

Charitable Gift Planning A Priority for Janet and Brian Kramer

Every week Dr. Janet Kramer teaches a health class to chronically ill students at the First State School in Wilmington Hospital, the first full-service public school for chronically ill students in the United States. Janet developed the school in 1985 along with Christiana Care Health System (then the Medical Center of Delaware) and the Department of Public Instruction. Originally part of the Colonial School District, the school is now administered by the Red Clay School District.

As a physician of internal and adolescent medicine, Dr. Kramer recognized that chronically ill children face many challenges in addition to their health. “Once they’re taken out of the school environment, it’s

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difficult for them to fully get back into it,” she observes. “Although many go on to graduate from high school, their education is spotty at critical points during their illness. They lose confidence in their abilities to learn and many defer developing goals for the future. With improvements in medical treatment, the majority of chronically ill youngsters are now living well into adulthood. To reach their individual goals they need an excellent public school education sensitive to their individual challenges, as well as career training after high school.”

However, because a chronic illness imposes years of financial as well as emotional disruptions on the family, there’s usually no money for higher education, points out Janet’s husband, Brian. “We saw a need for some assistance to enable these young adults to lead productive lives, and we decided to help,” he says.

The Kramers created the Youth Opportunity Scholarship Fund at the DCF to provide financial assistance for post-secondary education career development to Delaware students with chronic illnesses. Priority is given to students who have attended the First State School, with awards based on financial need, demonstrated academic promise and potential for success.

The Kramers started the fund with a cash donation; ultimately, it will be augmented with two deferred gifts – a charitable bequest and the proceeds of a life insurance policy. Dr. Kramer hopes that others will



Brian and Janet Kramer visit with Janet’s First State School health class while the students eat lunch.

contribute to the Youth Opportunity Scholarship Fund in order to increase the level of support the fund can provide to students with chronic illnesses.

In addition to education, Brian and Janet include the needy and the environment among their giving priorities. When they were exploring the best way to help the needy, the Kramers realized they could make a greater difference by establishing an endowment fund that will provide funding in perpetuity – rather than making a one-time donation to a single organization. Subsequently, they created the Brian & Janet Kramer Charitable Fund, a DCF field-of-interest fund that provides support for those in need of food, clothing and shelter.

The Kramers will continue to make contributions to the fund during their lifetimes and are leaving a portion of their estate to the fund. The Foundation will use the fund’s income to support organizations that effectively meet the basic needs of Delawareans.

As the Kramers spoke about their charitable giving, Janet noted that she “always wanted to be a doctor.” She enjoyed a 30-year career in internal and adolescent medicine; her most

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◆ *A Planner's Perspective:* *Retirement Plan Assets & Charitable Giving*

By Jordon Rosen, CPA



Our American tradition of philanthropy, and the tax laws that uphold it, is based on a simple premise: each individual knows best which charitable causes and institutions deserve his or her support. The federal government allows a charitable income deduction for assets donated to a qualified nonprofit organization, affording taxpayers the opportunity to support causes that are important to them and their communities. Assets given to family members or other non-charitable beneficiaries often are subject to high taxes that ultimately fund government-sponsored programs.

A contribution of retirement plan assets – whether IRA assets or those from an employer-sponsored 401(k) or profit sharing plan – provides a dramatic example of the importance of choosing the “right” beneficiary. These assets can be subject to estate taxes at the owner’s death, as well as income tax, when they are distributed to the beneficiaries, consuming as much as 75% of the plan value. By choosing to name a charitable organization as the designated beneficiary of these accounts (or a portion of the account), the donor avoids both estate and income taxes. In many cases, it is best to leave retirement plan assets to a charity, while distributing other assets to individuals.

Recent changes in the tax law eliminate a major drawback of naming a charity as beneficiary of a retirement plan account or IRA. Under the old law, if a charity was named as one of the beneficiaries, the pay-out to the other beneficiaries had to be made over a relatively short time (generally five years). The new laws permit the retirement plan to “pay out” the charity’s portion up front and then make payments to the remaining individual beneficiaries over their

life expectancy. The benefit is a longer period of payments to the beneficiaries.

