

# Understanding the Benefits

	Donor-Advised Fund	Private Foundation	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Tax Status</b>	Public charity	Private charity
	<b>Administration and Fiduciary Responsibility</b>	Fiduciary services provided by your support staff at San Diego Foundation	Private Foundation handles all accounting, investments and IRS filings
	<b>Research and Expertise</b>	Expert staff is available to inform grant decisions and provide research on most impactful ways to give	Private Foundation handles all needs assessment and research about social impact areas
	<b>Liability and Risk</b>	San Diego Foundation provides insurance	Private Foundation must purchase liability and risk insurance
<b>Engagement</b>	<b>Privacy</b>	Donor and family name may remain anonymous	Donor and family name, along with grant information, is open to the public
	<b>Donor Involvement</b>	You and your trustees decide investment pool and recommend grants to nonprofits	You and your trustees appoint a board which controls investments and grantmaking
	<b>Grantmaking</b>	Staff at San Diego Foundation streamline and execute grantmaking and/or scholarship process that fits your needs	Private Foundation develops and solicits RFPs, as well as reviews applications and communicates with nonprofits
	<b>Trustee Support</b>	San Diego Foundation staff helps facilitate meetings in a neutral environment to mitigate trustee and family dynamics and provide charitable expertise	Trustees and family handle all decisions internally on their own
<b>Tax Deductions</b>	<b>Cash Gifts</b>	Up to 60% of adjusted gross income	Up to 30% of adjusted gross income
	<b>Appreciated Stock Gifts</b>	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income	Fair market value up to 20% of adjusted gross income
	<b>Real Estate Gifts</b>	Fair market value up to 30% of adjusted gross income	Cost basis up to 20% of adjusted gross income
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Startup Costs</b>	None	Thousands in legal costs that increase based on size and complexity of Private Foundation
	<b>Excise Taxes</b>	None	Subject to tax of up to 2% net investment gains