



HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF MAKING CHANGE in the lives of the children and families we serve in Guatemala? At Common Hope, many loyal supporters join the Legacy Circle to ensure that their values are expressed and that they leave a lasting legacy with a gift from their estate.

Becoming a member of the Common Hope Legacy Circle is easy. It requires no immediate donation, it can be changed at any time, and any level of gift qualifies.

If you have considered making children and families in Guatemala part of your legacy, perhaps now is the time to become a part of this incredible group.

FIVE WAYS TO JOIN

- 1 BEQUEST GIFTS** Bequests in a will or trust are a generous way to ensure children and families in Guatemala continue to receive Common Hope programming. There are three options: a **specific bequest** is a designated dollar amount or percentage to the beneficiary; a **residuary bequest** is a percentage of your estate after all other bequests, debts, and taxes have been paid; or a **contingent bequest** is a gift to Common Hope on a condition that a certain event must occur before distribution to the beneficiary. All are unintrusive ways to continue to make a difference for Common Hope.
- 2 GIFTS OF RETIREMENT PLAN ASSETS** Did you realize that most retirement plans are highly taxed when transferred to others, but can be easily transferred to Common Hope without penalty? **From a tax perspective, the best Common Hope legacy gift is often from a retirement plan.** You can designate Common Hope as a beneficiary of your retirement plan and leave other, less heavily taxed assets to your family. **AND, you can take action without the expense of an attorney. Simply request a change of beneficiary form and include Common Hope as a full or partial beneficiary.**
- 3 GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE** Perhaps you purchased a policy when your children were young and now the kids are grown or you have a policy your parents purchased for you years ago. Insurance policies that have outlasted their original purpose are a wonderful way to create your Common Hope legacy. **Just request a change of beneficiary form and designate Common Hope** or sign over a fully paid policy and get a tax deduction.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A MEMBER

- + **SPECIAL RECOGNITION** in publications and at events
- + **INVITATION** to all Executive Director Breakfasts
- + **WELCOME GIFT** to society

- 4 DONOR ADVISED FUNDS** Final distribution of contributions to a donor advised fund are governed by the contract completed when the fund was created. Still, you could consider naming Common Hope as a beneficiary. Or, include Common Hope as a partner to receive a portion of the account value, leaving the remainder for your children or grandchildren.
- 5 CDs AND OTHER BANKING ACCOUNTS** One of the simplest ways you can create your Guatemala legacy is by making Common Hope the “pay on death” beneficiary of a certificate of deposit (or any bank or brokerage account). **Your financial institution can assist you with this easy process.**

* We always recommend that as you begin to explore the Common Hope Legacy Circle, you consult with your legal and tax advisors.