When you use your IRA or 401(k) plan assets to set up a Donor-Advised Fund at the DCF, you are creating a win-win situation for your heirs and the community. A Donor-Advised Fund will help you foster a lifetime of philanthropy for your heirs by allowing them to recommend charitable distributions each year – and the community will benefit from your generosity forever.

Contact your tax or estate planning advisor for information about making a charitable gift of retirement plan assets. To learn more about Donor-Advised Funds and other strategic gift planning options available through the DCF, call Mary Hopkins, Director of Gift Planning, at 302/571-8004, ext. 224 or visit www.delcf.org.

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For Professionals:

Check the DCF Web site, www.delcf.org, for a related article by Christopher R. Hoyt, legal counsel to The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. “When A Charitable Trust Beats A Stretch IRA” originally appeared in the May 2002 issue of *Trusts and Estates* magazine.

◆ *Janet and Brian Kramer*

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recent position was as Director of Adolescent Medicine at Christiana Care. Brian was a chemist with Hercules and retired as Director of Technology for the Paper Chemicals business.

Today the Kramers are at the stage of their lives when giving back is very important to them. “We’ve been very fortunate,” notes Brian. “We came from poor backgrounds, but we always had the basics and a supportive educational environment.” They started college at a Penn State satellite campus in Northern Pennsylvania, then went on to achieve success on the main campus, aided by the encouragement of some special faculty members. Both Janet and Brian were the first college graduates in their families.

The Kramers now support Penn State with a scholarship fund for Eberly College of Science students and through the college’s Alumni Society and Campaign Committees. Janet is immediate past

president of the Alumni Society’s Board of Directors and is also active in other causes of importance to her, including MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine Alumni Association, Delaware Center for Justice, SURJ, League of Women Voters and Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition.

The Kramers have given considerable thought to their giving priorities and they believe it is important for others to have a plan for giving that includes determining priorities and the best ways to contribute to areas of personal interest. In their efforts to carry out their own plan, Janet and Brian Kramer discovered that the Delaware Community Foundation provides “expertise and the most convenient way” to support two of their special areas of interest – education and the needy – today and for generations to come.

To learn how you can start a charitable fund at the Delaware Community Foundation, please call Mary Hopkins, Director of Gift Planning, at 302/571-8004, ext. 224 or visit www.delcf.org.

New Additions to the Family

We appreciate the thoughtfulness and commitment to the community of the individuals, families and organizations that established funds between September 1, 2001 and April 30, 2002.

Deferred Funds

Anonymous (1)

Field-of-Interest Fund

Lane McAlister Fund - Established through the estate of Lane L. McAlister to support charitable organizations that work for the benefit of animals or work with animals for the benefit of elderly, disabled or disadvantaged persons.

Donor-Advised Funds

Seven new Donor-Advised Funds were established by individuals and families who would like to carry out their charitable giving in a convenient, cost effective and flexible way. These funds give the advisors the ability to make grant recommendations to individual charities and to pass the fund to the next generation to continue the family's philanthropy. Listed below are the funds and the names of the individual(s) who established them, along with other pertinent information.

Sarah E. Brown Fund - Established by Dr. Sarah E. Brown.

Gilman Family Fund - Established by Muriel E. Gilman to promote affordable home ownership.

Paul and Mary Ellen King Charitable Fund - Established by Dr. and Mrs. Paul C. King Jr.

Emma Kim McCoy-Johnson Fund - Established by Lori McCoy and Bruce Johnson in memory of their five-year old daughter, Emma Kim, who died in April after a two-year battle with leukemia.

The Magnolia Fund - Established by an anonymous donor.

Our Wish Foundation Fund - Established by Terry and Ben Smith.

SBSN Charitable Fund - Established by Bill and Sarah D'Alonzo.

Designated Fund

William Poole IV / William Poole V Memorial Fund - Established by Carroll and Elizabeth Poole to provide long-term financial support for the Delaware Nature Society.

Scholarship Funds

Steven Wesley Beheler Memorial Fund - Established by the Delcastle Athletic Boosters to provide scholarship awards to seniors at Delcastle Technical High School who have played at least one varsity sport.

Cape Thespian Scholarship Fund - Established by the Cape Henlopen School District to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Cape Henlopen High School to support their further studies in the field of theatre arts.

