



BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR HERITAGE CIRCLE

Creating positive change in Indian Country through legacy giving.

You can help by joining our Heritage Circle which enables you to donate using our planned giving options. National Relief Charities offers a variety of ways that you can donate to a great cause while achieving your financial goals:

- Bequest in your Will or Trust
- Life Insurance policy donation
- Retirement plan donation

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a Heritage Circle member you will be periodically informed of our efforts to provide program services to American Indians in need living in the areas we serve. Our Planned Giving staff will be available to you to answer questions you may have about legacy gift planning or about our many program services. As a token of our appreciation you will receive a gift given to you, in honor of your legacy gift to Indian People. This gift will incorporate a highly stylized Medicine Wheel in its design. Our wheel is divided into four sections, which signifies the four directions of north, south, east and west. The colors stand for the four races of man and the circle design symbolizes the circle of life. We included the feathers in our design to embody the strength, pride and independence the eagle has held in many American Indian cultures. ■

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SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Here is some sample bequest language that you might use in your Will or Living Trust:

UNRESTRICTED GIFT*:

I give, devise, and bequeath to National Relief Charities, Elkwood, VA, the sum of \$ _____ for its general purposes.

CONTINGENCY GIFT:

In the event that _____ predeceases me, I give, devise, and bequeath his/her bequest or share to National Relief Charities, Elkwood, VA, to be used for its general purposes.

**Please Note: You may choose to name a specific program of National Relief Charities in your Will. For restricted gifts, it may be possible to specify the specific program service you want to give to. Please contact our Planned Giving office toll free at 1-877-853-6474.*

OUR MISSION IS:

To help Native American people improve the quality of their lives by providing opportunities for them to bring about positive changes in their communities.

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Give a Meaningful Gift

You have worked hard to accumulate assets throughout your life. When you create a Will, you have the ability to determine how your assets are distributed at death.

To learn how to make a meaningful gift that better communicates your beliefs and values, please send for our FREE Information Kit.



A Couples Shared Love of Native American People

... investing in the future of many through Estate Planning.

Bruce and Elizabeth have shared many interests during their more than 30 years of married life but none so keenly felt as their admiration and respect for the Native American people. They both deeply feel the way Native people were treated throughout the colonization of the New World was wrought with broken promises, genocide, and untold cruelty. As more and more settlers moved west hungry for land, gold and to bring civilization to the "heathens," their ignorance, arrogance and lack of understanding of these diverse cultures destroyed a way of life for millions of people that had lived and thrived for centuries in this land.

Bruce loves this country and is appreciative of all that he has been able to accomplish from his time in the Navy, assigned to destroyer duty and then cruisers, to a long career of 26 years in the private sector as an Engineer. Retired, both he and Elizabeth deserve to



Bruce said that supporting education is "most appealing" to him and that simply, "it just makes you feel good."

enjoy the fruits of their labor, but there is something that has always bothered them.

Bruce related to NRC that he has always felt that the dignity and character shown by Native Americans despite their early treatment makes both him and Betty contribute to their cause. Both Bruce and Elizabeth have generously supported several of NRC's Program services that help to ease the lives of Elders and children. They have supported our Thanksgiving services that provide holiday meals to thousands of Elders, children and families. This service not only provides healthy meals but also creates a sense of community as volunteers and families gather to enjoy the holiday together. And their concern for Native Elders having to endure the cold winter months without enough fuel to keep them warm has made them loyal supporters of our winter fuel services.

Elizabeth and Bruce agree with NRC that helping with the education for those who desire to not only help themselves but to also help their people is instrumental in alleviating some of the injustices of the past and hardships of today. They have both left legacies to Native American groups dear to their hearts so that these groups will be able to work improving the lives of the people they love. NRC's scholarship service in particular is so important to Bruce that he has left a bequest in his legacy planning, insuring that his support will help many Native American students reach their dream of a college degree long into the future. Speaking of his support of NRC's Scholarship service he said, "It makes it so easy to support something if you really believe in it." ■

Meet the NRC Directors

The Board of Directors of National Relief Charities works diligently to govern our funding and administration so that we can continue our important work on American Indian reservations.

Our Directors bring to the boardroom decades of experience to advise NRC, ensure our stability, and help us create positive opportunity and impact for the people we serve. In doing so, they also ensure continuous improvement and good stewardship for our supporters.

Through our earnestness and diligence, we have attracted Directors with the right mix of skills and specialties to govern NRC into the future. Their professional diversity and willingness to volunteer only make NRC stronger.

With backgrounds that span business management, financial management, strategic planning, program development and evaluation, education, grant administration, and humanitarian services — as well as multicultural diversity — our Directors could help anyone. But they volunteer to be on NRC's Board of Directors because they believe in social responsibility and want to help us achieve our mission of bringing more opportunity and resources to Indian country.

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Dr. Joshua Tompkins, Chairman of the Board

Joshua is an Adjunct Professor at North Central University in Minnesota. He is of Lakota heritage and is also the Founder and General Manager of JLT Productions, a record label that he started in 1994. Joshua balances his teaching and production time with "live" concert performances as a virtuoso pianist. Joshua holds a Ph.D. in Music. Both entrepreneurial and creative, Joshua helps NRC through his "out of the box" perspective, experience with P&L management, and awareness of Native American concerns.



Rodney Trahan, Treasurer

Rodney is a certified business coach of Northern Cheyenne descent. He founded Streamline Enterprises in 2007, a coaching practice backed by a Master's in Business Administration and 20 years of experience helping businesses streamline operations and improve the bottom line. Rodney also spent 15 years fundraising for St. Labre Indian



Dr. Helen Usera

Helen is President & CEO for the Chiesman Center for Democracy in South Dakota, which serves faith-based and community organizations. She has experience with training and technical assistance for the United Way, the YMCA, and public school systems. With a Ed.D. in Educational Administration, Helen was also an Adjunct Professor at Black Hills State University and an elementary school principal. She has 12 years of U.S. Army Reserves service and volunteerism for Habitat for Humanity International. Helen adds extensive experience for NRC in strategic planning, program and curriculum development, and program evaluation.



Ann Marie Woessner-Collins

Ann Marie is a commercial realty and tax consultant better known as a "Top Woman in Finance" by her Twin Cities colleagues. Currently, Ann Marie is Managing Director of the Business & Economic Incentives practice at Jones Lang LaSalle. A problem solver by nature, she helps companies expand or optimize manufacturing, warehouses, offices, data centers, call centers, and other facilities. She has also served at Staubach, KPMG as a Partner, Frito-Lay and PepsiCo, Trammell Crow, 3M, and Dayton Hudson. Ann Marie holds an MBA in Finance. She serves on the Board of the Texas Ballet and previously served on the Board of Texas CASA for abused children. Also skilled in fundraising and oversight of \$1 billion budgets, Ann Marie managed Frito-Lay's minority business program and has worked with American Indian tribes on projects that begin to build a sustainable economic base.



Kevin Diepholz

Kevin is a business development professional with a specialty in commercial plastics and electrical solutions. Currently with Werner Electric, he studied business and economics in college but values having worked his way up from pouring concrete to selling plastics to corporate management and international business development in Taiwan, Korea, the UK, and Canada. He has a broad perspective and ability to interact with people of diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. Kevin brings to NRC experience in rapid growth with stability, a focus on quality, and a familiarity with reservation conditions. A lifelong helper, Kevin volunteers with the American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Faith's Lodge of Minnesota.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nrcprograms.org.

