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Daffy	Standalone	daffy.org	\$0	\$36/year (Individual) \$60/year (Family) \$240/year (Benefactor)	Starts at \$36.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revolutionary flat-fee model (not % of assets) Modern mobile-first app experience Contribution limits: \$25k (Individual), \$50k (Family), \$100k (Benefactor) Minimum grant: \$18 13 investment portfolios with avg 0.05% expense ratio Accepts crypto, stocks, ETFs 	Young donors, tech-savvy givers, anyone wanting low predictable fees. Modern mobile app.
Fidelity Charitable	Brokerage	fidelitycharitable.org	\$0	0.60% or \$100/year (whichever is greater) Tiered above \$500k	\$10k*.6%=\$60, so fee is \$100 because it is greater of two.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest DAF provider in US Minimum grant: \$50 Total fees typically ~1% including investments Wide investment pool options Excellent customer service 	Fidelity customers. Largest DAF provider. Excellent service & wide investment options.
Groundswell	Standalone	groundswell.io	\$1	No annual fee 1% distribution fee on grants	Unique in that fee is taken at distribution not contribution of funds. If contributing \$10k, but distributing \$5k, then \$5k*1%=\$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate employee giving platform Fastest distribution: 24 hours to nonprofits No minimums for employee participants Companies pay licensing fee (not individuals) 	Corporate employee giving program for employees only. Fastest distribution (24 hours to nonprofits).
T. Rowe Price Charitable	Brokerage	trowepricecharitable.org	\$5,000	0.50% (first \$500k) Tiered: 0.39% → 0.18% → 0.12% → 0.10%	\$10k*.5%=\$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum grant: \$100 every 3 years 9 investment pools (T. Rowe Price funds) Accepts wide range of assets International grantmaking available via intermediaries 	T. Rowe Price customers. Lower fees than competitors like schwab or Fidelity. Good middle ground.
Schwab Charitable (DAFgiving360)	Brokerage	schwabcharitable.org	\$0 (\$100k for advisor-managed)	0.60% annually Tiered above \$500k	\$10k*.6%=\$60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second-largest brokerage DAF Minimum grant: \$50 Professional management option at \$100k+ Strong investment pool options Mobile app available 	Schwab customers. Second-largest brokerage DAF. Mobile app available.
UI Charitable (University Impact)	Flexible/ Impact	uicharitable.org	\$0 (No minimum specified)	0.60% (up to \$500k) Tiered above \$500k	\$10k*.6%=\$60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most flexible DAF option Use ANY custodian (Fidelity, Schwab, etc.) Grants to international & for-profit orgs Recoverable grants, loans, equity investments Accepts all asset types including crypto 	Maximum flexibility. Use ANY custodian. International giving. Impact investments. Most flexible option.
The Signatry	Faith-Based	thesignatry.com	\$0 (No minimum)	No out-of-pocket fees; All fees are embedded in the fund expense ratios depending on fund chosen.	\$0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ZERO assets-under-management fees No monthly minimums Minimum grant: \$100 7 Biblically Responsible Investment pools Advisor-managed accounts available (no minimums) Grants at 2x+ industry average rate 	Christian donors wanting zero admin fees & biblical values.
U.S. Charitable Gift Trust (Eaton Vance)	ESG/ Responsible	uscharitablegifttrust.org	\$10,000 (\$1k subsequent contributions)	No out-of-pocket fees; All fees are embedded in the Calvert fund expense ratios (from .18%-1.14%) depending on fund chosen.	\$10K: \$0 out-of-pocket fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Calvert Responsible Investment Funds Socially responsible investing focus Tax-deferred growth potential Successor planning available 	ESG/socially responsible investors. Calvert Responsible Investment Funds. Values-aligned investing.



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Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley	Community/ Faith	jvalley.org/daf	\$10,000 (\$5k minimum balance)	No setup costs (Fee structure not publicly listed)	\$10K: Not publicly listed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faith-based community foundation No annual minimum distribution Grants to Jewish and non-Jewish orgs Quarterly reports provided Anonymous granting available Weekly grant processing 	Jewish donors seeking community connection. Quarterly reports.
