

# Bequest Form

If you wish to consider making a bequest, please complete this form and return it to us:

I wish to discuss making a bequest to The READ Center

**-OR-**

I have made a bequest to The READ Center. The details are as follows: (optional)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** Executive Director,  
4915 Radford Avenue, Ste. 204,  
Richmond, VA 23230, or e-mail  
[karen@readcenter.org](mailto:karen@readcenter.org).



**Your support means the world to our students.  
Thank you!**



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Richmond, VA 23230

Tel. 804-288-9930

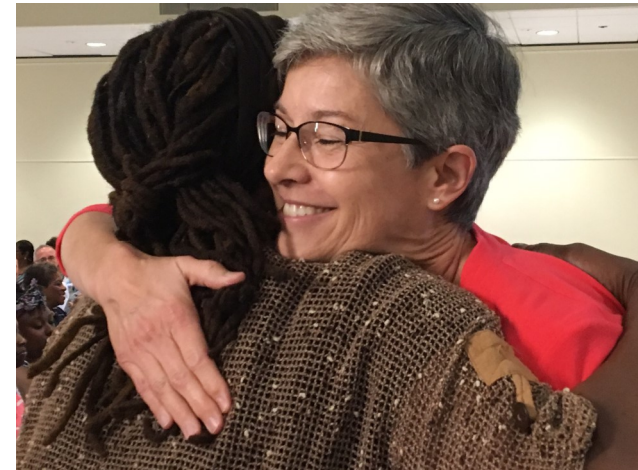
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**Legacy Society**

A Charitable Bequest could be the most important gift you ever make—  
*and one of the easiest.*



*Everyone needs and deserves a literate life.*

## Making a Bequest

Bequests are gifts you make from your will or personal trust. They can be gifts of cash, stock, real estate or other assets. Bequests allow you to support The READ Center without affecting your current lifestyle; and if your situation changes, bequests are revocable during your lifetime.

Putting a charitable gift in your will doesn't require much time. And it doesn't require a lot of money. Bequests of any amount can have an impact far greater and more lasting than you might expect.\*

*\*The information provided is not intended to be legal advice. It is always advisable to consult with a qualified estate planning attorney.*



**Those who include a charitable bequest in their estate plans become immortalized to the causes, the organizations and the community they support.**

## Benefits of Joining The Legacy Society

- Annual mission tour of READ's programs
- VIP passes to READ Center events
- Recognition as a Society Member
- The satisfaction of knowing your support of READ will carry on the much needed adult literacy programs in our community.

***A legacy isn't only what you leave to the world. A legacy is also what you give to the world.***

## Director's Message

Literacy is essential to eradicate poverty, improve housing opportunities and health, stabilize families and communities, and create sustainable employment.

The READ Center was founded over 35 years ago to help adults improve their literacy skills. Today, READ's literacy definition includes reading, writing, and also math and digital skills.

Literacy is the basis for all other education and it impacts almost every part of our lives. Like your support of READ, it is critical today and in the future.

***-Karen La Forge, Executive Director***

## A Lasting Impact

The work the READ Center does changes lives. A bequest means your support of READ lives on and continues to help READ students and their families.

**“ Most of my life I was ashamed and embarrassed because I couldn't read or write. I was a little discouraged because I couldn't get the jobs that I wanted, so 'I just gave up.' I was in my late 40's when I came across a program called the READ Center and I'm so glad that I found it. ”**  
**The tutors and the students are wonderful.**

**-J.B.  
READ Student**