



GIVING IN THE WAKE OF A DISASTER



Aftermath of Hurricane Harvey which hit Houston on Aug., 27, 2017.

In the wake of the numerous recent natural disasters and humanitarian crises, we are reminded of how important your charitable giving is. FJC enables you to give in the most thoughtful, strategic way based on your personal priorities.

With a donor-advised fund, your charitable dollars grow tax-free over time. Not only will you be able to use the charitable income tax deduction when you're in a high tax bracket but your recommended grants may be larger after your fund has received earnings from investments. You may also want to consider becoming a partner in the recovery work – check in with the organization you choose to support in a few months to find out how their needs have changed and how you can continue to support them.

Do Some Due Diligence

Whenever you give, and especially in reaction to crises, it is important to do some research. Take the time to make sure the organizations you plan to support are reputable and registered with the IRS. It is also wise to know how your contribution will be spent. Confirm that your donation will be used efficiently and effectively.

Donate Effectively: Provide Financial Support

It is well-established that when responding to crises, the most effective and immediate way to provide support is by donating money. While you may feel motivated to give tangible items such as clothing, blankets, and food, money allows the organizations working on the ground to have the resources to respond to the most dire, ever-changing needs of those affected.

Think Long-Term

Contributing right away in response to a natural disaster or humanitarian crisis is important for addressing the most immediate needs. However, ensuring that there is long-term support is critical. Many organizations see a drastic influx of resources in the aftermath of a disaster that begins to taper off after just a few weeks. You can respond to the long-term needs and effectively respond to disasters using your donor-advised fund at FJC. In addition to making an immediate donation, you can plan to give over time. Not only will your contribution help recovery efforts for the long-haul, but also your charitable dollars will continue to grow tax-free over time.

Source: "Charity Navigator Discusses Giving in the Wake of a Disaster" Charity Navigator Blog, August 29, 2017, "3 Tax Smart Ways to Give to Hurricane Harvey Relief" Forbes, August 31, 2017.
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Year-End Tips & Specific Deadlines

Give Appreciated Stock: Appreciated stock gifts are a great strategy to maximize your charitable contributions, while avoiding capital gains on the appreciation. For example, if you donate stock (held at least one year) to FJC or another qualified charity that you purchased for \$1,000 and is currently worth \$10,000, the charity will receive the full value and you will not have to pay the capital gains tax on the \$9,000 in appreciation.

Leverage Your FJC Account: Contribute cash, securities, mutual fund shares and even real estate to FJC now, receive your year-end tax deduction, and then later decide where to direct your charitable support. (See below deadlines.)

Don't Wait Until December 31st: If you plan on making a year-end grant donation from your FJC account, don't forget that the deadline is December 15th, 2017.

CONTRIBUTION TYPE	DEADLINE
Grant Recommendations from your Donor-Advised Fund	December 15, 2017
Cash Contributions via U.S. mail	Must be post-marked by December 31, 2017
Securities/Mutual Fund Shares and Wires	December 31, 2017
Contributions of other assets, such as real estate, restricted securities or privately held stock	Contact FJC for specifics. These items require long lead times

INSIDE FJC

PURNA ENGLISH JOINS FJC AS STAFF ASSISTANT

Please join us in welcoming Purna to our FJC community. Purna is the friendly voice you will hear when you call our office about your Donor-Advised Fund or Collective Giving Account.

A graduate from Tufts University with a B.A. in Spanish and minor in History, Purna has worked and volunteered with many organizations including Nuestra Casa in Santiago, Chile and the Tufts Fund. She is passionate about FJC's ability to assist so many worthwhile agencies.



CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

YOUTH ADVOCACY CORPS CONTINUES TO INSPIRE YOUNG ADULTS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES



Two 2017 YASI interns providing informational pamphlets in their communities



YAC interns attending their 2-week training workshop

Youth Advocacy Corps ("YAC"), which launched in 2015, works to empower youth (ages 15-24) from communities in NYC impacted by poverty with the drive and tools to respond to resource gaps in their own communities. YAC was founded by Jennifer Magida, a civil rights attorney, who noted the lack of opportunity for youth to be heard and take part in the effort to effectuate change. She created YAC to encourage young people to speak up, identify priorities and become local community leaders, while developing crucial life and work skills.

YAC offers transformational health and social justice programming throughout NYC; since June of 2015, YAC has served over 200 youth through its programs and workshops. YAC's main program is Youth Advocacy Summer Institute (YASI), a 6-week, full-time advocacy program focused on health justice, through which youth provide health rights information and concrete advocacy assistance to communities in Brooklyn that face barriers to obtaining health education, insurance, and care. YASI includes a 2-week training "bootcamp", engagement in a service learning externship, and the development of individual advocacy projects, which corps members implement in their communities and sustain beyond the summer.

In 2017, YAC also implemented the Mental Health Awareness Project (MHAP) of East New York (ENY), which was conceived of by a 2015 YASI alum as his individual project. MHAP is a full-year program that focuses on understanding and addressing the stigma of mental health and works to ensure greater access to mental health care in ENY.

Also in 2017, YAC sponsored its first youth summit - Brooklyn's Health: An Unseen Priority. Organized and led by a coalition of youth from YAC and other partner organizations, the Summit was televised on News12 Brooklyn and attended by over 100 Brooklyn residents who spent the day discussing health equity and brainstorming ways to address injustices moving forward.

Youth Advocacy Corps is a participant in FJC's Fiscal Sponsorship Program. For more information about Youth Advocacy Group, please visit: www.advocacycorps.org

You can also read more about YAC internships from the intern blog: www.yasi2015.wordpress.com/



YAC interns celebrating their successful Summer internships



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