



Prophetic WITNESS

AN FCNL PLANNED GIVING NEWSLETTER

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» Donors share their stories

In the last issue of *Prophetic Witness*, I promised to share some inspiring stories from donors planning a future gift to FCNL. But then I thought: Why not just let them speak for themselves? FCNL's Young Fellow for Communications, Chris Kearns-McCoy, asked some donors what they might tell their friends about their decision to include FCNL in their estate plan. Here are their responses.

Mary Comfort Ferrell, *FCNL planned giving director*

In Their Own Words

IT GIVES US PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION

"What my wife Gloria and I love about our charitable gift annuity is that it lets FCNL use the money as they see fit. We get to enjoy watching the good things that the organization is doing, knowing we're helping them in the future, too.

"I've been talking with people about the way we've done it, and the pleasure and satisfaction that it gives us. I really encourage people to consider the charitable gift annuity. We chose to give a flexible gift annuity, where we can decide when to start taking the income payments. We trust that when we need FCNL to turn on that cash stream from the annuity, they're going to be there for us. It not only ties us psychologically to FCNL, it connects us to them daily. We feel as if FCNL is part of our long-term support team."



~David and Gloria Mog | Arlington, VA

FCNL IS LIKE FAMILY



"I chose to include FCNL in my will to underline my commitment. If you're really enthusiastic about FCNL, if you're inspired, as I am, by the wonderful people, the staff, the values, the mission, and the responsiveness to critical legislation—you know it's about even more than speaking up. We don't go in alone. We go in with other people. Naming FCNL in your will is a great way to underline the love and respect that you have for FCNL.

"I've been involved with FCNL for such a long time, it's like family. It's just a way that someday I can say thanks so much and farewell."

~Sue May | Atlanta, GA

GIVING THE NEXT GENERATION A VOICE



"I don't come from money. It was a scary decision to put FCNL as a beneficiary of my 401(k). But as I thought about the purpose of my 401(k), I thought there might be a bit of money in there for the future of FCNL's young adult program or other programs.

"FCNL gave me my voice when I was finding my faith, finding my role in the Religious Society of Friends, and finding my role in activism. I hope that the money that I will one day contribute to FCNL from my 401(k) can help give someone else a voice."

~Katie Breslin | Washington, DC

YIELDING GOOD RESULTS



"Underlying it all is the fact that FCNL does good work across a number of issues. It presents the Quaker testimony in a secular, political setting, which gets results. That's the bottom line. It gets the kind of results that we stand for.

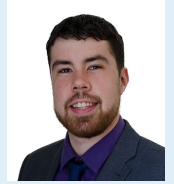
"Naming FCNL as a beneficiary isn't just a financial contribution to a charity, of which there are many worthy causes out there. It's part of our witness on social responsibility.

"FCNL doesn't have to agree with us on every position, but we need to support Quaker values. We think that those are represented over the long haul through FCNL positions and methodology. We'd like to see more Quakers involved in funding FCNL's initiatives because its goals, objectives, and methodologies are most likely to yield results."

~George and Patricia Thomas | Rio Rancho, NM

LIVES DEDICATED TO JUSTICE

"It was very meaningful listening to FCNL donors tell their stories, which are really stories of lives dedicated to justice. I learned that there are many paths and many seasons to living a life dedicated to justice. Sometimes it's taking direct action in the field; sometimes it's lobbying Congress. Sometimes it's putting FCNL in your will as a way of leaving one last mark for something much larger than yourself. It was so inspiring to speak with people who have such powerful relationships with FCNL. I hope in 50 or so years I can say that I have lived a life of similar dedication."



Chris Kearns-McCoy
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