



LEGACY CIRCLE

About Densho

Founded in 1996, Densho is a POC-led organization with a mission to preserve and share the history of the WWII incarceration of Japanese Americans to promote equity and justice today. Densho—a Japanese term meaning “to pass on to the next generation” or “to leave a legacy”—is a digital archives and public history organization that documents the stories of Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II. We offer an award winning, nationally acclaimed website to showcase these irreplaceable firsthand accounts along with historical primary sources, an online encyclopedia, historical overviews, and curriculum materials to promote critical thinking skills and discourse on the difficult issues of civil liberties, immigrant rights, and racial equity facing our country today.

Densho Legacy Circle

By including Densho in your estate plan, you can leave a legacy of your own. The Densho Legacy Circle honors persons who have chosen to allocate future gifts to Densho through designations in their estate plans.

Your Gift Will Impact Densho's Long-Term Vision

Your planned gift to Densho matters. Gifts to the Densho Legacy Circle will be placed into a segregated investment account, where the funds will be used to ensure long term financial support for Densho.

The following list highlights Densho's efforts and long-term wide-ranging impacts:

- Densho is a trusted resource and the most comprehensive online resource available for content and information about the WWII Japanese American incarceration.
- Densho's archives include over 1,100 oral histories, as well as photographs, diaries, letters, incarceration camp newspapers, home movies, artwork, memoirs, music, and government records on every Japanese American incarcerated during the war.
- It's a nationally acclaimed “gold standard” community-based online archive and educational resource.
- Densho is recognized as the subject-area expert on Japanese American history and its relevance to current events. Thousands of projects across the nation and almost all scholarly works on the Japanese American incarceration published in the last five years have used and/or cited the Densho Digital Repository archives and 1,500 article Densho Encyclopedia.
- Densho regularly works with educators, writers, artists, filmmakers, curriculum developers, and podcast producers to create content about the WWII Japanese American experience and to create broader understanding and relevancy to the materials Densho preserves.

- Shares the craft of community history preservation via family history research & training, oral histories & training, and content digitization & training;
- Provides outreach events, workshops, and educational resource materials that are readily accessible online by teachers, students, and scholars.
- Offers a platform and collaboration tools for partners, including individuals, institutions, and communities, involved in digitization and oral histories while supporting other communities confronting ethnic and racial inequities and works to build solutions.

Joining the Legacy Circle Has Immediate and Future Benefits

Becoming a member of the Densho Legacy Circle will give you the immediate satisfaction of knowing that your gift will live on and enable Densho to continue its mission.

Members of the Densho Legacy Circle will be invited to a special event each year to honor and celebrate your commitment. You will also receive a commemorative pin featuring original artwork created by Densho's Artists-in-Residence. All you need to do to join is to officially inform us that Densho is included in your estate plan.

There Are Flexible Ways to Invest and Support Densho

Estate planning is something that everyone should consider. An estate plan ensures that your assets—whatever their size—will be managed and distributed as you wish after your passing. An estate plan prioritizes your values, aspirations, and wishes. You can dedicate shares of your estate to loved ones, as well as to organizations like Densho that matter to you.

Sample Bequest Language:

I give \$_____ (or ___%) from my estate to Densho, a 501©(3) organization with tax identification number 91-2164150, currently located at 1416 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98114. I intend my gift to be used immediately (or held as an endowment, spending the accumulated income each year) to support Densho at the discretion of the Densho Board of Trustees (or for the following purposes _____). If my intended use is no longer practical or relevant at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, I request that these funds be applied to the closest related use, as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Contact Us

Densho staff members are available to provide further information and to discuss your giving options.

We invite you to contact Cassandra Hishida at kassandra.hishida@densho.org.

Densho Legacy Circle: Gift Notification Form

I am/We are pleased to join the Densho Legacy Circle by providing for the following type of legacy gift to the organization:

- a bequest in my/our will or revocable living trust
- beneficiary designation on an insurance policy
- beneficiary designation on retirement plan assets
- other planned gift: (please specify) _____

___ I am/We are pleased to be publicly listed among the members of the Densho Legacy Circle. My/Our name(s) should appear in the Circle's records as follows:

Name(s): _____

___ I am/We are honored to be a member of the Densho Legacy Circle but wish to remain anonymous.

___ I/we do not wish to be included as a member of the Densho Legacy Circle at this time but are still pleased to make a planned gift to Densho.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(The approximate amount of my legacy gift will be \$ _____ (optional))

All information will be kept strictly confidential. Thank you!

To return this form via email, send to kassandra.hishida@densho.org

To return this form via mail, send to Densho | 1416 S Jackson St | Seattle, WA 98144

Thank you for notifying us of your gift and for making Densho part of your legacy!