

The Archaeology Legacy Circle

honors donors who have included the Verde Valley Archaeology Center in their estate plans through some form of planned giving. Membership in the Circle is conferred upon those who have communicated to the Center their intention to make a gift through a bequest, life insurance, retirement fund, or a gift of property with a retained life estate.

In addition to potential tax benefits, Legacy Circle members also receive exclusive invitations to museum events and programs, recognition on the Legacy Circle plaque, and recognition in institutional publications. Of course, if one prefers to remain anonymous, the gift will be kept completely confidential. However, recognition of a gift can encourage others to do the same. Whatever the case, we will honor our donors' wishes, because we appreciate the support immensely.

Planned gifts can help support the Endowment Fund. The principal of the Endowment Fund is invested to increase over time, and the Center uses the income it produces to support its general operations and innovative programming.

Your gift can also support the Center's general operation, Capital Campaign, or be applied to particular programs. New work and scholarship are expensive to produce and support, but planned gifts from Legacy Circle members ensure that archaeological education and research will continue at the Center.

The **Verde Valley Archaeology Center** explores the ancient cultures of the Verde Valley with exhibits and educational programs on:

- ▶ The Paleo-Indian big-game hunters;
- ▶ The Sinagua culture of Palatki, Montezuma Castle and other sites;
- ▶ The Yavapai and the Apache who still reside in the Valley;
- ▶ The tools and methods of archaeology.

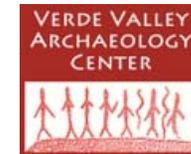
OUR MISSION is to preserve archaeological sites and collections, to curate the collections locally, and to make them available for research and education; to develop partnerships with American Indians, cultural groups and the communities the Center serves; and to foster understanding of prehistory and American Indian history in the Verde Valley through the science of archaeology.

Verde Valley Archaeology Center
385 S. Main Street
Camp Verde

10 am to 4 pm - Sundays 12 to 4 pm
(closed Tuesdays) Free admission

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THE ARCHAEOLOGY LEGACY CIRCLE



Gift From Your Will or Trust



How It Works

Include a bequest to the Center in your will or trust. Make your bequest unrestricted or direct it to a specific purpose. Indicate a specific amount, or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust. Here is sample language for your will.

I give _____ percent (%) of the residue of my estate [or _____ and no/100 Dollars (\$ _____)] to the VERDE VALLEY ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER, an Arizona nonprofit corporation.

Choose from the following:

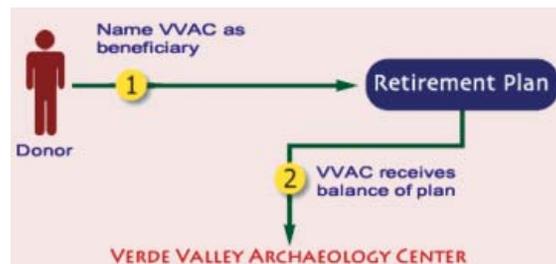
1. This gift shall be used for the benefit of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center at the direction of the Board of Directors of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center.
2. This gift shall be used for the benefit of _____. (e.g. a specific facility or program area.)
3. This gift shall be used for the purpose of _____. (e.g. research, curation of artifacts, or educational programs.)

Please keep in mind the language described above has been prepared by the Center only as an example and should not be used as written without consultation with your own legal advisers.

Benefits

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- You can modify your gift to address changing circumstances.
- You can direct your gift to a particular purpose. (Be sure to check with us to make sure your gift can be used as intended.)
- Under current tax law there is no upper limit on the estate tax deduction for your charitable bequests.

Gift From Your Retirement Plan



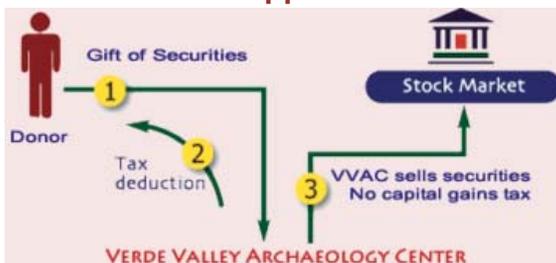
How It Works

Name the Center as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other qualified plan. Designate us to receive all or a portion of the balance of your plan through your plan administrator. The balance in your plan passes to the Center after your death.

Benefits

- Avoid the double taxation your retirement savings would face if you designate them to your heirs.
- Continue to take regular lifetime withdrawals.
- You have flexibility to change beneficiaries if your family's needs change during your lifetime.

Gift of Stock or Appreciated Assets



How It Works

You transfer appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares you have owned for one year or more to the Center, which sells your securities and uses the proceeds for its programs.

Benefits

- You receive an immediate income-tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities on the date of transfer, no matter what you originally paid for them.
- You pay no capital gains tax on the transfer.
- Giving appreciated stock could be more beneficial than giving cash.

Become a member of the **Legacy Circle** by letting us know that you have included the Center in your will or trust, or that you wish to gift stock or an appreciated asset to the Center.

Benefits include a special name badge indicating your membership in the **Legacy Circle** and recognition in the *Archaeology Quarterly* newsletter (if recognition is permitted).

Another way to create a permanent legacy at the Center is through the **bequest of artifacts**. A promised gift that the Center has agreed to accept adds breadth and depth to the collection.

We encourage you to join with the **Archaeology Legacy Circle** and help sustain the financial foundation of the Center for generations to come. Please call our Financial Advisor, Mary Huntley at (928) 567-9512 if you wish to discuss any of these options.

For Professional Advisors

As a professional advisor, you build your client relationships on trust and mutual respect. The same is true for our relationships with friends and donors.

We understand that financial, philanthropic and estate goals are unique to the individual. For this reason, we welcome the opportunity to assist as you incorporate your clients' philanthropic objectives into well-crafted estate plans. Furthermore, we encourage prospective donors to consult with their financial advisors before making decisions based on information we provide.

Please feel free to contact us directly for information or assistance on a confidential basis.

Legal Name: Verde Valley Archaeology Center, Inc.
Tax I.D. Number: 27-3436708
Incorporated in: Camp Verde, AZ

Our **Gift Acceptance Policies and Guidelines** are available on our website.