

# LEAVING A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE

BY MARY CAMPBELL

*Meet Chloe, Jacob and Charlotte: three of the main reasons my husband David and I chose to leave a gift to the Land Trust in our estate.* Chloe is an inquisitive 5 year old who gladly hunted for bugs and butterflies while attending a Land Trust “Insect Investigation” at the Metolius Preserve. Jacob is 4 and Charlotte 2 and while we still need to take them out to visit a Land Trust property—to learn about butterflies or bats or water bugs—we know they’ll dig the experience as much as their cousin.

For more than 18 years, the Deschutes Land Trust has worked to permanently conserve special places in central Oregon. Protecting anything ‘forever’ is ambitious and requires long-term thinking. However, it is this vision that creates the legacy David and I want to leave behind for our children and grandchildren. We like the idea of permanence: as the Land Trust’s tagline says, “lands in trust, protected forever.” It means our children and grand-children will still enjoy the special places we love in central Oregon.

As a two-time trustee and current Treasurer for the Board of Directors, I know that we are making a sound investment in a great organization that will carefully manage our dollars and our cherished lands for generations to come. I also know just how transformative planned gifts can be for the Land Trust. Whether the gift is a stock transfer, the establishment of a remainder trust, or a bequest, each one allows the Land Trust to conserve more land and protect it forever.

One of the great things about planning our legacy has been the variety of options available to us as donors. There are so many more options than just a bequest in a will. Both the Land Trust staff and our financial advisors made the process, and the options, very easy to understand.

We really can’t think of anything better than sharing the special places we’ve helped to conserve with Chloe, Jacob, and Charlotte. With visionary, legacy-driven support from the community, we know the Deschutes Land Trust will be working just as hard to conserve some of those places during their lifetimes as it has during ours. —

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## 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 Zak Boone, Associate Director at (541)330-0017 or [zak@deschuteslandtrust.org](mailto:zak@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.