



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 of 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.



Dedication, Drive, and Determination Define NRC's Chairman of the Board.

For National Relief Charities' Chairman of the Board Joshua Tompkins, the following words are more than a Mission Statement — they are a way of life: *"To help Native American people improve the quality of their lives by providing opportunities for them to bring about positive changes in their communities."*



It is a mission that's in his heart and in his blood. Joshua grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota, reared by two strong Lakota women, his mother and grandmother. They instilled in him a strong work ethic, a belief in himself and a powerful pride in his heritage, as well as a love of music.

His inspiring story shows just how far hard work and passion can take a person. From age 13, music captured his mind, heart and spirit, and he practiced every waking moment. His diligence and natural gifts resulted in scholarships and professional employment. Today Joshua has an established career as an accomplished pianist, with several recordings of his music to his credit. He holds a Ph.D. in Music and is a Professor of Theory at North Central University in Minnesota. An entrepreneur, Joshua has also started his own successful business, JLT Productions, and has recently launched another nonprofit venture.

But Joshua believes we are defined not only by what we do, but by the



Joshua is all smiles as he volunteers in the rewarding but hard work of an NRC Bulk distribution service, this one taking place in the Southwest. The ultimate goal of any Bulk distribution is to get good quality product to needy individuals in the communities we serve. The much in demand goods range from

the very popular toilet paper to a variety of sought after household products. But there are other rewards beyond the goods. NRC Program Partners develop the skills to successfully organize a large-scale community event. Organizing a volunteer workforce, securing the appropriate facility, providing access to Elders and people with special needs, and getting the word out through public awareness are all key to a well organized event!

In 2009, NRC provided 101 Bulk shipments to 54 different communities in the Southwest and Northern Plains states. These shipments provided enough goods for over 27,000 people on 27 reservations in 9 states.



Joshua pictured with fellow Board Member and Heritage Circle Member Bill Peters on the right, and Debbie Combs NRC Planned Giving Manager and Heritage Circle Member. From the President of NRC to our Board Members, Management staff, and many of our employees, many of us not only “walk the walk” but “talk the talk” by including NRC in our Wills and becoming Heritage Circle Members.

legacy we leave to others. That’s why, as a Heritage Circle Member, he has bequeathed a donation in his will to a National Relief Charities’ program. “I believe that if more people understood the challenges that exist on many of today’s reservations, people would do more to help,” Joshua says. “I feel blessed to be able to do my part both personally and professionally. I consider being a Heritage Circle Member one of my proudest accomplishments.”

Joshua believes NRC is unique in Indian Country because of its model of partnership, empowerment and capacity building. As a Native American, he understands that people just want the opportunity to provide for themselves and their families.

NRC, with its eight specialized programs spread across the Northern Plains and Southwest, strives to help Native Americans do just that: building self-sufficiency for individuals, communities and Native-run organizations.

By working closely with Native American communities, NRC is able to develop services to meet the unique needs of the people we serve. These include efforts to ease hunger and provide care, warmth, and comfort, as well as services to meet longer-term needs of education, training, resiliency and community development.

Joshua is enormously proud of his heritage and of his loving Lakota mother and grandmother. He credits the persevering love of these two women, as well as his family and his Creator, for all he has accomplished in life. But we think Joshua has done a lot to be proud of in his own right!

He has achieved success, followed his dream, taught and inspired others. And by becoming a Heritage Circle Member, he has ensured that his spirit and passion will live on. “We are thankful for what we are given,” he says. “But we are remembered for what we give back.” ■

Sample Language for a Bequest to NRC

There are many ways one can leave a Bequest. It is important that you are very clear in your intentions and that your language for your Bequest is simply but clearly stated. You also should make sure that you understand the laws in your state pertaining to making a Will. The following are some suggestions for how to specify your intentions. **Please contact your attorney for advice about making a charitable bequest.**

► Unrestricted Specific Bequest

“I give to National Relief Charities, a nonprofit organization, [insert here a description of the real or personal property to be given] to be used for its general purposes.”

► Unrestricted Residuary Bequest

“I give my residuary estate to National Relief Charities, a nonprofit organization, to be used for its general purposes.” Note: The residuary bequest form can easily be adapted to a percentage allocation to benefit multiple charitable and/or noncharitable beneficiaries.

► Endowment Bequest

(An endowment gift is permanently invested, and only the earnings are spent each year.)

“I give to National Relief Charities, a non-profit organization, (___dollars) or (___percent of the residue of my estate) to establish the (name of endowment), an endowed fund to be used by National Relief Charities, a nonprofit organization for the following purposes: (state specific purpose e.g. food services, Elderly, scholarship program).

If, in the future, it is the opinion of National Relief Charities that all or part of the income of this fund cannot be usefully applied to such purpose, National Relief Charities may use the same for any purpose that will most nearly accomplish my wishes.”

► Restricted Bequest

“I give to National Relief Charities, a nonprofit organization, [insert here the amount in dollars, the percentage of the residue, or a description of the securities, real estate, or other property to be given] to be used for the (state specific purpose e.g. food services, Elderly, scholarship program).”

► Memorial Bequest

A bequest may be used to memorialize a spouse, relative, classmate, or friend by including language that it is given “in memory of [insert name of person].” You can also create a permanent memorial to a loved one by naming an endowment fund in memory of the person(s), (e.g. [insert name of person] Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund). (See previous endowment bequest language sample and minimum endowment gift levels.)

(Additional sample language on page 4.)