

Leaving a Legacy

We all ask ourselves from time to time, what will be our “legacy?” How will others remember what was important to us? Legacy means different things to different people. Most often, it refers to financial assets left behind when we pass on. However, it can also mean your individual “mark” left on a charitable cause close to your heart.

Heartfelt giving at Meherana begins with the people who share the vision of Meherana and are committed to help us to more fully realize our mission in the future. Since 1993, donations to Meherana have provided for land purchases, building Baba’s Cabin, event dining and meeting areas, cabins for visitor overnight stays, roads and trails, plus septic, well and water systems. For many, Meherana has provided a defining experience, affecting their outlook on life and furthering their relationship with Meher Baba.

Everyone can touch the future of their community by leaving a legacy through lifetime giving or through their will or estate plan. By leaving a legacy, you can make a dramatic impact on Meherana.

You do not need to be wealthy to make a valuable contribution to the continuation of the work of Meherana. Everyone can leave a legacy of support. In addition to lifetime gifts (the most common and convenient is a tax-deductible gift made by check to Meherana) there are other ways to contribute:

- Gifts through your Estate (this allows you to preserve your assets during your life)
- Beneficiary Designations (gifts from retirement plans and IRAs made payable at death to Meherana to avoid federal and estate taxes and income taxes)
- Appreciated Securities (an outright gift of appreciated securities avoids capital gains taxes and can provide an income tax deduction)
- Gifts of Real Property (can provide an income tax deduction or fund a Charitable Remainder Trust)
- Charitable Remainder Trusts (provide income for life for the donor and/or spouse and an income tax deduction, as well as other benefits)
- We encourage you to remember Meherana in your financial planning. Thank you.

(The above information is a general summary of options. Please consult an attorney or other professional advisor when considering these types of gifts. For further information, please contact Kebi Brown at 209 742-5053, or email: donations@meherana.org)