

Leaving a Legacy

with ODC Network



ODC Network (ODC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to advance outdoor education and conservation in West Michigan. ODC's vision is to connect people, land, and nature, ensuring our community is a great place to live, learn, and play.

HOW IT STARTED | In 2000, the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District and Wildlife Unlimited of Ottawa and Allegan Counties partnered to form the Outdoor Discovery Center on 100 acres. With just *one* employee and a few volunteers, the newly formed non-profit began providing outdoor education programming to school and community groups. Restoration began on the land that was previously used for agriculture into forest, meadow, and wetland habitats.

HOW IT'S GOING | The Outdoor Discovery Center has undergone significant growth, resulting in a formal name change to ODC Network. Today, ODC employs over 200 staff, owns 1,000 acres of preserved land, operates several nature-based early childhood centers, supports over 35 local schools with nature-based in-school and out-of-school educational enrichment, provides land conservation and water quality services to the community, and serves over 140,000 people through school and community programs. ODC believe the outdoors should be accessible to all and is committed to keeping our nature preserves open to the public, free of charge.

ODC believes that outdoor education and conservation are interdependent. High-quality natural spaces are necessary for outdoor education to take place, and educating children and adults about the natural world inspires and makes possible future conservation work. You can play a valuable part in the important work ODC is doing by making a planned gift. Learn more about ways to give on the next page.



PLANNED GIFTS ARE AN IMPACTFUL WAY TO ADVANCE OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND CONSERVATION

BEQUEST – GIFTS IN YOUR WILL

A gift in your will is a very thoughtful and easy way to donate to ODC Network in the future. Designate ODC Network (EIN: 38-2461102) as a beneficiary of trusts, life insurance or other assets. Speak with your financial advisor or legal representative about how to add ODC Network as a beneficiary.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), or IRA Charitable Rollovers, are funds from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) that can be donated to a qualified nonprofit organization without first recognizing it as income. If you are above the age of 70.5 and have a Traditional IRA, you are eligible to make a QCD. QCDs typically count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) if you are required to take one.

Contact your IRA plan administrator and request a donation be made from your IRA to ODC Network at 4214 56th St, Holland, MI 49423.

GIFTS OF STOCK AND MUTUAL FUNDS

A gift of appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, is an easy way for you to donate and avoid paying capital gains tax. If you choose to give to ODC in this manner, contact ashley@outdoordiscovery.org for ODC's brokerage account information.

GIFTS FROM YOUR DONOR-ADVISED FUND

If you have a donor advised fund, you can recommend a grant to ODC Network. Your gift will be put to use right away to support ODC's outdoor education programming and conservation work.

ODC recommends talking to a financial advisor, tax professional, or attorney to help determine what makes the most sense for you and your financial goals. If you need help connecting with a professional, let us know. We have a network of professionals in the community who could assist you.



ODC Network Information for Planned Gifts

LEGAL NAME ODC Network

ADDRESS 4214 56th St, Holland, MI 49423

TAX ID (EIN) 38-2461102

TELEPHONE (616) 393-9543

While it is not required, if you choose to make a planned gift, it helps us to know about your plans. We would be honored to discuss how you would like your gift designated/recognized and the legacy you hope to leave with your planned gift.

To further discuss a planned gift to ODC, please contact:

Ashley Van Zee, Director of Philanthropy, ashley@outdoordiscovery.org

I/we intend to provide for the future work of ODC Network through a provision in my/our estate plans, and with this notice we are informing the ODC Network of our plans. I/we understand that this future commitment can be revoked or modified by me/us at any time.

Name(s) _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

I/we have made or intend to make a provision to give to the ODC Network through. *(Please circle)*

Bequest QCD/IRA Distribution Other Trust Life Insurance

The items below are optional

For long-term planning purposes, I/we wish to confidentially inform ODC Network that the best estimate of the value of my/our gift will be \$ _____.

You may publish our names to encourage others to make similar gifts *(please circle)* Yes or No

Date _____ **Signature(s)** _____