
Surge in Donor-Advised Fund Giving as Tax Cuts End

Description

Strong stock market returns and changes to tax laws helped charitable giving grow in 2025. DAFgiving360, a major manager of donor-advised funds (DAFs), reported that donors gave an all-time high of £9.9 billion to charities. This is £2.2 billion, or 28%, more than in the previous year.

Donors can give cash or other assets to DAFs and get a tax deduction right away. They can then decide later how to donate to charities. DAFs make it easier for donors to give stocks or assets without paying capital gains tax. Until the DAF gives money to charities, the assets can increase in value. Julie Sunwoo, president of DAFgiving360, said that 74% of last year's contributions were in non-cash assets, including stocks, real estate, and cryptocurrency.

Sunwoo noted that a key reason for the increase was President Donald Trump's new tax law, which started in July. This law will change tax benefits for wealthy donors beginning in 2026. Many financial advisors urged clients to give more before these changes took effect. The law will likely lower annual charitable giving by £4.1 billion.

The law also limits tax benefits for itemizers, meaning many donors may give less in the future. Tax planner David Perez advised clients to fund their DAFs with enough money for the next few years before the tax changes. He believes these changes will make it harder for donors to give quickly, as using DAFs requires more effort than simply writing a cheque.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Charitable** /'tʃærɪtəbl/ (adjective): Relating to the organization or distribution of help to those in need.
2. **Contributions** /,kɒntrɪ'bju:ʃənz/ (noun): Amounts of money or goods given to a cause or organization.
3. **Deduction** /dɪ'dʌkʃən/ (noun): An amount that can be subtracted from total income to reduce taxable income.
4. **Assets** /'æsəts/ (noun): Resources owned by an individual or organization valuable items or properties.
5. **Beneficiary** /,bɛnɪ'fɪʃəri/ (noun): A person or group that receives benefits from something especially funds.
6. **Advisor** /əd'veɪzər/ (noun): A person who provides expert advice professionally.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the total amount donated by donors to charities in 2025?

- Option: £7.7 billion
- Option: £9.9 billion
- Option: £11.2 billion
- Option: £13.6 billion

2. What percentage increase was seen in charitable giving in 2025 compared to the previous year?

- Option: 12%
- Option: 18%
- Option: 24%
- Option: 28%

3. What percentage of last year's contributions were in non-cash assets according to Julie Sunwoo?

- Option: 62%
- Option: 68%
- Option: 74%
- Option: 80%

4. When did President Donald Trump's new tax law impacting charitable giving begin?

- Option: January
- Option: April
- Option: July
- Option: October

5. What is the key reason cited for the increase in charitable giving in 2025?

- Option: Changes to tax laws
- Option: Decrease in stock market returns
- Option: Increased interest rates
- Option: Political instability

6. What type of assets did Julie Sunwoo mention that donors contributed in 2025?

- Option: Cars and boats
- Option: Collectibles and art
- Option: Stocks and real estate
- Option: Government bonds and savings accounts

True-False

7. DAFs allow donors to give stocks or assets without paying capital gains tax.
8. President Donald Trump's new tax law will increase tax benefits for wealthy donors starting in 2026.
9. Donors are likely to give more in the future due to the tax changes according to David Perez.
10. The law limits tax benefits for itemizers which might lead to decreased charitable giving.
11. Funding a DAF requires less effort than writing a cheque according to David Perez.
12. Donors who contribute to a DAF can only give cash and not other assets.

Gap-Fill

13. President Donald Trump's new tax law will change tax benefits for wealthy donors beginning in _____.
14. Julie Sunwoo, the president of DAFgiving360, mentioned that 74% of last year's contributions were in non-cash assets such as stocks, real estate, and _____.
15. Many financial advisors urged clients to give more before the tax changes took effect in order to take advantage of the current tax _____.
16. Tax planner David Perez advised clients to fund their DAFs with enough money for the next few years before the tax _____.
17. The law will likely lower annual charitable giving by £_____ billion due to the new tax regulations for wealthy donors.
18. David Perez believes that the new tax changes will make it harder for donors to give quickly as using _____.

DAFs requires more _____ than writing a cheque.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. £9.9 billion 2. 28% 3. 74% 4. July 5. Changes to tax laws 6. Stocks and real estate

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 2026 14. cryptocurrency 15. benefits 16. changes 17. 4.1 18. effort

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