James Jamieson Memorial Scholarship Fund - Established by Wilmington Dance, Inc. to provide scholarship assistance for students of dance.

Margaret A. Stafford Scholarship Fund - Established by Miss Stafford, who worked as a nurse for almost 50 years, to provide financial support for college students who are pursuing a career in nursing.

Henry H. Stroud, MD Memorial Scholarship Fund - Established by Dr. Stroud's wife, Eleanor B. Stroud, with the encouragement of daughters Elisabeth S. Poole and Eileen S. Clark, to provide financial assistance to Delawareans attending medical school.

Wilmington Country Club Centennial Scholarship Fund - Established by the country club to assist caddies, employees and dependent children of employees who are pursuing studies at an accredited educational institution.

Nonprofit Endowment Funds

The following nonprofit organizations established endowment funds at the DCF to ensure their financial future. A brief description of each organization and its Web site address (if available) is included.

Claymont Community Center - The community center offers a wide range of counseling and health services; provides a public health clinic and food closet; and houses many organizations that provide other services for children, adults and seniors in the community.

Delaware Nature Society - The Nature Society fosters understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the natural world through education; preserves ecologically significant areas; and advocates stewardship and conservation of natural resources. (<http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org>)

Greater Lewes Foundation - The Foundation works "to maintain and improve the quality of life in the greater Lewes Community." It has saved important landmarks and parcels of land; co-sponsored environmental conferences with the University of Delaware College of Marine Studies; and helped arts and humanities groups find a permanent home.

Lewes Historical Society - The Society restores and preserves architecture; collects furnishings, art and other artifacts; has established the premier archives for the study of Lewes history, culture and commerce; and teaches about Lewes' unique heritage. (<http://www.historiclewes.org>)

St. Michael's Day School & Nursery - St. Michael's provides affordable, multicultural, early childhood education and child care in a Christian atmosphere. It offers scholarship assistance for families unable to pay full tuition. (<http://www.stmichaelsde.org>)

◆ *After School Programs Enrich Children's Lives*



Students enrolled in the AP program enjoy activities that help them develop conflict resolution and management skills. The after school program is conducted by Jewish Family Service of Delaware at New Castle County community centers.

The lives of thousands of youngsters who attend after school programs throughout the state have been enriched over the past three years, thanks in part to grants provided by the DCF. The Foundation awarded a total of \$570,000 - 53 separate grants - to agencies that provide stimulating after school programs for high-risk lower and/or middle school children.

Two of Delaware's leading social service agencies - Jewish Family Service of Delaware (JFS) and Catholic Charities - had the distinction of receiving DCF after school program grants all three years of the grantmaking program.

JFS was awarded a total of \$42,000 over three years to provide professional staff for its AP Program (Academic Achievement and Personal Enrichment). This prevention program is for youth ages 9 to 14 who have demonstrated difficulty in their home, school and community center environments. It promotes educational and individual success and increases the students' connection and commitment to these environments before they reach high school.

"This creative after school program has included unique group activities, such as media matters and music movement, which are instrumental in introducing the youth to conflict resolution and management skills," observed Dory Zutuchni, JFS Executive Director.

The CASA After School Program, operated by Casa San Francisco/Catholic Charities at Brittingham Elementary School in Milton, has received a \$3,000 DCF grant each of the past three years. The grants have been used for staff, materials and field trips. The

program serves two dozen Brittingham students, providing them with a snack, help with their homework and supervised free time in the same building where they spend the school day.

Forty-seven agencies requested a total of \$576,239 in funding for the final year of the after school grantmaking program. The DCF Grants Committee made site visits to 26 agencies and awarded \$200,000 to 22 programs. Funding for the after school program grants is made possible by the DCF's unrestricted endowment funds. These funds allow the Foundation to address community concerns as they emerge and change over time. (A new program grant focus will be announced in July - see page 5.)

Listed below are the 22 programs that received after school program grants this year and the amount awarded to each. A brief description of each grant can be found on the DCF Web site, www.delcf.org, or can be obtained by calling Beth Bouchelle, Program Associate, at 302/571-8004, ext. 239.

