

# Gift Agreement to Establish a Donor-Advised Fund

Please complete this agreement to establish a donor-advised fund (DAF) with an irrevocable gift of at least \$2,500. If you have questions or require assistance, please call The Advise Us Fund at 708-800-8474.

## 1. Create a Fund Name

Please use the word "Fund" when creating your account name (for example, "Our Family Name Charitable Gift Fund"). Unless you request anonymity when recommending grants, this name will appear on all correspondence related to grants made from your donor-advised fund. For legal reasons, we cannot accept Fund names containing the word "foundation", "endowment" or "trust".

## 2. Provide Donor information

Please identify the owners of the assets gifted to establish the donor-advised fund. All information on individual owners, joint owners, trustees and/or co-trustees must be provided below (please attach additional sheet(s) if more than one additional donor, with all information for each donor).

*Primary Donor* (default recipient for all Fund correspondence)

State	Zip	
State	Zip	
	none	
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	State	StateZip

## Additional Donor (optional)

Title		
First Name		
Middle Name		
Last Name		
Social Security Number		
Legal Address		
City	State	Zip
Mailing Address (if different)		
City	State	Zip
Home Telephone		hone
Email Address		

# 3. Designate Successor(s) and/or Beneficiaries

Fund donors have the following options upon death, incapacity, refusal of service, or other disqualification of all primary and additional donors, please select among these options:

- Name individuals, such as children or grandchildren, as successor-advisors and retain the assets in the existing fund;
- Name individuals as successors and split the fund equally among new donoradvised funds for each successor advisor named below (the minimum initial amount for each new account is \$5,000);
- Recommend that a charitable organization receive part or all of the balance; or
- Transfer fund assets to one or more of The Advise Us Fund's Charitable Initiatives.

No successive advisor may transfer the advisement of the fund to another advisor.

If a successor is not named then the remaining assets will be transferred to a Charitable Initiative of The Advise Us Fund as selected by The Advise Us Fund's Board of Directors.

Primary and additional fund donors may select any combination of successors but total successor allocation must total 100 percent. This selection can be changed during the lifetime of the fund donor(s).

## Name individual successor-advisor(s) (please attach any additional if more than one)

First Name		Percent of Fund
Middle Name		%
Last Name		
Social Security Number		
Date of Birth		
Email Address		
Relationship to Primary Accou	Int Holder	
Legal Address		
City	State	Zip

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## Name a Charitable Organization (please attach any additional if more than one)

Organization Name		Percent of Fund
Federal Taxpayer ID		%
Phone		
Legal Address		
City	State	Zip

\*All recommendations of charitable beneficiaries are subject to review to ensure they meet Federal charitable standards at the time of distribution.

Transfer assets to a Charitable Initiative of The Advise Us Fund (please indicate a percentage of the Fund for each Charitable Initiative you select). The selection(s) will also serve as the designation of the fund if it goes into dormancy or if the charitable advisement is not approved, permitted, or able to be completed.

- Programming support for grass root charities
- Consultative support for grass root charities
- The Advise Us Fund's Continuity Fund (annual grants of the board of directors)
- The Advise Us Fund's Founders Fund (annual grants to support philanthropic innovation and research)

Percent of Fund _	%
Percent of Fund _	%
Percent of Fund _	%

Percent of Fund \_\_\_\_\_%

## 4. Irrevocable Contribution

Contributions to the fund can include marketable securities, including mutual funds and cash. Initial contributions must be in the amount of \$2,500 or above. All contributions are irrevocable and given unconditionally. Donors are asked to consult their tax advisors regarding deductibility.

## Cash Equivalents

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- Check \$\_\_\_\_\_(Please make all checks payable to The Advise Us Fund)
- Wire \$\_\_\_\_\_ Bank Name\_\_\_\_\_ (Please call at 708-800-8474 prior to wiring for instructions. The Advise Us Fund cannot initiate wire transfers.)

## Securities, Mutual Funds or Bonds

A completed Letter of Instruction is required to complete this transaction. To complete this form you may be required to secure a Medallion Signature Guarantee. Please note, a notary is not a Medallion Signature Guarantee.

Name of Security/Bond/Mutual Fund	l
Symbol (if applicable)	
Number of Shares	
Approximate \$ Value	

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(If additional contributions are being made, please photocopy this form and clearly indicate information on additional assets of Security/Bond or Mutual funds.)

### Security certificates held in personal possession

All certificates must be endorsed by writing "The Advise Us Fund" between the words "appoint" and "attorney" in the space provided on the back of the certificate. Date and then sign the certificate EXACTLY as your name appears on the front, and have your signature Medallion Signature Guaranteed. Please note, a notary is not a Medallion Signature Guarantee.