American Endowment Foundation (AEF)	National	aefonline.org	\$10,000 (for advisor-managed accounts)	0.70% (first \$500k) Tiered structure for larger balances	\$10k*.7%= \$70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of 20 largest DAF providers Neutral platform - not affiliated with specific brokerage Donors choose their own financial advisor Grant required every 3 years Concierge-level service 	Donors wanting to keep existing financial advisor relationship. Neutral platform. Concierge service.
National Philanthropic Trust (NPT)	National	nptrust.org	\$10,000 (No minimum for subsequent)	0.85% (first \$250k) Tiered down to 0.10% above \$10M	\$10k*.85%= \$85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest independent national DAF Accepts widest range of complex assets Strong international grantmaking capability Grants required every 3 years Premier services for \$5M+ accounts 	Complex assets (real estate, business interests). Strong international grantmaking. Premier service.
CharityVest	Standalone	charityvest.org	\$15 (Cash accounts: \$0 fee)	0.60% annually (invested accounts) Minimum: \$100/year Cash accounts: Free	\$10k*.6%=\$60, so fee is \$100 because it is greater of two.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee update as of Feb 2025 Tiered: 0.60% → 0.30% → 0.20% → 0.15% Free cash account option available Minimum grant: \$15 Accepts complex assets (real estate, crypto, pre-IPO stock) 	Financial advisors managing client DAFs. Simple giving. Free option for cash accounts.
Vanguard Charitable	Brokerage	vanguardcharitable.org	\$25,000 (\$5k subsequent contributions)	0.60% (first \$500k) \$250 annual fee if below \$25k Lowest fees for \$1M+	\$25K*.6%= \$150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher minimum but best fees for large accounts Minimum grant: \$500 Premier pricing for \$1M+ accounts Best-in-class Vanguard funds (avg 0.04% expense ratio) Grants required every 3 years 	Serious philanthropists with \$500k+. Lowest fees for large accounts. Premium service.
National Christian Foundation (NCF)	Faith-Based	ncfgiving.com	No specified minimum	1.0% (first \$1M) Or \$30/month minimum Tiered: 0.85% → 0.75% → 0.50%	\$0: \$360/year or \$100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest Christian DAF provider 180+ local offices nationwide Leader in accepting complex non-cash assets 11 Faith-Driven investment pools + traditional pools Grants at 2x rate of other providers 	Christian donors seeking community & faith-aligned investing. 180+ local offices nationwide.
Community Foundations (General)	Community	Search: "Community Foundation [Your City]"	Typically \$5,000-\$25,000	Typically 0.50-1.0% Varies by foundation	Varies by foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 750+ community foundations nationwide Deep local knowledge and connections Often lower minimums than shown Personalized donor services Support local nonprofits and issues 	Local community impact. 750+ foundations nationwide. Personalized service & local knowledge. (If you want to set up a local school scholarship for example)
Silicon Valley Community Foundation	Community	siliconvalleyvcf.org	Varies (Over 1/3 of DAFs ≤\$25k)	Competitive with major providers (Rates not publicly listed)	Not publicly listed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest Bay Area community foundation Granted \$4.58B in 2023 Local/regional focus and expertise Inactive fund policy: 2 years → pooled Community connections and donor education 	Bay Area donors wanting local impact & community connections. Local expertise.



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WaterStone	Faith-Based	waterstone.org	Varies	Fees vary (Not publicly listed)	Not publicly listed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded 1980, \$3B+ facilitated • Specializes in complex assets (real estate, business interests) • Family legacy and succession planning focus • Christ-centered giving strategies • Boutique service, personal relationship managers 	Christian business owners with complex assets (real estate, business interests). Boutique service.
Impact Foundation	Faith-Based/Impact	impactfoundation.com	Varies by situation	Fees vary (Not publicly listed)	Not publicly listed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded 2015, \$382M+ deployed • Allows custom impact investments from DAF • Can invest in for-profit faith-driven companies • Returns go back into DAF for more giving 	A specialized DAF provider that allows impact investing. An Impact Account (which IS a DAF), then recommend investments in vetted faith-driven for-profit companies. Returns stay in your DAF for regrating or reinvesting.
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