

Planned Giving and Endowment Programs of the Grand Canyon Council



HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society has been established by the Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America, to recognize those who believe in preserving the tradition and values of Scouting, as well as perpetuating its future for generations to come. The Heritage Society is a program for individuals that have included Scouting in their Estate Planning or have made an outright gift to the Endowment Fund. The numerous ways to make a gift to the Endowment Fund are as follows:



JAMES E. WEST FELLOWSHIP

James E. West was the first chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and he served in that position for more than three decades. The James E. West Fellowship Award is available for gifts of \$1,000 and up in cash or marketable securities to the council endowment fund. The gift must be in addition to--and not replace or diminish--the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and corporations make these gifts either on behalf of someone else--such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary--or in memory of a special individual. If an institution is truly "the lengthened shadow of one man," it is more than fitting that the Boy Scouts of America honor James E. West's significant contributions to Scouting in such a significant way.



SECOND CENTURY SOCIETY

Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has grown into something larger and more significant than anyone anticipated. We honor that special date by presenting the 2nd Century Society award to donors who make gifts of \$25,000 or more to their council endowments. These gifts can be in the form of cash, securities, land, five-year pledges, or other property suitable for a council endowment fund or easily converted to cash. There are four levels of recognition in the 2nd Century Society that honors four very special individuals who shaped modern-day Scouting.

- 1) Earnest Thomas Seton, nationally known artist and naturalist, author of the first official American Scout handbook and many other books important to Scouting;
Seton Level membership: \$25,000 minimum gift
- 2) Daniel Carter Beard, first chairman of the National Court of Honor, national Scout commissioner, and author of many well-known books and stories for youth;
Beard Level membership: \$10,000 minimum gift

- 3) Theodore Roosevelt, first Chief Scout Citizen, first Vice President of the BSA, and President of the United States;
Roosevelt Level membership: \$500,000 minimum gift
- 4) Waite Phillips, one of the BSA's first benefactors, and donor to the BSA of almost 130,000 acres of land in New Mexico which became Philmont Scout Ranch;
Phillips Level membership: \$1,000,000 minimum gift



Founders Circle

The newest level of endowment recognition, the Founders Circle, is intended to recognize deferred gifts designated for Council endowment funds. With deferred giving (also called planned giving) so widely and effectively used by so many donors, the BSA wants to recognize the importance of such major gifts. Donors are recognized for gift commitments with a minimum value of \$100,000. Unlike the other endowment recognition awards, the donor may qualify for membership with gifts made through:

- Charitable bequests in a will or a codicil
- Charitable trusts, such as unitrusts, annuity trusts, and lead trusts
- BSA Gift Annuities or BSA Pooled Income Fund Gifts
- Life /retirement plan designations
- Other deferred gifts approved by the local council

As with the Second Century Society, there are four levels of membership within the Founders Circle. They are:

Bronze -- \$100,000 minimum gift commitment

Silver -- \$250,000 minimum gift commitment

Gold -- \$500,000 minimum gift commitment

Platinum -- \$1,000,000 minimum gift commitment

The early founders of the BSA had the vision and commitment to make Scouting the number one youth organization in the world. In that spirit, we honor the modern-day visionaries who qualify for the Founders Circle in *their* commitment to perpetuate the visions and beliefs of those founders.

For more information on how you can participate in one of
these endowment recognition programs, contact Frank R. Yoke, III Director of Development
at 602-955-7747 Ext. 248 or frank.yoke@scouting.org

Donations of Stocks & Marketable Securities

Have you considered making a gift to Scouting through appreciated stock? This would be a great way to support the Grand Canyon Council at a relatively low cost to you. If you have stocks or securities that have become highly appreciated in the past year this gifting method may be the right fit for you. If you do donate stocks or securities your tax deduction would be the fair market value of your gift and your donation would not be subject to capital gains taxes, which would be applied if you sold your stock. The fair market value is generally considered to be the average of the high and low of your securities on the day on which the donation was made. If you own highly appreciated stocks or securities, this method of donation could be right for you. Contact Frank R. Yoke, III at 602-778-7674 or frank.yoke@scouting.org for additional information on donation of Stocks and Marketable securities.

Wills, Bequests and General Endowment Information

If you have a question about estate planning, bequest to the Grand Canyon Council, BSA please contact Frank R. Yoke, III, Director of Development at 602-955-7747 Ext. 248 or frank.yoke@scouting.org