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For donors wishing to grow the impact of their contributions over time, CAF America offers the option of establishing an Invested Donor Advised Fund. With an Invested DAF, you may recommend investment allocations based on your appetite for risk and goals for growth. Invested DAFs at CAF America enable donors to receive immediate tax benefits while providing the opportunity to grow their giving over time in the interests of contributing even more to their preferred organizations in the future.

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- Avoid Capital Gains Taxes on invested donations
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INVESTMENT OPTIONS

CAF America works with expert advisors at Merrill Lynch Investments to offer you four Model ETF Portfolios in which to invest your charitable dollars. Our carefully-selected portfolios follow indices that include cash-on-hand, Fixed Income, US Equity, and International Equity. The specific breakdown of each portfolio’s assets is determined by the Merrill Lynch Research Investment Committee, and revised at the end of each Fiscal Quarter. Detailed holdings and quarterly/annual returns for each investment option are available on request.

ADVANTAGES

- **Grantmaking Advisory:** Do you have a particular cause, population, or geographic region that you would like to benefit through your giving, but don’t know how to get started? CAF America can help. Speak to us about structuring your grantmaking so that your donations are going to the organizations that best fit your philanthropic mission.
- **Impact Reports:** In addition to ensuring that your funds are utilized for the intended charitable purposes, CAF America can collect data from recipient organizations that better enable donors to measure the impact and evaluate the effectiveness of their charitable giving.
- **Equivalency Determination (ED):** In those cases where ED is best suited based upon the donor’s gift, such as when planning to fund the purchase of capital assets or establish an endowment, CAF America will undertake the comprehensive protocols necessary to ensure that you gift adheres to ED provisions.

VALIDATION FEES

**Enhanced Expenditure Responsibility:** $350 per new international organization

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**Domestic Validation Fee:** $0 US Standard | $150 US Enhanced

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