FOR OUR FUTURE

When Jana Zanetto visited Indonesia for the first time in 1988, she was in awe of the vast intact rainforests, wild animals, and the traditional way of life of the Indigenous communities who called the forests home. But she recalls how, even then, rapid industrialization threatened the pristine ecosystems.

Jana’s fierce commitment to protecting the planet began at a young age, growing from her deep love for being outdoors. She began supporting Rainforest Action Network in 1999, when she learned about the campaign against Home Depot to stop producing wood from old growth forests.

Her philanthropy came full circle when Jana became an early supporter of RAN’s campaign to protect the rainforests of Indonesia. She was inspired then by how such a small organization could take on, and successfully move, corporate behemoths — something that still motivates her giving today.

“I am impressed by organizations that do a lot with the money they are given, and RAN is one of them,” Jana says. “I want to help RAN continue the work it’s doing long into the future.”

That’s why Jana has named RAN as a beneficiary of her trust, making a lasting impact for forests, for our climate, and for human rights.

If you would like to join Jana as a member of the Rainforest Action Network Lasting Impact Circle, please contact Emily Selzer at emily@ran.org or 513-227-7536.
Do you have a will or a revocable trust? “Estate planning” sounds complicated, but the truth is we all need to leave instructions for how our money and property should be managed after we die. A will or trust is the document that makes your wishes clear to the people who will do that for you.

A lot of people choose to include a gift to charity in their will. In fact, in 2021, over $46 billion* was transferred to charities through gifts from wills (*from Giving USA). When you plan for a future gift to RAN through your will, you contribute to a legacy that will protect our climate, keep forests standing, and uphold human rights.

Putting a gift in your will isn’t complicated. You simply specify a dollar amount or percentage of your estate or designate any amount left after your loved ones are taken care of. And you can change your instructions at any time if you need to.

When you talk with your lawyer or professional advisor about your unique circumstances, ask how you can include Rainforest Action Network in your plans. The language below should be helpful.

“I give, devise and bequeath to Rainforest Action Network, a nonprofit institution incorporated in the State of California, located at 425 Bush St, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94108, Federal Tax I.D. is #94-3045180, all the residue of my estate OR % of the residue of my estate for support of its charitable mission and purposes.” You know that it takes a long-term effort to challenge corporate power and call out systemic injustice. Including a gift in your will now will help create a future for us all. Have questions or need to know more? Contact Emily Selzer at emily@ran.org or 513-227-7536.

Giving Through Beneficiary Designations

You can support a just and sustainable future by simply naming RAN as a beneficiary of your retirement account, life insurance policy, annuity or donor advised fund.

- Request a change-of-beneficiary form online or from your financial institution.
- Determine the percentage to contribute. Add “Rainforest Action Network, Tax ID #94-3045180” as a beneficiary. Return the form so your wishes are on file.
- Share your plans with your family and financial or legal advisor.
- Tell us about your gift so we can welcome you to RAN’s Lasting Impact Circle.

JOIN THE LASTING IMPACT CIRCLE

When you plan for a gift to RAN as part of your legacy, you become a member of our Lasting Impact Circle – a community bound in a vision of a just, renewable future. By planning for a future gift to Rainforest Action Network, members of the Lasting Impact Circle contribute to a legacy that will protect our climate, keep forests standing, and uphold human rights.

Over RAN’s 35-year history, we’ve learned that it takes a long-term effort to challenge corporate power and call out systemic injustice.

That’s why joining the Lasting Impact Circle is one of the most powerful actions you can take. Your vision for a better tomorrow will be honored through our continued work for people and planet.

When you decide to give, let us know, and you will join people just like you who want to be part of the fight for the planet’s forests, climate, and human rights.

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Once you are 70.5, you can distribute up to $100,000 annually from your IRA to charity. The amount you give counts toward your required minimum distribution, and there's no income tax due. In late December, SECURE 2.0 became law. Here’s what’s new:

1. You can wait until age 73 before making required withdrawals from your IRA, but charitable distributions can start as soon as age 70.5.

2. The $100,000 cap for charitable distributions will be indexed for inflation, so the amount you can give from your IRA in coming years will likely increase.

3. There’s now a once-per-lifetime option to transfer up to $50,000 from your IRA to establish a charitable gift annuity. You’ll get current income and create a future gift.

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Rainforest Action Network

MISSION

Rainforest Action Network preserves forests, protects the climate and upholds human rights by challenging corporate power and systemic injustice through frontline partnerships and strategic campaigns.

VISION

RAN works toward a world where the rights and dignity of all communities are respected and where healthy forests, a stable climate and wild biodiversity are protected and celebrated.