular charitable giving tool across the US. It is easy to set-up and use a DAF and, it is a tax-advantageous way to support charities and causes you care about. When you create your DAF using assets like cash, stock securities or other appreciated assets you are generally eligible for an immediate tax deduction. Your funds, joined with others, are then conservatively invested for tax-free growth. You can recommend grants from your DAF to any eligible IRS-qualified public charity. You choose the amount and the timing of your allocations. You can make additional contributions to your DAF at any time. You can even name your DAF at the Foothills Community Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, your IRA or life insurance policies. Through your DAF, you can support causes you care about now and in the future. Your DAF can become your Lasting Legacy to the Community you love. One of our fund holders likes to say, "having a DAF at the Foothills Community Foundation is a very convenient way to donate funds to my favorite charities." DAF's are very popular across the country and in our service area for lots of reasons. This New Year may be a good time for you to see if having your own DAF would be good for you. We would be glad to schedule a convenient time for a conversation.



Sincerely,

R. Dean Woods

Dean Woods, President

SAVE THE DATE

DONOR
APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON

MARCH 2, 2025



The Brighter Christmas Fund provided more than 500 Christmas gifts for homeless students in Anderson School Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five in 2024. Thank you to all who helped make this a brighter Christmas for young people in Anderson County.

FUNDHOLDER 101

We have made some exciting changes for our Fundholders including a new fundholder portal. With this change, I felt like this was a good moment to update everyone on the basics of funds and go over the ways to donate to your fund and recommend grants from your fund. As always Dean and I are available to answer any questions that you might have. You can reach either of us at 864/222-9096.



Start a Fund

Find out more about starting your own fund at
<https://foothillscommunityfoundation.org/start-a-fund/>



Mary R. Pickens
Director of Donor Services

WAYS TO GIVE TO YOUR FUND

1. Drop by or mail a check to the Foothills Community Foundation, PO Box 1228, Anderson SC 29622. Make check payable to Foothills Community Foundation and put the fund in the memo.
2. Appreciated Stock – Always a tax-savvy way to avoid capital gains, contact Mary to find out our stock instructions. Stock transfers do not have any identifying information, so we ask that you ALWAYS contact us for the information to make a transfer and let us know what you are sending. With 150+ funds we want to make sure that we credit your fund appropriately.
3. You can donate to funds at our online giving hub at <https://foothillscommunityfoundation.org/donate/>. Many of our scholarships, organizational and field of interest funds have dedicated landing pages. We keep most of our Donor Advised Funds private, but I can send you a link to your page if you would like to give online.



Donate

WAYS TO RECOMMEND A GRANT FROM YOUR FUND

1. We have an existing online form which does not require a login at DONOR> RECOMMEND A GRANT FROM MY FUND
<https://foothillscommunityfoundation.org/recommend-a-grant/>
2. We have a physical form that you can complete, sign, and either mail, fax or email a scan back to me. Or drop by and fill one out in person. Email mary@foothillsfoundation.org for a blank copy.



Recommend a Grant



Fundholder Portal

3. NEW FUNDHOLDER PORTAL – If we have a primary email set up for your Fund, you will be able to sign in with your email address at <https://foothillscommunityfoundation.org/fund-holders/> The system will send you a PIN to login. From here you can view your fund balance, see your history, and create a grant. For a complete guide to using the fundholder portal see the FAQ on the fundholder page.

Contact Mary at (864) 222-9096 or mary@foothillsfoundation.org if you need to set up a primary email for your fund.