Name of Stock	 
Number of Shares	
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(If additional contributions are being made, please photocopy this form and clearly indicate information on additional security certificates held in personal possession. If you desire to transfer the shares electronically, please contact us at 708-800-8474 for instructions.)

## 5. Investment Pool Recommendation

Your donor-advised fund may be invested in one of the investment options provided by The Advise Us Fund. Donor-advised funds are charged an annual administrative and investment assessment based on fund balances.

# Recommend one of the portfolio options below:

Broad Equity	S&P 500 Equity	
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund 70%	Vanguard 500 Index Fund 70%	
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund 25%	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund 25%	
Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund 5%	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund 5%	

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#### Social Responsibility Equity

Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund 65% Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund 30% Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund 5%

### S&P 500 and International Equity

Vanguard 500 Index Fund 35% Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund 35% Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund 25% Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund 5%

Balanced	Fixed Income
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund
25%	5%
Vanguard Short-Term Government Bond Fund 20%	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund 40%
Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	Vanguard Short-Term Government Bond Fund
20%	40%
Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund	Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund
25%	15%
Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund 10%	

I understand that my above recommendation is advisory only and The Advise Us Fund may

- at its sole and absolute discretion, follow or decline to follow my recommendation;

- at any time, at its sole and absolute discretion, change the investment of all or any portion of the assets in my Fund;

- if my recommendation is accepted, administer the investments in accordance with the investment policy of The Advise Us Fund;

Furthermore, I understand that all exchange-traded funds are subject to market and interest rate fluctuation risks, and any gain or loss generated by the above investments will be credited or charged to your Fund accordingly; and an asset allocation is no guarantee of future results

Should you require more information about our investment options, please visit our website <u>www.adviseus.org</u> for up-to-date information on these exchange-traded funds.

## 6. <u>Fees</u>

The Advise Us Fund strives to keep its fees among the lowest in the industry. In addition to the investment fees included in exchange-traded funds, an annual administrative fee is also charged. This administrative fee is taken quarterly. The current fee schedule:

Fund Balance	Administrative Fees
Fund balance up to	20 basis points
\$999,999	(0.20%)
Fund balance over	15 basis points
\$1,000,000	(0.15%)

By signing this agreement, you acknowledge your acceptance of the fees schedule and understand that it is subject to modification at the sole discretion of The Advise Us Fund Board of Directors. Donors will be notified of any changes in writing and agree to be bound by the most current fees charged to your Fund.

## 7. Agree to Terms

I hereby request that The Advise Us Fund open a donor-advised fund in the name I have indicated on this form. I have read and agree to be bound to the terms of The Advise Us Fund's Giving and Investment Practices as adopted by the Board of Directors.

This also serves as my written authorization to irrevocably transfer ownership of the assets specified on this form to the Advise Us Fund. I understand that any contribution once accepted by The Advise Us Fund represents an irrevocable contribution and is not refundable under any circumstances. I understand that if I make close to year-end contributions, for tax purposes, the effective date of my contribution could be realized in the next calendar year.

I understand that if there is more than one donor for the donor-advised fund, each donor may act individually and without notice to any other party, as if each were the sole donor, including making grant recommendations and fund changes with the exception of removing a donor from the fund.

I understand that I may make recommendations as to the investments of the donor-advised fund, as well as recommending grants to charitable organizations from the fund. Further, I understand that these are only recommendations and The Advise Us Fund makes all final decisions concerning donor-advised funds. I agree to the annual administrative and investment fees associated with the management of the fund and accept that these will be deducted from the donor-advised fund.

I also understand that no recommendation made by me shall benefit me or any person, corporation, partnership, trust or estate affiliated with me. Additionally, I understand that the donor-advised fund may not be used to discharge or satisfy a charitable pledge or obligation that is legally enforceable against me or any other person. I recognize the donor-advised fund may not be used to pay for any good or services of value including charitable events that include benefits to me or other attendees I designate.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information provided in this Agreement is accurate, and I will notify The Advise Us Fund in writing of any errors or changes. Further, I confirm that I have full authority to enter into this agreement.

Signatures Required – all Fund donors must sign below (please attach any additional donor signatures):

Primary Donor Signature	Date
Additional Donor Signature	Date
The Advise Us Fund Signature	Date

The Advise Us Fund is an IRS 501(c)(3) charity. All information provided is general and educational in nature. It is not intended nor should be construed as legal and/or tax advice. The Advise Us Fund does not provide legal or tax advice. Consult an attorney or tax advisor regarding your specific legal or tax needs.