New Castle County (\$109,500)

Debnam House - Cathedral of St. John	\$7,500 *
Delaware Association for Children of Alcoholics	\$5,000
Delaware Cooperative Extension	\$15,000
East Side Charter School	\$9,000 *
Edgemoor Community Center	\$5,000
Jefferson Street Child Care Center	\$5,000
Jewish Family Service of Delaware	\$15,000 **
Kingswood Community Center	\$15,000
Kuumba Academy - Christina Cultural Arts Center	\$8,000
New Knollwood Civic Association	\$10,000
West End Neighborhood House, Inc.	\$5,000
YMCA Resource Center of Delaware	\$10,000

Kent County (\$71,000)

Dover Educational and Community Center	\$10,000
City of Harrington Youth Center	\$5,000 *
House of Pride	\$20,000
St. Paul AME Church	\$6,000
Whatcoat Social Service Agency	\$15,000
Whatcoat United Methodist Church	\$15,000

Sussex County (\$14,500)

Boys & Girls Club - Georgetown	\$6,500
Casa San Francisco/Catholic Charities	\$3,000 **
First State Community Action Agency - KidsUSA	\$5,000 *

Kent & Sussex Counties (\$5,000)

People's Place II	\$5,000 *
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* Programs that also received a grant in one of the two previous years.

** Programs that received a grant each of the three years.

◆ *This Legacy Will Give Someone Independence*



The Delaware Community Foundation is proud to introduce one of its most unique partners in philanthropy, Legacy, a Black Labrador puppy, who is being trained by Canine Partners For Life (CPL) to become an assistance dog. The Foundation

was given the privilege of naming the puppy last fall.

Legacy currently is being raised by two inmates at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women. According to Dave Monzo, CPL's Director of Development, "Legacy is thriving and more advanced than the other puppies in puppy homes. He is working on skills we normally do not work on until the pups are in the kennel."

Legacy will return to the CPL kennel to perfect and expand these obedience skills and learn the particular skills needed to assist a disabled individual.

Canine Partners For Life trains assistance dogs to help individuals who have mobility impairments become more independent. CPL is among more than 90 nonprofit organizations that have established endowment funds at the Delaware Community Foundation to help secure their financial future.

For more information about the benefits of starting a nonprofit endowment fund at the DCF, visit www.delcf.org or call the Foundation at 302/571-8004. Additional information about Canine Partners For Life is available at www.k94life.org or by calling 610/869-4902.

◆ *Delaware Speaks Up on Community Needs*

What community needs can the DCF help Delaware meet in the near future? That's the question the Grants Committee has been asking Delawareans as the Foundation carries out the process of determining its next program grant focus. The Committee will make its decision based on the results of a needs assessment survey; information presented and opinions expressed at a public forum; and the experiences of the committee members as community volunteers.

A Needs Assessment Survey was sent to several hundred nonprofit organizations and businesses. Respondents, who were asked to give their opinions about close to 30 issues, ranked education, health care affordability, affordable housing, youth violence and substance abuse as the most important issues facing Delaware. Other general issues on the survey included arts, culture and humanities, civil rights, economic development and employment, environment, homelessness, human services and hunger.

A public forum held in April at Delaware Technical & Community College's Terry Campus in Dover featured presentations by three community leaders who were invited to speak on their areas of expertise. Members of the audience had the opportunity to ask questions and give their opinions about community needs.

Cari DeSantis, Cabinet Secretary, The Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, presented statistics on the large number of families and teens in Delaware who are affected by substance abuse and the programs that are needed. Other needs seen by Secretary DeSantis are: more foster and adoptive parents; residential living programs for young adults who have aged-out of foster care; parenting skills classes for families living in poverty, especially for

those headed by a single parent; and additional mentoring and after school programs for children living in poverty.

Kent County community leader Linda Chick focused many of her comments on developing schools as community hubs. She believes school buildings are under-utilized and should remain open in the evenings for community activities; Wellness Centers should have extended hours and be available in middle schools; and early substance abuse prevention should be a goal for elementary schools. She noted that bus transportation for children participating in after school activities has been cut in areas of rural southern Delaware - and should be restored. She also suggested that grassroots community and faith-based organizations would benefit from seed money and mentoring from larger, well-established organizations.

