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Will You Join the DAF500 Challenge?

We launched the [DAF500 Challenge](#) a few days ago, inviting the first 500 advisors to complete the [Essentials of Modern DAF Advising Certificate](#) and help establish a stronger standard for DAF advising. As DAFs continue to evolve, many advisors recognize that education must evolve alongside them.

What a start! In just the first few days, hundreds of advisors joined, and 73 have already completed the Challenge, putting us well on our way toward our goal of 500 completions.

The response reflects something we've long believed: advisors want objective, unconflicted education that prepares them for today's philanthropic planning conversations. Together, these first participants are helping establish a stronger standard for modern DAF advising.

There's still time to be part of this milestone. The [Essentials of Modern DAF Advising Certificate](#) is available at no cost throughout August, and we invite you to be among the first 500 advisors to complete the certificate.

"Philanthropy and wealth management don't always speak the same language. This certificate is one of the practical ways to bridge that gap." Denise Sarkor, MIA, CEPA, CAP®, IPA

"This certificate provided an excellent overview of DAFs and their practical application, including their impact beyond grantmaking through opportunities like impact investing." Nina Cohen, CAP®, IPA

"The independent aspect of the curriculum is terrific, and the material provides a fair and balanced overview of a complicated topic. I appreciate that the lessons show all the different facets around DAFs and provide an entry point for a learner who may have only a cursory knowledge." Sarah Angello

The Strength of Our Certified Impact Philanthropy Advisors

Our July cohort kicked off with 86 learners, bringing our total IPA enrollment to 611. Representing wealth management, philanthropy, nonprofit, law, and family offices, this cohort reflects the growing recognition that philanthropic planning requires specialized education.

While the curriculum equips advisors with the knowledge and confidence to better serve clients and donors, the greatest strength of the IPA program is the remarkable network learners become a part of. From day one, learners connect within their small groups, expand their professional networks through live sessions, engage with current learners and alumni in the [Impact Advisors Network](#), and often organize regional meetups that continue long after the program ends.

[Registration](#) for our October cohort is now underway, with 20 of 86 seats already filled. Join our [monthly information session](#) to learn more about the program, or [connect](#) with one of our Certified Impact Philanthropy Advisors (IPAs) to hear firsthand about their experience.



Pictured: Seth Klukoff, Alanna Caselle Chew, Steve Groucke
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Where We'll Be This Fall

- [Arizona Charitable Gift Planners](#), August 18, Phoenix. Megan Bell and Dien Yuen will present *The Nine Components of a Modern Philanthropic Plan*, exploring the decisions, strategies, and partnerships that help donors align their resources with their values and desired impact.
- [Wealth Management Industry Awards](#), September 10, New York City. Daylight is a finalist in the *Philanthropy* category, and Daylight CEO Dien Yuen is a finalist for *CEO of the Year - Professional Service Firms*.
- [DAF Giving Summit](#), September 23-25, Austin. Tony Macklin and Dien Yuen will lead *Choose Your Own Adventure: Philanthropic Planning Edition*, an interactive learning lab where participants will navigate philanthropic planning decisions through a dynamic case study.
- [Charitable Gift Planners \(CGP\) Annual Conference](#), October 14-16, New Orleans. Bleu Blakslee and Dien Yuen will present the *Fraye Family Case Study*, an interactive session exploring how culture, women's leadership, and multigenerational governance shape philanthropic planning.

Thank you for learning with us and for helping strengthen the future of philanthropic advising.

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