



# The Léni Fé Bland Transition House Tomorrow Fund

Creating opportunities for long-time supporters to ensure that homeless families find their way home—today and tomorrow!

*Leave a  
Legacy of  
Giving to  
Transition  
House*







## How Legacy Gifts Have Already Helped

**Léni Fé Bland** began her extraordinary relationship with Transition House in 1992. When Transition House acquired our emergency shelter building on Ortega Street, she made a \$250,000 pledge to be paid out over 10 years. It was the most significant sustaining funding that Transition House had ever received. She continued to be an active steward, lending her time and talent to introduce others to Transition House. She met regularly with staff about the financial health of the agency, and frequently told others that Transition House was the best managed non-profit she knew because we were so careful with our resources. Over the many years that she supported Transition House, Léni never mentioned leaving us a legacy gift. Shortly after her death, we were amazed to learn that she had left us \$1 million. Transition House's board of directors decided to use her incredibly generous gift to start the Léni Fé Bland Transition House Tomorrow Fund. Her gift will ultimately help support our operating expenses for many years to come. Can you join her?



**Ferd Rapp** was a volunteer at Transition House from its inception. For years, Ferd would drive to the Foodbank each week and pick up supplies for breakfasts and lunches at Transition House. When Ferd passed away, he left Transition House \$6,765. With the encouragement of his family, Transition House used the money as the cornerstone gift

of its campaign to raise funds to completely remodel our emergency shelter in 2006. Ferd's love of the shelter program and its residents inspired others to contribute to this project. Can you follow Ferd?

## The Léni Fé Bland Transition House Tomorrow Fund

**By planning today, you can ensure the future of Transition House tomorrow**

Although our dream of ending family homelessness in San Diego is still a reality, we still have many families in need of our assistance. To ensure that Transition House can continue to help families in need, we are building our own safety net for the future.

The Transition House Tomorrow Fund was started with the generous gift of Léni Fé Bland. Would you consider joining Léni and many others in leaving a legacy gift to Transition House through your estate and legacy plans?

By providing Transition House with a planned gift to help us secure services to the community for years to come.

On these pages are some stories of other people who have left a legacy gift to Transition House. On the back page, see a few of the planned giving options.

- Remembering Transition House in your will or living trust
- Giving a gift of retirement plan assets to Transition House
- Naming Transition House as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy

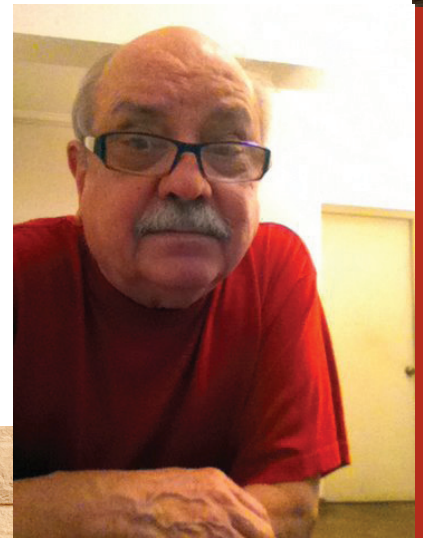
Your estate planning professional can help you find a way to leave a legacy gift to Transition House. Your gift will continue to help motivated homeless families.





**Dr. Marianna Masin** and her husband **Dr. Francis Masin** contributed annually to Transition House beginning in 1986. Their giving grew to \$30,000 a year. Because of their commitment, Transition House named its first affordable housing complex “Casa Marianna.” The Masins told us they would ensure that their help for Transition House would continue after their deaths. Their wish has come true with an ongoing donation from their estate even greater than what they gave in their lifetimes. Can you keep your support going?

When California teacher and English as a Second Language (ESL) supporter **E. Alan Ellington** passed away, his estate provided Transition House with \$60,000. The money was earmarked to underwrite our evening education program for parents living in Transition House’s shelter. Classes include ESL, parenting, career development, financial literacy, and computer training. Alan’s contribution has allowed Transition House to continue to offer this vital programming for shelter families. Can you be inspired by Alan?



## Transition House Tomorrow Fund that homeless families can turn to

As long as Santa Barbara is still alive, we know there will likely always be a Transition House will remain a steadfast champion of families in need.

With a generous bequest from long-time supporter Léni Fé, we are now able to make Transition House a part of your family’s legacy.

To help grow the Transition House Tomorrow Fund, you can

be assured that their support of Transition House continues through the generations, ensuring that the programs that are available to almost everyone. These include:

• Living trust

• Transition House

• Life insurance policy

• Any other way to give that is right for you. And you can rest assured that your support helps families and children transform their lives for the better.

***“Without Transition House I would not have everything that I have now. I would have been lost. It’s a hard program to go through, but then it’s so rewarding. It’s a program that helps you if you want to be helped.”***

—Cindy, single mother of three who has her own home now

*Expert legal advice is needed to properly plan your estate. Taking this step will ensure that your beneficiaries and loved ones will be spared the complications of an inadequate plan.*

*Even if you do not yet have a trust or will, you can schedule a confidential discussion with Transition House's executive director to explore ways to fulfill your wish for supporting families into the future.*

*By leaving a legacy, you help Transition House ensure that homeless families will continue to find their way home for years to come.*



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## Planned Giving: It's Not What You May Think

You may think that planned giving is only for the elderly or the wealthy, or that it's too complicated or confusing. We'd like to help change your thinking with responses to these myths:

**Myth:** Planned gifts are complicated and confusing.

**Truth:** Most planned gifts are simple and affordable, such as a gift in your will or living trust.

**Myth:** My estate has to be large to make an impact.

**Truth:** Any gift to the Transition House Tomorrow Fund, no matter how small or how large, will have an impact. Everyone counts and every dollar counts.

**Myth:** I'm too young to think about making a will.

**Truth:** Every adult with a family should have a plan for what happens after their death. Planning ahead gives you peace of mind as well as helps Transition House plan for the future.

**Myth:** The main reason to give a legacy gift to charity is for tax purposes.

**Truth:** While it might be true that charitable gifts can help with your taxes, research shows that 65 percent of people who donate to nonprofits do so because helping others makes them feel good.

## Popular Ways to Leave a Legacy Gift

No matter what size your estate, you can have an impact on Transition House. Here are some popular ways that people can leave behind their love and their gifts. Consult your attorney or a tax professional for further details, or let Transition House know you're interested and we'll be glad to help.

### ***A Bequest***

This is simply providing an amount of money upon your death to Transition House via your will.

### ***Your Retirement Assets***

Many people are fortunate enough not to use up their retirement accounts. Making Transition House the beneficiary is a great way to make sure your money continues to help those in need.

### ***Life Insurance***

Some people have life insurance policies they no longer need. By making Transition House the beneficiary, you save on taxes and help homeless families.

***Ask your advisor or estate planner about other options like Charitable Lead Trusts or Charitable Remainder Trusts.***