Lolita Lopez, President and CEO of Westside Health in Wilmington, spoke about the benefits of community-based health care. She noted there are an increasing number of minorities without access to health care and that language and transportation barriers often prevent access to primary medical, dental and mental health services. Insurance rates are rising rapidly and 100,000 Delawareans have no medical insurance, including a growing population of elderly poor people.

The Grants Committee is in the process of reviewing the information and opinions received from the community and will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors in June. The new focus for program grants will be announced in July and applications will be available at that time. The deadline for submitting grant applications is September 30.

There is Still Time To Join Our Circle of Friends

The DCF's Friends are helping us connect people who care with causes that matter. Annual support from our Circle of Friends enables the Foundation to research community needs, enhance grantmaking programs, customize services to nonprofits, work with individuals to meet their charitable goals and provide a lasting resource for future generations.

We hope you will join this special group of Delawareans who, like true friends, make a lasting impact on the lives of others. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible contribution to the Delaware Community Foundation by June 30. For further information, contact Rebecca Baeurle at 302/571-8004, ext. 230.

Remember, a strong community depends on the support of friends like you.

Investment Report

*By Paul H. Harrell Jr., Chairman
Investment Committee*



For the three-month period ending March 31, 2002, the U.S. equity markets and fixed income markets were basically flat. Fortunately, the DCF consolidated portfolio performed much better than the overall markets and also outperformed our benchmark.

The performance numbers and comparisons for the first quarter of 2002 are as follows:

DCF	+1.70%	S & P 500	+0.28%
Blended Benchmark	+1.07%	NASDAQ	-5.39%

All of our managers, except one, outperformed their indexes in their respective categories. Our asset allocation is currently approximately 65% equities and 35% fixed income.

The year 2002 is shaping up as a volatile market that is increasingly difficult to predict, but we believe the DCF portfolio will continue to surpass the benchmark and outperform the market in general. We are confident the DCF has the correct asset allocation and we will monitor our managers monthly to make certain the DCF portfolio continues to outperform the market.

Rodel Charitable Foundation Focuses on Public Education

The Rodel Charitable Foundation of Delaware, a supporting organization of the DCF, has been engaged in a year-long strategic planning process that has resulted in its public education focused mission and goals. The process has included meetings with over 150 organizations and individuals; focus groups with educators, community members and parents; and review of local and national education research.

The mission of the Rodel Charitable Foundation of Delaware is to assist Delawareans in achieving the finest public education system in the nation by 2012. In order to achieve this mission, RCF-DE has identified the following four goals:

- Support increased parental leadership focused on improving student achievement;
- Support the development and creation of high-quality educational options;
- Support leadership, policy and advocacy focused on school reform at all levels - student, parent, teacher, administrator, school board, community and elected officials; and
- Research, evaluate, and disseminate the information and actions that will ensure our ultimate success.

President and CEO Stephanie Clark Fitzgerald and the RCF-DE team appreciate the efforts of the individuals who participated in the meetings and focus groups, thus helping to define RCF-DE's mission and initial focus. Please contact Stephanie or her assistant, Carla Spady, at 302/571-8004, ext. 232, for further information about the Rodel Charitable Foundation. RCF-DE's new mailing address is 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 704, Wilmington, DE 19801.

Volunteers in the News

The DCF is fortunate to have some of Delaware's most talented and dedicated citizens serving on its Board of Directors and committees. In recent months several DCF volunteers have been recognized by various organizations for their service and achievements in the community. The staff of the DCF congratulates the volunteers listed below and thanks all Board and committee members who give so generously of their time and talents to further the Foundation's mission.

- **Lynn Herrick Sharp** - Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award
- **Muriel E. Gilman** - J. Thompson Brown Award (Children & Families First)
- **Sally V. Hawkins** - Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year (New Castle County Chamber of Commerce and New Castle Business Ledger)
- **Antoine J. (Tony) Allen** - Presidential Citation for Outstanding Achievement (University of Delaware)
- **Samantha Facciolo (Youth Philanthropy Board)** - Prudential Spirit of Community Award

◆ *Expanding Philanthropy in Southern Delaware*



The February meeting of the Southern Delaware Advisory Council was attended by (from left): Gene Bayard, Paul King, Wayne Holden, Buck Smith, David Burton, Sherman Townsend, Bob Dickerson, John Hollis and Doug Lundblad.

