



## Your Gift Will Make a Difference

Most of our members first learned about the National Geographic Society through the pages of our magazine. But some don't realize that many of the scientists, conservationists, and changemakers they read about each month are supported by grants made possible through the generosity of our donors.

Many people are building a lasting legacy by partnering with us to tackle the biggest challenges of our time. We're focused on making an impact in three main areas: documenting and preserving our changing planet, protecting critical species and habitats, and reimagining our human story.

If the work we do is important to you, please consider supporting the National Geographic Society through your will or bequest. It can be gratifying to know that a portion of your estate will help to create a healthy, balanced, and sustainable planet.

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## | WILLS AND BEQUESTS |



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One person can change the world

Gifts through wills and living trusts are simple to arrange and may be changed at any time. A provision or amendment prepared by your attorney at the time you make or update your will is all that is necessary.

## Gifts Through a Will or Trust

One significant way to support the National Geographic Society is to include the Society in your will or living trust. Large and small, these gifts are vital to the success of National Geographic's efforts to preserve and protect the planet for future generations.

If you are planning to make National Geographic one of your beneficiaries, we encourage you to let us know. Prior notification helps us to work with you and your advisers to achieve your philanthropic goals. With your gift, you will be eligible to become a member of our Alexander Graham Bell Legacy Society and enjoy its many benefits.

Your information will be kept confidential, and, if you wish, you may remain anonymous for donor recognition purposes.

## Benefits

- Retain control of your assets during your lifetime
- Provide for loved ones and support National Geographic work across the globe
- Designate your gift to benefit your favorite National Geographic Society program
- Make a gift in honor or memory of someone special

*"I included National Geographic in my will because I want the Society to be around for future generations."*

—John McCallister  
Alexander Graham Bell Legacy Society Member



**To include the National Geographic Society in your will, please share the following language with your estate planning attorney:**

*I GIVE, DEVISE, AND BEQUEATH TO THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, A NONPROFIT CORPORATION LOCATED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., FEDERAL TAX ID #53-0193519, THE SUM OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (OR \_\_\_\_\_ %) OF MY ESTATE.*

*National Geographic strongly encourages donors to discuss any estate plan with their personal financial advisers.*

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