

If you have been inspired by the role Rancho Los Cerritos plays in your life – or the lives of countless children and visitors to this valuable community asset – we ask that you consider including the Rancho in your estate planned giving decisions.



Generations of the Bixby family have helped to support the mission and vision of Rancho Los Cerritos

Whether your objective in making a planned gift is to maximize your retirement income while receiving a tax savings - or to provide a gift in a bequest or other planned giving vehicle – **Rancho Los Cerritos** needs your support. In response to your generosity, we will recognize your gift in perpetuity, or within your lifetime, as a member of the **Adobe Heritage Society**.

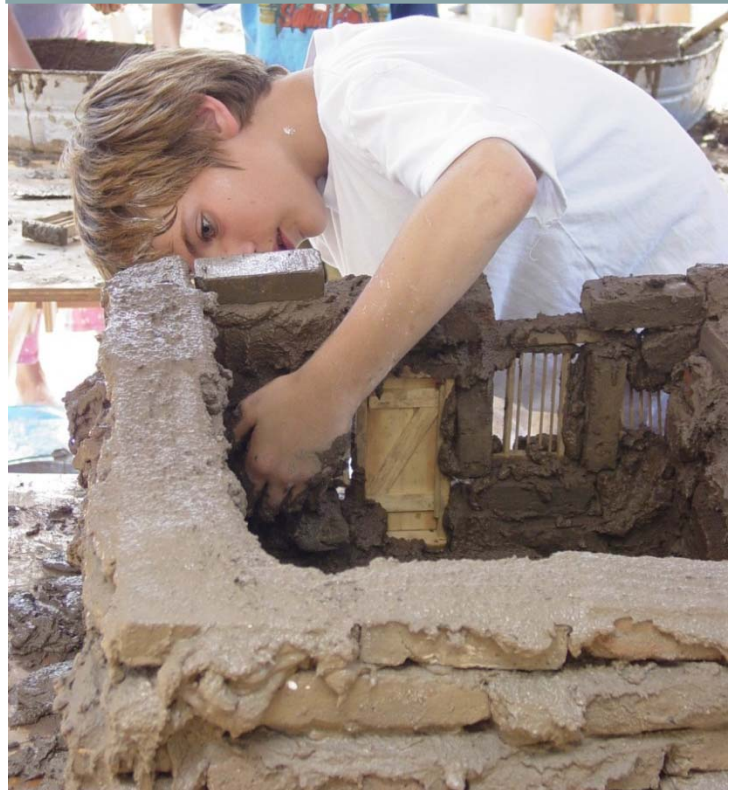
The mission of **Rancho Los Cerritos** is to restore and preserve the structure and grounds; collect appropriate resources; and interpret the relationship of the Rancho's diverse people, from Native American times through the 1940's, to the development of the Long Beach area. Rancho Los Cerritos inspires curiosity and respect for the past, enriches understanding of the present, develops excitement for the future and connects people with community, history and culture.

Please contact us...

Our development department will be pleased to work with you and your advisors in crafting a gift plan that best matches your estate objectives – while providing a valuable investment in Rancho Los Cerritos. Please note, all gift options will be reviewed and accepted at the discretion of its financial advisors with approval from Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation; Board of Directors.

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Adobe Heritage Society



Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation

Make a lasting Investment...
in a Community Treasure



An Estate Planned Gift Leaves a Lasting Impression...

The impression left in a child's mind after exposure to living history can inspire and motivate them for a lifetime. Your investment **TODAY** can leave a lasting impression on the **FUTURE** of Rancho Los Cerritos!

The partnership continues...

We hope that your investment in **Rancho Los Cerritos ~ Adobe Heritage Society** is a consideration you are making as an extension of our annual giving donor program. We know many supporters would like to make a gift of more significant impact than is possible during their lifetime. We recommend that you consult your financial advisors, or attend a seminar at the Rancho that helps chart a course for optional ways to make an estate planned gift that could accomplish your goal.

The Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation endowment fund provides critically needed support to sustain museum galleries, valuable curatorial and restoration efforts, education and cultural programming and more. By including the Rancho in your will, living trust and/or retirement plan, you can ensure that your annual support will continue in perpetuity.

The role of endowing a facility, as well as long term programming, is a cornerstone of any solid financial strategy. Your investment in the future education of our community at Rancho Los Cerritos supports our fiduciary long term endowment strategies. **Your estate gift may be unrestricted as to its use or restricted for a specific purpose.**



Legacy Gift Options

Cash – A gift of cash is the most direct method to support Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation (RLCF.) Because of tax savings from a charitable deduction, your ultimate net cost can be less than the actual amount of the gift.

Property – Gifts of appreciated property such as securities or real estate can provide tax benefits as well as relief from decisions to be faced regarding dispersing of estate assets.

Life Insurance – This option of donation provides a valuable asset to the Rancho if you no longer need the protection of a paid-in-full policy, or list RLCF as sole beneficiary of a new irrevocable policy.

Securities – Gifts of stocks, mutual funds, and other securities can provide an alternative to cash gifts, particularly if they have increased in value since original purchase. This increase provides a value to the Rancho and a preventative gesture to lessen capital gains tax.

Trusts – Many documents can be created in your lifetime that will provide for future distribution of your assets without extensive probate activity for your estate. These instruments can be amended in your lifetime – while providing a legacy for Rancho Los Cerritos.



Bequests - A bequest allows donors to give in ways they may not have been able to during their lifetime. Please use a version of this sample language provided:

Percentage: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Rancho Los Cerritos for the support of [Endowment, a Specific Programs, etc.] which is located in Long Beach California, ___% of the residue of my estate."

or

Dollar Amount: The above modified to include "the sum of \$_____."

or

Specific Property: The above modified to include "my interest in:

- > **Real property** - describe the property and exact location
- > **Art work** - describe each art piece
- > **Securities** - describe which stocks, bond, etc."

or

Retirement Plan: In the beneficiary designation of your IRA, 401(K), 403(B), or any qualified retirement plan, give a percentage, i.e. 100%, 50%, etc. to Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation.

Tax laws are in constant change and all gifts should be made following consultation with a professional financial and/or legal advisor(s).

Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization, recognized as such by the IRS. Your donation is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Our federal tax identification number is 33-0618231.