



DONOR-ADVISED FUND

A personal approach to giving

Philanthropy does not have to be practiced at a distance. Through a donor-advised fund, you remain involved in the way that your philanthropy creates positive change in the community.

Why choose a donor-advised fund?

- You want to be involved in recommending grants to charities and programs
- You want to simplify your giving while continuing to learn about the issues and organizations your philanthropy can support
- You want to take advantage of the local knowledge and expertise of HCF's grantmaking team

How it works

- You make a donation to HCF and we set up a fund in your name, or a name you choose. You may remain anonymous if you prefer
- With support from HCF, you recommend grants from your fund to support issues that you care about
- HCF handles all the administrative details and issues grants from your fund
- Your endowed donation supports the issues you care about forever



RAY BRILLINGER AND CY HACK FUND

Flexibility in granting

A couple since 1982, Cy Hack and Ray Brillinger have been active supporters of key gay and lesbian groups for decades. While they have seen great progress during their lifetimes in the rights and protections for the LGBTQ community, they are well aware that the fight for dignity and equality is not over.

They plan to continue supporting these issues through their fund, along with other areas that interest them – including international development charities, the arts and educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

The donor-advised fund model felt like a great fit for them, not only as part of their estate planning but also for their current philanthropy. They like the flexibility the community foundation offers to build their fund over time, vary the groups they support, and to grant to any eligible Canadian charitable organization.

“We feel the people at Hamilton Community Foundation understand what we are trying to do”

Ray feels that the relationship he and Cy have developed with Foundation staff over the years will help guide the granting decisions the Foundation makes when they are gone. While their fund agreement lays out their areas of interest, “there may be a need in the community that the staff see and say ‘that’s something Ray and Cy would have liked to support,’” he says.