



LEGACY OF HOPE

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A newsletter for Will to End Hunger, the Food Bank's legacy giving society

“Making the world an easier place to be good in”

Despite growing up two states and 180 miles of highway apart, Jack and Ying Mei experienced surprisingly parallel – if humble – upbringings: Parents who worked relentlessly to raise and provide for their children. Education was foremost, as each of their parents lacked such an opportunity. Though Jack and Ying Mei never had to skip meals, food was not to be taken for granted. Both raised Roman Catholic, they were taught early on about the virtues of charity.

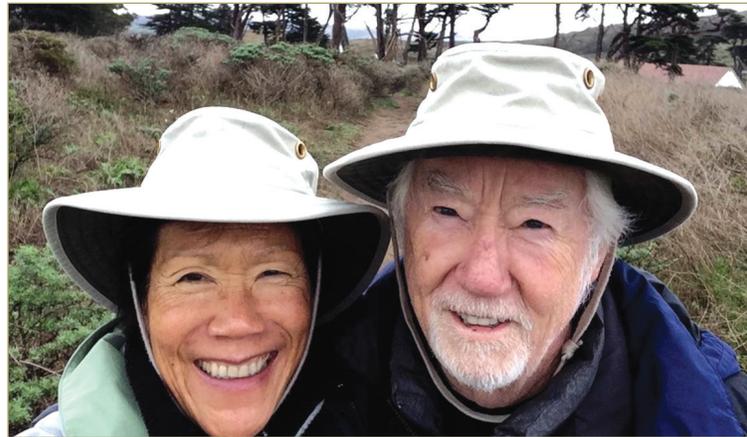
The couple's eventual union seemed merely a matter of fate running its course.

With early exposure to social justice issues, both also chose careers serving their communities. For Jack, it was the Army followed by years as a labor organizer. Meanwhile, Ying Mei spent her career in healthcare, dedicating 25 years to working with underserved communities.

“We are acutely aware of the major inequities that exist, and feel passionate about making a contribution to our planet,” said Ying Mei.

DOING WHAT FEELS RIGHT

Ying Mei and Jack first learned about Alameda County Community Food Bank from some close friends who



Ying and Jack during a hike at Tomales Bay, Marin County

hosted a Food Bank-focused gathering at their house.

“The stories about hunger (in our community) and those who cannot meet their daily food needs convinced us to begin contributing,” said Ying Mei. “The facts were compelling.”

“Contributing” may be an understatement: Jack and Ying Mei were so drawn to our cause that they began hosting their own events and advocating within their circle of friends on our behalf. As they became more aware of the profound nature of hunger in our community – as well as the depth and breadth of our work – they sought more ways to help, including becoming monthly donors.

CREATING A LEGACY

Jack and Ying Mei want to be remembered as living their lives “with good consciousness, generosity and helping to make this world a better place

than how (they) found it.”

So, recently the couple made the ultimate commitment to our work by naming Alameda County Community Food Bank in their estate plan.

“Our focus on developing a sensible estate plan with an attorney moved us to seriously consider our legacy distributions,” said Ying Mei. “We wanted to

help the next generations of our family, but also aimed to give approximately half our legacy to organizations we cherish.”

As Ying Mei noted, the couple wants to ensure that our Food Bank will always have the resources to provide quality food to those who need it, as well as the continued capacity to advocate alongside other food banks to end hunger in America.

“We never had to feel anxious regarding whether or not we can eat,” she continued. “It is difficult to accept that many do live with this anxiety ... given the affluence and privileges of our society.”

We'd like to thank you, Ying Mei and Jack – along with all Will to End Hunger society members – for your generous commitment and partnership in our passionate pursuit of a hunger-free community.

Legacy Gift Spotlight – Charitable Remainder Trusts

There are many ways to support Alameda County Community Food Bank with a legacy gift – with just as many rewards! No matter how you choose to support us, you’ll earn the ultimate reward: knowing you make it possible for Alameda County Community Food Bank to carry on our mission for years to come.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

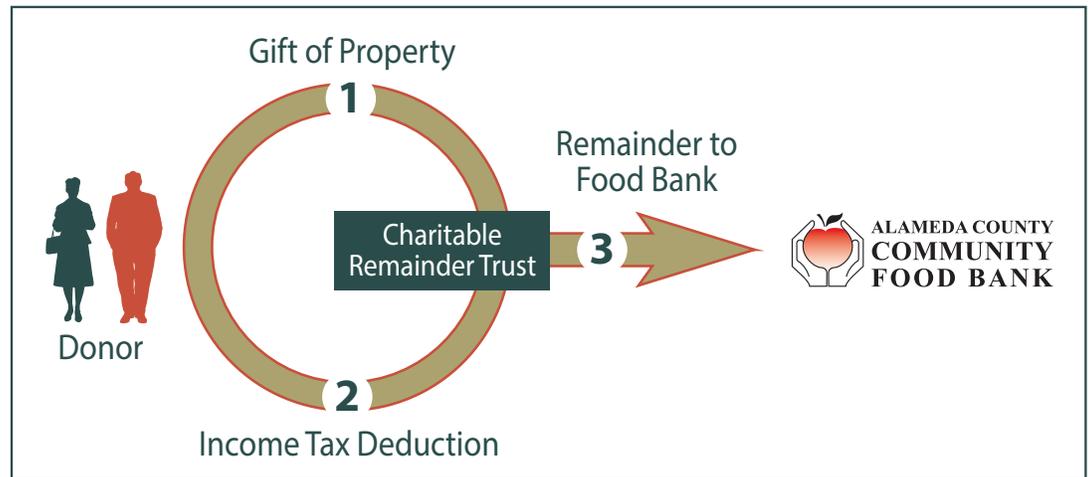
Charitable remainder trusts establish a secure income stream for the life of the donor (and/or the donor’s beneficiaries), with the remaining assets contributed to charity at the end of the trust’s life.

There are actually two different types of charitable remainder trusts:

Unitrusts are a popular way to achieve tax benefits as well as a fixed annual percentage of the value of the assets in the trust. The **assets are re-valued annually** and, if the value changes, the payments to the beneficiaries change, too.

Annuity Trusts are set up to provide a fixed return based on the value of the assets at the time the trust is established. The assets are never re-valued.

Charitable remainder trusts provide a good degree of flexibility that is valuable in charitable gift planning, especially



when dealing with appreciated assets. It is important to know, however, that the gift is irrevocable.

More details about Charitable Remainder Trusts – along with other legacy giving vehicles – are available at www.accfb.org. If you would like to discuss how legacy giving options may fit your needs or philanthropic goals, contact Lisa Saxe at lsaxe@accfb.org or (510) 635-3663 ext. 379. As with all tax and estate planning, please also consult your attorney or estate specialist.

If you choose to include the Food Bank in your will,
please use our legal name,
Alameda County Community Food Bank,
and our TIN, 94-2960297, to correctly identify us.

Interested in joining the Will to End Hunger Society?

Already designated a legacy gift to the Food Bank and haven’t told us?

We’d love to hear from you!

Members of the Will to End Hunger Society are acknowledged for their generosity in publications and at special events – helping inspire others to consider a gift of their own. They also receive periodic and timely information to assist them with gift planning.

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