



Planned Giving

Leaving a Legacy of Fairness and Equality

Basic Rights Oregon was founded in 1996 to combat a raft of anti-LGBTQ ballot measures that sought to dehumanize LGBTQ people in our state. Together during these last two decades we've turned the tide on that hate, and helped make Oregon a place of fairness, equality and compassion. You've supported us as we've become a trusted and influential force, whose priorities help shape the state's landscape. A gift to Basic Rights Oregon in your estate plans helps enshrine your commitment to equality and ensures that our shared values endure for decades to come.

Why Remember Us with a Gift?

While we've won many landmark victories – such as the passage of the Oregon Equality Act, the freedom to marry, the first standalone transgender justice bill, a ban on youth conversion therapy, and X gender markers on licenses– we know that our advancements need defending, and that legal equality is not the same as an equal lived experience. That's why we're fighting back efforts to erase transgender students from curriculum and always prioritizing transgender justice and racial justice.

We envision a state where all children, no matter who they love or how they identify, can pursue the life they want, free from homophobia, transphobia and racism.

You've been an important part of our story. Your support has helped transform Oregon into what the Movement Advancement Project has declared the second most LGBTQ-friendly state in the country. As we know from experience, though, it will take determination and resolve to reach our dreams of full equality. A bequest to Basic Rights Oregon in your estate plan, or through beneficiary designation, will help ensure the work we've begun together can continue with the same urgency and passion that have led us to the progress and equality we've celebrated thus far.

I give to Basic Rights Oregon today because I believe in the equality work they're doing. Giving to BRO in my estate is just an extension of that belief.

In my time as a volunteer board member, I've seen that Basic Rights Oregon has a proven track record of success, and the organization will continue to advance racial and transgender justice.

I encourage everyone to think about including Basic Rights Oregon in their estate plans. If you have an IRA, a 401k, or a life insurance policy, it can take less time than sending an email.



If you're like me, your life involves acting on your values to help make the world better. There's no reason your legacy shouldn't involve that, as well. That choice can start today.

-Brook Shelley

Joining Basic Rights' Legacy Society

In making a planned gift to Basic Rights Oregon, you'll join others like you, who've chosen to pass on part of their estate to the cause of LGBTQ justice. They are Basic Rights' "Legacy Society."

On our website you'll find sample language for making a bequest to Basic Rights in your estate plan, or designating Basic Rights as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other financial account. Likewise, you'll find tax information regarding our charitable status. We are truly grateful to those who remember us with legacy gifts, and are happy to meet with you to answer any questions, and assist in any way we can.

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