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Dear «Salutation»,

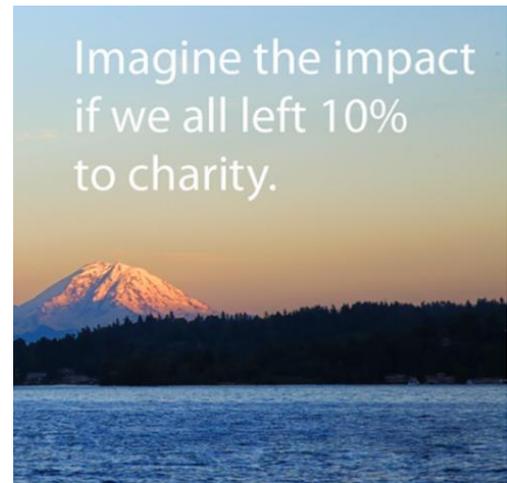
I know that you and I share a commitment to the Dispute Resolution Center, and to our South Sound community. I'm writing to let you know about an important initiative to help strengthen the resources that support our community.

The DRC is partnering with other area non-profit organizations on *Leave 10 South Sound*, an initiative aimed at encouraging members of our community to consider leaving 10% of their estates to charities and causes they most care about. This effort is kicking off this week – National Estate Planning Awareness Week – to bring attention to the profound positive impact that bequests and other legacy gifts can have for our community and the network of non-profit organizations that serve it.

Since my husband and I became aware of the DRC several years ago, we were very moved by all that we learned about the many vital services it provides to our community. Since then, we have both taken the 40-hour Professional Mediation Training course. I have been an active certified mediator since 2015 and am currently part of the Mediator Training Team as well. In 2020 I joined the DRC Board and recently became Board President.

We strongly believe in the mission and work of the DRC and are honored to serve the community through our volunteer service and financial contributions. In addition, we have made plans to dedicate a portion of our estate to help ensure it will be here to serve future generations.

As you know, the DRC recently marked its 30th anniversary. We hope that you and other supporters are inspired to help the DRC stay a vital part of creating civility and harmony in our Thurston and Mason County community for the next 30 years and beyond by considering a legacy gift.



There are several ways you can leave a lasting legacy for our community:

1. Include an organization you support, like the DRC, in your will - either a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate.
2. Name them as a beneficiary of your pension plan or 401k.
3. Name them as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
4. Encourage family and friends to include gifts to charities in their wills.
5. Ask your financial advisor or attorney to encourage legacy giving to their other clients.

There are also many tax and survivor benefits to different legacy giving options. If you have a Required Minimum Distribution from your pension or retirement plan, there are also tax advantages to directing this payment to a qualifying non-profit organization, like the DRC. Please consult with a financial or legal professional for more details.

“I am deeply committed to leaving a legacy by having the DRC be a part of my estate plan. Legacy is a weighty word, but it suits the importance and value of supporting a path to a more civil community.”

A DRC Legacy Society member

A number of DRC volunteers and supporters have already become members of our Legacy Society by including this amazing organization in their estate plans. Bequests and other planned gifts are invested in the DRC Legacy Fund, with earnings used to sustain, strengthen and grow the DRC’s capacity to address growing and evolving community needs in the years to come.

If you have already included the DRC in your estate plan, please let us know. If you would like to learn more about the *Leave 10 South Sound* campaign, adding the DRC to your estate plan, or about other legacy giving options, please contact Joe Sanders, Community Engagement Manager, at 360/956-1155 or email jsanders@mediatethurston.org.



We are so appreciative of your continued commitment to the DRC’s vision, *a South Sound community that has and uses healthy and respectful conflict resolution skills.*



Thank you!

Deborah Jayne
DRC Board President