

VOICES FOR THE LAND

Carol Wall and Pat Kearney have been Land Trust members since 2000. Steadfast voices for the land, Carol and Pat tell their story of support:

“Initially, we were just contributing members who were supportive of the Land Trust’s efforts to preserve and protect special places in the area. As the years have gone by, we have volunteered and continue to do so as bird surveyors, trail stewards, tour shepherds and tour leaders, finance committee members, and amateur historians. As our involvement with the Land Trust deepened, our commitment to its work increased.

We both retired from the University of California’s Davis campus—Pat as the executive director of student housing, food services, and financial aid, and Carol as a professor and vice chancellor. The university’s very generous retirement plan has made it possible for us to share our good fortune with the Land Trust. We have done so in a variety of ways—through our monthly contributions, our membership in the Five Rivers Society, and through contributions to special projects. We have also been able to transfer the required minimum distribution from our IRAs



directly over to the Land Trust with no tax consequences. Our most significant contribution to the protection and stewardship of lands and to the education of those who live in the area will come when our estates are settled. At that time, the Land Trust becomes the sole beneficiary of each of our trusts.

We are very comfortable with these plans as the values and direction taken by the Land Trust are aligned with our hopes for the future of protected lands in Central Oregon. We are thankful to have an opportunity to give back to the lands that have sustained us as we live here. We also have complete trust in the people at the Deschutes Land Trust who are knowledgeable, dedicated, and committed to their and our vision for the future.”

CREATE YOUR LEGACY TODAY

What does the future hold? Nature trails for your children and your children’s children, sparkling streams filled with healthy fish, forests filled with elk, deer, and songbirds?

Planned giving is your way to chart the future. Talk with your family today to make the important decisions on how that future will look. Giving options are diverse and can be tailored to meet your needs and the needs of your favorite streams and forests.

To discuss your options, please contact Brad Chalfant, Executive Director at (541) 330-0017 or bsc@deschuteslandtrust.org.

Please note: the Land Trust can provide information and suggestions to aid in your planning; however, we cannot provide legal or tax advice, and encourage all supporters to seek independent financial assistance.

