

**Thank You** for considering making Sacred Earth Foundation a beneficiary of your estate. This is a wonderful way to support all the work that takes place on this land!

Now is a particularly wonderful time to plan a gift ~ we have a generous donor offering a **\$5,000 cash gift** to SEF for each of the first 10 members of the Legacy Circle who make a planned gift commitment before the end of 2022!

Every situation is really different, and we can't provide you with tax or legal advice, so we made this overview to plant seeds for a conversation with your advisors.

# Ways to Make a Planned Gift

These are the most common and simplest forms of planned giving.

- **⇔ Bequest of a specific dollar amount.** This may be the simplest way to benefit SEF in your will, avoiding probate and other complications.
- ☼ Bequest of a percentage of your estate. Another excellent option, depending on how settling your estate after death goes.
- Stocks & Securities. There can be significant tax benefits to donating these assets, now or through your will.
- ❖ **Retirement Fund.** Designating SEF as a beneficiary of your retirement fund is really easy (a simple form) and *can* have significant tax benefits for you too.
- **□ Life Insurance.** Designating SEF as a beneficiary of your life insurance is *usually* really easy too.
- ☼ Bequest of personal property. Perhaps an item we could use, or an item of value we'd sell ~ please contact us to ensure that it meets our Gift Acceptance Policy.
- ☼ Bequest of real estate. Depending on the property we may steward it or sell it as best serves SEF's mission ~ do contact us to be sure that we can accept this gift.

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#### Please Tell Us!

Right now, each planned gift commitment unlocks a \$5,000 cash gift from our Legacy Circle Cornerstone donor!

You aren't *required* to tell us when you've added Ekone to your will, and we do like happy surprises! But to unlock this match and for planning purposes, we'd sure love to know. You or your attorney can contact us to share your plans by phone, email, or mail. You can also complete this <u>short form</u> to alert us!

### The Best Next Step

Make an appointment with your financial advisor or estate attorney today! Bring this document to your appointment, and talk through these (and other) options for uplifting your values, long after you've departed.

### **Key Information & Sample Language**

The essential information to include in your will to make a bequest is just the organization's name, address, and tax ID number. Here's ours:

Sacred Earth Foundation ♥ 401 Ekone Rd, Goldendale, WA 98620 ♥ Tax ID 26-2272458

And here's an example of what language you can include in your will.

I bequeath \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my residuary estate to Sacred Earth Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, located at 401 Ekone Rd, Goldendale, Washington, tax ID 26-2272458, to be used as determined by the board to further the mission of the organization.

# Recognition

Your name will be engraved on a stone in the Legacy Giving Garden on the west side of the Cabin in the Ekone valley, facing the gorgeous sunset over the horse pasture, surrounded by the summer camp play field, visited often by White Eagle families. We'll also celebrate your support on our website, in emails, and in other creative ways as they arise! We're also happy to keep your gift anonymous or make it "in honor of" another.

# Are you the next Cornerstone?

A cash match is a powerful incentive for planned giving! We are deeply grateful to Andy Cranfill for serving as our first Cornerstone donor, with his pledge of a \$5,000 cash gift to Ekone for each of our first ten planned gift commitments in 2022.

Would you consider becoming our next Cornerstone, and with a cash match for the next 10+ planned gifts?



Please reach out with any questions, we'd always love to hear from you.

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