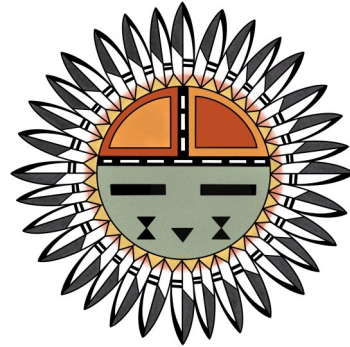


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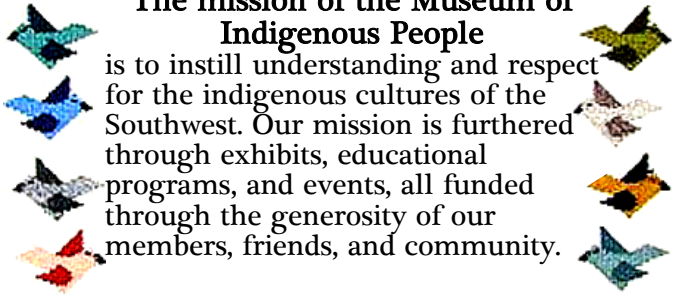


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Planned Giving
Program



The mission of the Museum of Indigenous People

is to instill understanding and respect for the indigenous cultures of the Southwest. Our mission is furthered through exhibits, educational programs, and events, all funded through the generosity of our members, friends, and community.

We present funding opportunities to members and friends of the MIP. We have been successful in obtaining grants for specific projects, yet the longer-term financial viability of our organization continues to be challenging. Most successful non-profit organizations maintain endowment funds, which are long-term, substantial saving and investment accounts which provide a source of income for the organization. Although the MIP established such a fund several years ago, it has yet to be funded at sufficient levels to produce regular income harvesting. Therefore, one of our financial goals is to improve understanding and support of the endowment fund by the members and friends of the museum.

Contributing to the MIP endowment fund is a means of providing a legacy for your family. It is an investment in the future viability of the MIP. Contributions are a way for your wealth to keep on working after you have passed on.

Our endowment fund is maintained at Arizona Community Foundation, invested in long term options. Funds are added by individual gifts of substantial amounts, with endowments designated by donors. Several members contribute regularly to the endowment fund, and we are aware of some who have designated a gift for the MIP endowment fund in their will or trusts. Their names are added to the honor role of donors, maintained in the museum.

There are several ways you may establish a legacy gift to the MIP. You may simply designate the MIP as a beneficiary in your will or trust, or your life insurance policy. Also, direct beneficiary gifts from your brokerage account, and shares of stock or bonds may be contributed. Of course, as the MIP is a charitable IRS 501(c)(3) corporation, donations are usually tax deductible.

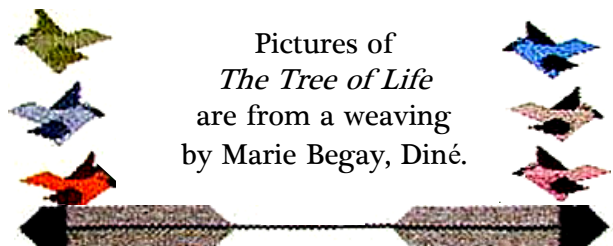
Additionally, after your age 73, the Required Minimum Distribution rules allow the direct contribution from your IRA, (or other tax deferred retirement account) to be exempt from the usual taxation of the withdrawal. Few people are aware of this exemption which may be extremely valuable at tax time. This applies to any contribution to the MIP, not just the endowment fund.

Your broker or investment house can supply the necessary Internal Revenue Service form for a transaction. It may be done at any time of the year but must be completed by year end.

Will a contribution to the Museum of Indigenous People Endowment Fund work with you and your family? Of course, all contributions, large or small, are appreciated. A substantial contribution to the endowment fund will bring lasting benefit to your family.

Thank you for considering a legacy gift to the MIP in your estate planning. For further information about how you might arrange such a gift, contact Ron Robinson, Director of Planned Giving, through the museum.

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