

LEHIGH VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# CAUSE CONNECTION

Connecting people who care to causes that matter

Tailoring Impact for Local Causes

### Year-End Charitable Giving Through Your Donor-Advised Fund

As the year approaches its end and the spirit of giving resonates, it's vital to consider not just the act of philanthropy but the targeted impact it can make, especially within our local community. Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) have emerged as a powerful vehicle for strategic giving and leveraging them for year-end philanthropy can significantly enhance the positive outcomes of your generosity while ensuring local causes benefit optimally.



#### **Make Your Giving Local**

Serving the Lehigh Valley... Consider allocating your year-end contributions through the Community Foundation, which has an innate understanding of the local issues and community needs. With established connections and a commitment to the region's success, LVCF serves as a prime choice for donors who wish to make a difference right here, in our Lehigh Valley.

### **Maximize Your Impact**

By channeling your year-end contributions through a Donor-Advised Fund, you can **strategically distribute funds to support causes close to your heart**. Utilize our deep knowledge of the region and its nonprofits to identify and back organizations whose missions directly align with your interests and the betterment of our community.

Whether addressing pressing issues like food insecurity, housing, substance use disorders, or environmental concerns, our team will **assist in identifying the most crucial funding priorities** for the organizations, ensuring your resources support them in the most impactful ways.

### **Make Your Giving Easy**

Handling the administrative complexities of charitable giving can be simplified by utilizing our **expertise and streamlined processes**. The Foundation offers various fund options, guiding you towards the most suitable choice to complement your giving objectives effectively.

Additionally, for those considering or managing private foundations, our **Evergreen Fund** offers an alternative that minimizes the challenges and expenses associated with establishing and managing a separate foundation.

#### **Ensure Your Legacy**

As an enduring entity serving the community for 50 years, LVCF is committed to the long-term well-being of the Lehigh Valley. Partnering with us ensures your generosity continues to make a lasting impact, well beyond your lifetime.

The Community Foundation understands the significance of managing your funds in accordance with your wishes and offers the discretion to meet evolving community needs while respecting your intended goals.

By leveraging a Donor-Advised Fund at the **Lehigh Valley Community Foundation** for your year-end giving, not only can you streamline the process and optimize your impact, but you also contribute to the lasting progress and betterment of our local community. This tailored approach, merging the advantages of DAFs with a focus on local impact, aims to resonate with donors and their advisors by highlighting the benefits of supporting the Lehigh Valley through strategic, year-end philanthropy. **Contact Carrie@lvcfoundation.org** 





## **Getting Started with the MyFund Portal and Donation Portal**

LVCF fundholders received an email on November 1, 2023, generated by the new CSuite system inviting them to access the new MyFund Portal and set-up a custom password. The system uses your primary email to contact you which is also used as your username. If you are an authorized fund contact and did not receive that email, please check your spam or junk email folder. Please delete the automated email you receive on November 1 once you have successfully completed this process. The link contained in the email should only be used once, for establishing your initial password.

We developed MyFund Portal Overview and FAQs for Fund Advisors that provides guidance and answers frequently asked questions. Click here to download



#### **Accessing Your MyFund Portal**

- Establish Your Password | You will receive an email from sender no-reply@fcsuite.com, with "The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation" referenced in the email's subject line. Follow the instructions to create a password for your account. Take note of your username (which is your email address) and password as you complete this process.
- Access the Portal I To access the portal at any time after you establish your password, simply go to www.lvcfoundation.org and click "MyFund button" in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage. Enter your username and password, and then select the fund you'd like to review.
- Take a Look Around | The main screen provides an at-a-glance summary of the fund. You will also see the current spendable balance, updated in real-time, an overview of grants and contributions, and the current fund advisors will be indicated just below the balance. Note that each person listed as a Fund Advisor will have similar access to the Advisor Portal. If you are a fund advisor with access to more than one fund, you'll be able to select the fund you wish to manage at the initial screen.
- **Use the Portal** I Log in to check the balance of your fund, recommend a grant, contribute to your fund, track contributions and disbursements made from your fund, and more...



We also produced an <u>Instructional</u> <u>video MyFund Portal Overview for</u> <u>Fund Advisors</u> and you can always visit: <u>Getting Started with MyFund</u> on the community Foundation website for these and other help with the MyFund Portal. Questions? Contact <u>Carrie@lvcfoundation.org</u>