



Jewish Community
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SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

Have you considered starting your own private charitable foundation or trust?

Are you concerned about making the most of your charitable donations and minimizing administrative distractions?

A Supporting Foundation with the Jewish Community Foundation can reduce administrative and tax burdens, allowing you to focus on making high-impact grants to support your community.

A Supporting Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit corporation with its own identity and corporate structure. It receives its status as a public charity because of its affiliation with JCF of Greater MetroWest. A Supporting Foundation is governed and operated by its own board of trustees, a majority of whom are appointed by JCF, with others appointed by the donor family.

A Supporting Foundation allows you to donate your cash or marketable securities at a time that is advantageous to you for tax or other purposes, giving you time to decide which charities you would like to support. By making an initial contribution of \$1,000,000 or more, you may establish a Supporting Foundation that you name. Any contributions you make are fully tax-deductible and are afforded the most favorable tax treatment. In addition, any funds held in the account grow tax-free.

The assets of a Supporting Foundation are invested according to an investment policy statement designed by the Foundation trustees, in partnership with JCF. Unlike a Donor Advised Fund at JCF, a Supporting Foundation has the ability invest in assets held outside of JCF's investment pools.

According to IRS guidelines, the trustees of a Supporting Foundation must meet at least annually to conduct business. Distributions from the Supporting Foundation can be made to appropriate public charities the mission of which are consistent with the broad purpose of JCF of Greater MetroWest itself.

Supporting Foundations offer families the opportunity to share grant making decisions with children now, or to name them as successors, enabling future generations to carry on the philanthropic tradition you have established.

Please turn this page over for additional information on Supporting Foundations

Supporting Foundations – At a Glance

- Established with cash, securities or other assets with a minimum initial donation of \$1,000,000
- Allows you to recommend grants to any kind of qualified organization you wish to support
- Offers a higher level of income tax deduction than private foundations
- Involves your family in philanthropy, to any degree you choose

Typical Donor Profile

- Seeks features similar to a private foundation without the administrative burdens
- Would like to involve his or her family in decision making about philanthropy
- Would like to make a gift now, but is not ready to distribute all of it to charities immediately

What Else Do I Need To Know about Supporting Foundations?

- **Supporting Foundations are flexible.** You can make a donation to your Supporting Foundation at JCF and take an immediate charitable income tax deduction. At a later time, you can choose which charities you would like receive distributions from your fund and how much they will receive. Also, you can add to the Supporting Foundation with gifts from your estate, thereby growing the foundation for your family to use as part of your legacy.
- **Supporting Foundations offer better tax benefits.** As an affiliated foundation of a public charity (JCF), a Supporting Foundation features tax deductibility limits that are higher than those available for gifts to a private charity (such as a private foundation or private charitable trust). Also, there are no excise taxes on investment income in a Supporting Foundation, nor are there annual minimum distribution requirements that a private foundation must fulfill.
- **Supporting Foundations are a partnership.** Each supporting foundation at JCF receives the full partnership of JCF's professional staff, from administrative and operational support to assistance with grant-making. JCF leadership and professional staff assist with all elements of the foundation's operations.
- **Supporting Foundations are a legacy.** Supporting foundations can continue in perpetuity, allowing family members to work together toward achieving their philanthropic goals, from generation to generation.

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