



*“We can’t afford to lose the people who make the quality of life possible on Orcas. What would we have done if the*

*utility workers, road crew, grocery clerks and other service providers had not been on island during and after [recent winter] storms? What it comes down to is that we are all stewards of this island. It’s our turn to step up and make sure it is a good place for everyone to live, and OPAL has figured out how to do it.”*

Bev Polis, OPAL supporter



*“Home is where the heart is, where people are sheltered, secure, and can*

*go deep together. To know that it is possible, through OPAL, to assist in the creation of that possibility for other islanders is a rewarding way to give back. OPAL is an expression of the heart at work.”*

David Evans, OPAL supporter

## Our Goal: Two Permanent Funds

These two funds will support the two key aspects of OPAL’s mission: stewardship and development.

**1. Stewardship Endowment** (goal for 2020: \$3,000,000). This endowment will provide funds to help support OPAL’s enduring stewardship of the land, homeowners and houses. With it, we can sustain OPAL’s core responsibilities.



**2. Development Seed Fund** (goal for 2020: \$1,000,000).

OPAL’s development mission is building new affordable housing. As land prices on the island continue to rise, it is harder and harder to purchase land. It is challenging to respond quickly to land-purchase options. A development fund will allow a more nimble response.



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# Your Legacy Gift to OPAL Community Land Trust



OPAL Community Land Trust provides permanently affordable homes on Orcas Island.

*Your legacy gift will last forever.*

## Pledge Form

This pledge form is not a binding document. It is simply a statement of your intentions, which we recognize you may wish to keep confidential. We also recognize that you may wish to change your legacy decisions at a later time.



I have remembered OPAL in my will. The approximate value of the gift is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (if you choose to tell us.)

**Designated Use of Bequest:** I would like my bequest

- Unrestricted
- Added to the Stewardship Endowment
- Added to the Development Seed Fund
- Other

**Legacy Recognition Preferences:**

- I would like this gift to be anonymous.
- I would like to be listed as a Legacy Donor in OPAL's Annual Report and other OPAL documents.
- I would like to be included in the islandwide list of Legacy Donors compiled by the Orcas Island Community Foundation as part of "Endow Orcas" (www.oicf.us).
- I intend to leave a bequest to OPAL and will let you know when that bequest has been created.
- I would like to discuss a possible bequest with an OPAL representative.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cut here and return to OPAL at PO Box 1133, Eastsound, WA 98245

# A Gift to the Orcas Community Forever

We are blessed to live on a small, pristine island that is rich in talented people who have a strong sense of community. For the island to continue functioning in the future – so your children and grandchildren can enjoy this same way of life – we need to keep strong the many institutions that are woven into the tapestry of island life.



One of the finest ways for you to do this is a legacy gift. When you remember us in your will, bequest or trust, you're leaving

something of yourself to Orcas Island and your community forever.

### Why is OPAL important?

- Affordable housing helps to maintain the character, vibrancy and diversity of the Orcas Island community by making it possible for young families, working folks and senior citizens to remain on Orcas.

- Without affordable housing, it will become harder and harder to find and hire qualified workers for many of the key community tasks: teachers, paramedics, nurses, construction workers, bank personnel, housecleaners, store clerks, restaurant wait staff and so many more.

### OPAL's mission is perpetual

OPAL will own the land forever, and with that ownership comes a lasting stewardship responsibility – for the land and for the people who own or rent the buildings on that land. We must provide technical advice for residents as well as administrative support for the neighborhood associations. OPAL must facilitate the resale, purchase and financing of homes; advocate for policies and practices that assure these homes remain permanently affordable; and manage rental properties.

You care deeply about the island and the community. Your generosity now will create a lasting legacy in support of our island's diversity and community.

*"Moving to Oberon Wood was a dream come true. I'd never owned a house before, and as a single parent, I didn't think I ever would."*

Luann Pamatian, OPAL homeowner



*The Reddick buildings – "farmhouse," offices and apartments – include OPAL's headquarters. The house is based on Bonnie Brae, a historic home on the site shown (right) circa 1910. OPAL constructed the new building on the same footprint to honor the historic home.*