TOMORROW BEGINS TODAY
A Guide for Planned Giving
Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC) was originally founded in 1979 to serve monolingual Japanese American and Japanese immigrants in Little Tokyo. Today, LTSC provides multilingual services to a diverse Little Tokyo, the broader Nikkei community, Asian American and Pacific Islanders and low-income communities throughout Southern California. In the face of a rapidly changing downtown LA, LTSC works to ensure Little Tokyo remains a cultural home for Japanese Americans and a vibrant ethnic neighborhood for all to experience. Among other important efforts, the organization has completed 950 units of affordable housing for low-income families, seniors and others in LA County.

JOIN US

You can support the work of Little Tokyo Service Center with a gift in your will or estate plan.
There are many ways to donate to Little Tokyo Service Center such as writing a check every year or attending one of our events. Another way to contribute without giving up any assets today is through planned giving. A planned gift is a contribution that is arranged in the present and distributed at a future date. Planned gifts are most commonly donated through a will or trust and are most often granted once the donor passes away. Some planned gifts allow you to receive a stream of income from your estate every year with tax benefits and still make a contribution after you pass away.

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WAYS TO GIVE

The following are easy ways to make a planned gift to Little Tokyo Service Center that anyone, regardless of income, can do today.

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**BEQUESTS**

Name LTSC in your will. You can give LTSC a specific amount, or a percentage of your estate.

**EXAMPLE 1**

James wants to leave a gift for LTSC in his will, but does not know how much money will be in his estate when he passes. Instead of a specific amount, James leaves 10% of the remainder of his estate, after all inheritances have been paid, to Little Tokyo Service Center.

**EXAMPLE 2**

Betty wants to continue her Honor Grove pledge commitment after she passes. To do this she bequests $4,000 to Little Tokyo Service Center in her will, which is equal to 20 years of Honor Grove contributions.

**BENEFICIARY**

List LTSC as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy or your IRA 401(k). Speak to your insurance agent or plan administrator for details.

**LARGER ESTATE?**

A Charitable Remainder Trust provides tax advantages for those with appreciated assets of stock or real estate. You can avoid capital gains taxes, provide income to yourself during your lifetime and support Little Tokyo Service Center.

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**ARE YOU A SENIOR?**

Opening a Charitable Gift Annuity provides income to you every year for life with rates better than traditional CDs and has many tax benefits. It also creates a long-term source of income for Little Tokyo Service Center.
After your bequest, you will become a member of our Legacy Partners, a dedicated group of donors who have named Little Tokyo Service Center in their will or estate plan. You will receive invitations to special Legacy Partners events and your name will be listed in our annual report.

Since Little Tokyo Service Center will receive your gift at a future time, please let us know your plans now so that we may honor your gift today.

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After you decide to support Little Tokyo Service Center with a planned gift, there are many options, from simple to complex, to discuss with your attorney. Below are some examples of simple bequest language.

**Bequest of a Certain Dollar Amount**
I hereby give (dollar amount) to Little Tokyo Service Center, a nonprofit organization located at 231 E. 3rd St. Ste. G106 Los Angeles, CA 90013, Federal Tax ID #95-4444102, for Little Tokyo Service Center’s general use and purpose.

**Bequest of a Percentage of Estate**
I hereby give (percent) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to Little Tokyo Service Center, a nonprofit organization located at 231 E. 3rd St. Ste. G106 Los Angeles, CA 90013, Federal Tax ID #95-4444102, for Little Tokyo Service Center’s general use and purpose.

**Bequest of the Remainder of the Estate**
I hereby give to Little Tokyo Service Center, a nonprofit organization located at 231 E. 3rd St. Ste. G106 Los Angeles, CA 90013, Federal Tax ID #95-4444102 all or (percent) of the remainder of my estate to be used for Little Tokyo Service Center’s general use and purpose.

*If you have general questions about getting started, please contact Chris Aihara at 213-473-1608.*