Whether you're from New Castle, Kent or Sussex County, the way you view life in Delaware's two southern counties may be different than your idea of life "above the canal." However, the actions of one Southern Delawarean – John Hollis, Director of the Delaware Community Foundation's Southern office in Georgetown – counter the widespread image of a more leisurely pace of life in this part of the state.

Since John took over the Southern office in January, he has been on a fast track to make the DCF better known to Kent and Sussex County residents. Working out of an office on the Owens Campus of Delaware Technical & Community College in Georgetown, which the college has generously donated, John has been speaking to nonprofit organizations, service clubs and community groups and meeting with government officials, community leaders and prospective donors.

He arranged briefings for the general assembly to provide legislators with information about the Foundation and its future plans. John organized a "media appreciation" day at the John Williams Conference Center in Millsboro to acquaint the Southern Delaware media with the DCF and the services the Foundation is providing through its Southern office. The event was an unqualified success, resulting in numerous newspaper articles and radio and television interviews.

Southern Delaware Advisory Council

John has been supported in his efforts by a very active Southern Delaware Advisory Council, chaired by David G. Burton of Milford. The Council also includes Vice Chairman Eugene H. Bayard, Esq., Georgetown; Robert E. Dickerson, Selbyville; D. Wayne Holden, Dover; Douglas W. Lundblad, Esq., Georgetown; Mary Jane Richter,

Dover; George B. "Buck" Smith, Esq., Georgetown; and Sherman L. Townsend, Dover.

The Council is researching land trust and other issues unique to Southern Delaware and exploring ways to develop greater interest in long-term charitable giving among area individuals and businesses. The council met with David N. Michaud, President of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (Salisbury) to learn how another community foundation in the area operates.

Allen Leadership in Philanthropy Award

Last October, the Southern Delaware Advisory Council and DCF hosted a reception and dinner attended by 150 people to honor Charles C. Allen Jr. and Warren L. Allen for their charitable achievements in Delaware. In recognition of the Allens' leadership, generosity and ongoing commitment to Delaware, the DCF announced the establishment of the Allen Leadership in Philanthropy Award and named Charles and Warren Allen its first recipients. This award will be given to philanthropic leaders whose vision and generosity will effect positive change in Delaware for years to come.

"The Allen family serves as an inspiration to all Delawareans to support their communities, today and in the future," said Judith H. Hoopes, Chairman of the DCF Board of Directors. "They represent the best in philanthropy - they are caring citizens who have experienced success in their own lives and are giving back to the communities that contributed to their success. Best of all, they are making certain that future generations will benefit as well."

The Allen brothers are life-long Southern Delawareans best known for building Allen Foods, Inc. into an international corporation. Growing up in the house that is now the headquarters of the family business, Charles and Warren learned the importance of faith, family and community. Motivated by these beliefs, they established charitable funds at the Delaware Community Foundation in 1993 - funds that will continue to grow and to give forever. They are also leaving a substantial portion of their remaining estates to these funds, from which their sons will make gifts for years to come.

In recent years the Allens have donated more than \$6.5 million to the University of Delaware, Princeton University, CHEER Senior Center, Boys & Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts and many other organizations in Delaware. More information about the charitable achievements of Warren and Charles Allen can found on the DCF Web site, www.delcf.org.

To learn more about the Delaware Community Foundation and its work in Southern Delaware, please contact John Hollis at 302/858-5448. His office will remain in the Jason Building on Delaware Tech's Owens Campus until a permanent location is found in Georgetown.

New DCF Web Site Offers More Information On Line



If you use the World Wide Web as a source of information, you'll want to visit the DCF's newly expanded Web site at www.delcf.org to learn about:

- The Foundation's involvement in the community since 1986
- The wonderful people who have funds at the DCF
- Starting a fund that meets your charitable goals and community needs
- Strategic gift planning for donors and financial professionals
- Recommending a distribution from your donor-advised fund
- Guidelines for applying for a grant or scholarship

A special section for financial and estate planning professionals provides the DCF's guidelines for funds; information about charitable gift planning; and access to a Planned Gifts Calculator and other services offered by GiftLaw.

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