



A Meaningful Way
to Perpetuate
Your Values and
Sustain the Health of
the Orcas Community



“Alone we can do so little ...

Together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller

Help Secure OPAL's Future

How can you help sustain the things you value most on Orcas?

You can leave a gift in your will to the organizations that matter to you.

None of us will be here forever. But any one of us can have a *lasting impact* on this remarkable island community by including one or more gifts in our will.

Because you have been an OPAL supporter over many years, we invite you to leave such a bequest to OPAL.

With your generous help OPAL has created – and is *still* creating – a remarkable asset for our community: **permanently affordable houses and affordable apartments.**

Generations from now, when all of us are long gone from this world, those homes will still be affordable for the new families who will become an essential part of the fabric of life on Orcas.

And generations from now, OPAL will still need to be a vital organization to steward all that you have helped create.

“I want to help ensure that the community-owned stock of affordable housing on Orcas is supported adequately in the future.” - Mary Blackstone



“A legacy program assures us these wonderful, efficient and permanently affordable homes will be available for generations to come.”

- Winnie Adams & Bob Gamble

“Housing isn't just for the rich and it never should be! Everyone deserves a warm home!”

- Paul Losleben & Merry Bush



How to Leave a Legacy to OPAL

There are many forms a legacy gift may take and you will want to consult with your financial advisor and/or an attorney.

Here are the most simple ways:

► Leave A Gift in Your Will

You may designate a specific dollar amount, a particular asset, or a fixed percentage of your estate as going to a particular person or cause.

For example:

*“I hereby give and bequeath _____
(a dollar amount or a percentage of my
estate) to OPAL Community Land Trust.”*



► Pledge a Portion of an Asset

Retirement accounts (I.R.A.s and 401(K)s) and insurance policies ask that you identify beneficiaries. You could designate all or a portion of these assets to OPAL Community Land Trust.

► Decide if Your Gift is Restricted or Unrestricted

Your gift will be unrestricted unless you are specific. Unrestricted gifts mean that the OPAL Board of Trustees has the most flexibility to determine what is best for the organization. Restricted gifts mean that your donation will be focused in a manner that matters most to you. For example, if you wish your donation to support OPAL's stewardship work (to protect the assets created during your lifetime), you would state in your will:

“I hereby give and bequeath _____ (a dollar amount or a percentage of my estate) to OPAL Community Land Trust to be used for the Stewardship Endowment.”

“When I learned that my typical annual gift to OPAL of \$1,000 could continue forever if I left a gift in my will of \$25,000, I knew it was the right thing to do for me and my family. It means that one thing about Orcas that matters to me will continue long after I am gone.” – Anonymous

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by joining the 30 others who have already become part of the OPAL Legacy Circle. Each of the people on this list has made a commitment to leave a gift to OPAL in his or her will.

To keep OPAL flourishing, we need a Stewardship Endowment of at least \$3 million. It is a big number, but we CAN reach it with the help of many people – *people like you.*

“OPAL gives people a fair shake at living, working, and thriving on the island.”



Charter Members of the OPAL Legacy Circle

Anonymous (multiple)
Winnie Adams
Rosemarie Altberg
Marilyn Anderson
Helen Bee
Mary Blackstone
Merry Bush
Elisabeth Byers
Joe Cohen
James Connell
Catherine Ellis
Douglas Ellis
Virginia Erhardt
Martha Farish
Peter Fisher
Laurie Gallo
Bob Gamble
Steve Jung
Paul Losleben
Susan McBain
Gabriel Olmsted
Jeanne Olmsted
Linda Sacks
Douglas Schliebus
Judith Schliebus

OPAL has been honored by the following departed members of its Legacy Circle:

*Cristine Chandler
Mary Ellen Gaylord
Bob Henigson
Larry Sacks*

If you would like to discuss a gift to OPAL in your will, please call Lisa Byers at (360) 376-3191.



Pledge form for the OPAL Legacy Circle

This pledge form is NOT a binding document. It is simply a statement of your current 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 named, or intend to remember, OPAL with a gift in my will. The approximate value of the gift is _____
(if you choose to tell us).

I would like my gift used for:

____ Unrestricted
____ Stewardship Endowment

Recognition preferences:

____ I would like to be listed as a member of the OPAL Legacy Circle, to be included in the Annual Report and other OPAL documents.
____ I prefer to remain anonymous.

Further conversation:

____ I would like to discuss a possible gift in my will with an OPAL representative.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

*Please return this form to Lisa Byers, OPAL Community
Land Trust, PO Box 1133, Eastsound, WA 98245.*