



PLANNING YOUR LEGACY

OUR MISSION

To provide high-quality legal services that improve the quality of life for low-income individuals and their rural communities.

WHO WE SERVE

CRLA serves low-income individuals residing in over 22 California counties. As rural areas and small cities of California continue to change, so does our outreach and service to diverse communities. Today, CRLA serves a wide array of clients, while maintaining specialized programs that focus on services for farmworker populations. CRLA clients also include individuals with disabilities, immigrant populations, school children, lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgender populations, seniors and individuals with limited English proficiency.

HOW WE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE

CRLA reaches over 39,000 individuals a year through a combination of advocacy strategies that: 1) increase access to high-quality, no-cost legal services; 2) ensure the equitable and fair distribution of resources in rural communities; and 3) protect the rights of low-income individuals to seek justice under the law.

OUR WORK

CRLA legal services are shaped by the needs of our diverse client community. Through a state-wide network of 21 offices, our staff conducts litigation, outreach and legal education on the most pressing issues facing low-income communities: housing; employment; education; workplace safety; discrimination; income maintenance and healthcare access. CRLA provides legal services in conjunction with a series of innovative programs and special initiatives. Strategically designed programs and initiatives allow CRLA to address recurring, wide-spread problems that we have identified through emergent patterns in our individual client cases. CRLA has developed initiatives

that deal with many complex and persistent problems for rural communities: protecting the health and safety of farmworkers; guaranteeing that workers receive proper wages; protecting individuals from predatory lending; fighting for communities that lack basic infrastructure; advocating for indigenous Mexican farmworkers; providing education and training to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace; enforcing fair housing practices; supporting victims of domestic violence; guaranteeing the rights of children to a quality education; and increasing access to healthcare among California's low-income families.



VOICES FOR CHANGE CIRCLE

Recognizes those whose foresight and generosity will perpetuate the goals of CRLA – that all rural communities in California have access to justice and the provision of basic human rights. Since our founding in 1966, CRLA has raised its voice to stop harmful agricultural practices such as the short-handled hoe or the use of DDT as a pesticide. CRLA has raised its voice to help workers, unfairly discriminated against, receive lost wages and new jobs. CRLA has raised its voice to protect and improve low-income housing. Raise your voice and join our Voices for Change Circle.

To join the Voices for Change Circle, please send us an email or letter letting us know that CRLA has been included in your estate plans.

We want to accurately understand your philanthropic intentions for CRLA to ensure that it is implemented successfully. To this end, we would appreciate receiving copies of the pertinent pages from your estate planning documents. The specific information that you provide will remain confidential.

JOIN US

To include CRLA in your will, please consider some of the following sample language:

Unrestricted Gift: *A gift that can be used where need is the greatest*

I give to California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., a California nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, headquartered in San Francisco, CA the sum of \$_____ * to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors as it deems advisable for the best interest of CRLA clients.

Residuary Bequest: *Leaves any remainder after all other bequests have been paid*

All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., a California nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, headquartered in San Francisco CA for its general legal services.

Contingency Gift: *Takes effect only if a primary intention cannot be met*

If (name of beneficiary) does not survive me, or shall die during the administration of my estate, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give to California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., a California nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, headquartered in San Francisco CA all of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for its general legal services.

*Rather than leaving a sum certain, you can include language that refers to a percentage of your estate or a description of the property you wish to give.

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Your contributions help CRLA provide outreach, community education and no-cost legal services to poor Californians and their families. CRLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your contribution is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax preparer for details. CRLA's tax identification number is: 95-2428657.