

# A Personal Approach to Giving



## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

**Creating a Donor Advised Fund** allows you to make a gift to the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, then remain actively involved in suggesting uses for your gift.

### How it works

- You make a gift to the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia – you can give cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- We set up a special fund in your name, in the name of your family or business, or another name you choose.
- You receive tax benefit in the year your gift is made.
- You recommend uses for the fund – working with our professional program staff to support the causes and organizations you care about most.
- Your recommendations are presented to our community foundation board for approval.
- We handle all the administrative details and issue grants to charities in the name of the fund you establish (if you prefer, grants can be made anonymously).
- Your gift can be placed into an endowment that is invested over time. Earnings from your fund are used to make grants addressing community needs. Your gift – and all future earnings from your gift – is a permanent source of community capital, helping to do good work forever.



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## Maintaining a Family Tradition of Giving

John MacLeod, an archivist and native of Dartmouth, established the JSF Fund at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia in December 2008 in honour of his grandfather - John Simon Fraser MacLeod - who came to Halifax with his wife, Willina Murray MacKay a few years prior to the Halifax Explosion. The MacLeod home quickly became a popular stopping place for those traveling to the city from the Pictou and Earletown areas. This warm maritime generosity was passed down through the MacLeod family. As a child, John learned first-hand the importance of giving back to his community through his parents, Dr. Ian and Marjorie MacLeod, who gave regularly to Symphony Nova Scotia and other local charities. When John's sister Sandra passed away, scholarship funds were established in her honour at Armbrae Academy and the University of King's College and they continue to benefit local students each year.

"I created the JSF Fund at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia because I wanted to create something that would make possible things that might not ordinarily happen if I didn't do something," says John. "I also like the fact that the organization encompasses the entire province, supporting both rural and urban initiatives. This way, all communities can benefit from the Community Foundation."



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**Ten reasons people choose to work with us.**

**one**

We are a **local organization** with deep roots in the province, and part of a nationwide movement whose support we build and share.

**two**

We bring donors to the table as **community builders**, working closely with them to align their philanthropic vision with the community's needs.

**three**

We identify **long-term needs** and opportunities and invest in solutions that let our communities guide their own future.

**four**

We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, and **provide grants** to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives.

**five**

We provide highly **personal and flexible service**, accepting a wide variety of assets and offering donors maximum tax advantage.

**six**

We build **permanent funds** and those that can respond to immediate needs, helping our communities ensure vital futures.

**seven**

We **multiply the impact** of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts.

**eight**

We believe that diversity is strength, so we **bring the entire community together** to stimulate new ideas, build participation and strengthen community philanthropy.

**nine**

We are **transparent and reputable stewards** of community resources, committed to being accountable, accessible and responsive.

**ten**

We build **community vitality** – the unique and essential spirit that flourishes when people believe their community holds possibilities for everyone.



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# Donor Advised Funds

## More benefits

Donor Advised Funds are convenient, flexible tools for individuals, families, businesses, or groups that want to be personally involved in suggesting grants made possible by their gifts. If you have a range of community interests, a Donor Advised Fund may be the ideal vehicle for fulfilling your charitable wishes. They are typically less costly and easier to administer than other forms of philanthropic giving (such as family or corporate foundations). Your gift can be combined with others to increase its impact, and you can add to the fund you establish at any time, receiving tax benefit with each new gift. You can establish a fund today and make grant recommendations now or in the future. And if you endow your gift, it becomes a permanent resource for the community.

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Donor Advised Funds are just one of the many types of endowment funds offered through the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia.

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is a public charitable foundation which works with private donors, communities, and charitable organizations to stimulate charitable giving, establish permanent endowment funds, and support initiatives which make an ongoing difference in communities across Nova Scotia.

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is a proud member of Community Foundations of Canada which serves over 160 member community foundations across Canada. Together these community foundations hold close to \$2.5 billion in assets. In 2008, they received \$230 million in new gifts and granted nearly \$170 million to community organizations throughout Canada.