THE ARCHES
IGNITING CURIOSITY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Celebrating legacy donors with engaging events and lasting recognition.
The Arches Benefits

Members of The Arches receive benefits throughout their life in appreciation of their generous legacy support.

- Invitation to an annual appreciation gathering hosted by Pacific Science Center’s President & CEO
- Invitations to select insider events through PacSci’s Igniter program
- Recognition in our annual Thank You Report donor listing
- Recognition in onsite donor listings such as donor walls and IMAX® theater slides
- Opportunity to participate in complimentary seminars on smart legacy planning hosted by PacSci and its professional advisor partners
Why leave a legacy gift?

A legacy gift to Pacific Science Center is a permanent reminder of your values. It represents your strong belief in the importance of sustaining programs that fuel a passion for discovery, experimentation and critical thinking in future generations. Your gift will also inspire others to follow your example.

Legacy gifts help build a pipeline of future support for PacSci, giving a measure of financial stability. They are an essential component of building our endowment and reserves. They also help diversify the sources we can rely upon for future operations.

Anyone can be a Pacific Science Center legacy donor. Making a legacy gift does not impact your current financial security. That’s why many people of modest means have chosen to use legacy gifts as their primary means for making meaningful gifts to the causes they care about. It’s a wonderful way to give back and pay it forward.

The number of legacy gifts to PacSci is also a good indicator of the depth of community support for our mission, something that private and government grant makers favorably look upon when deciding to invest.

Joining The Arches

Making a legacy gift to the Pacific Science Center is easy and flexible and can be adjusted at any time in the future should circumstances warrant it.

In your will or revocable living trust, you can make PacSci a beneficiary of a specific asset, a specific amount or a specific percentage of the residue of your estate after you have provided for your loved ones.

If you don’t wish to see an attorney, you can make the Science Center a beneficiary of a percentage of your retirement plan, life insurance, bank account, investment account or annuity by updating the beneficiary designation forms.

You can also name PacSci among the beneficiaries of periodic grants from your donor advised fund after your lifetime.

Depending on your situation, goals and the type of asset you wish to give, some more complex types of legacy gifts — such as charitable remainder trusts — can also provide powerful tax, estate and financial benefits. A sampling of these benefits include:

- An income tax deduction
- Capital gains tax deferral or avoidance
- Gift and/or estate tax deduction
- An income stream for yourself or your loved ones
- Asset diversification in a tax-exempt investment environment
- Inheritance diversification for your heirs

You may also wish to make a legacy gift in memory of a special individual or family member as a way to pay tribute to their positive influence on your life.

Please review our Ways to Leave a Legacy brochure for detailed information on how to include a gift to the Pacific Science Center in your estate plan.

“... Our affection for Pacific Science Center started as kids — it was a place where inquiry was encouraged, and one of our favorite places to experience with our families. PacSci has remained important to us because it makes science and discovery accessible to kids, even for those who can’t visit PacSci in person. Curiosity is priceless, and we can’t think of another organization that does a better job of fostering curiosity in young people.

We have chosen to include PacSci in our estate plans because it has a 50+ year demonstrated track record of fulfilling its mission. We are thrilled that it has created additional programs to become even more accessible to curious minds throughout the whole community. The leadership at PacSci is forward-thinking; they understand that an investment in youth is an investment in the future of our region.

PacSci emerged at the top of our list of organizations that we believe will remain relevant and enduring. Indeed, given the complexity of the issues that today’s children will face soon as citizens, it is more important than ever that kids learn to think critically and make decisions based on facts.”

— Amy and Steve | The Arches Members
About The Arches

The Arches is a special group of selfless and forward-thinking supporters who are partners with Pacific Science Center in inspiring future generations of science enthusiasts. By thoughtfully including gifts to PacSci in their wills, trusts, retirement plans, and other planned gift arrangements, they provide critical support for dynamic science learning opportunities, hands-on discovery, and innovative community-based programs far into the future. Through their long-term commitments, members of The Arches help us ignite the curiosity of future generations.

Contact Us

Our team is happy ready to assist as you consider ways to leave a legacy through your estate plans. Please contact us at your convenience for more information and referrals to professional advisors who can assist you in your planning.

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