

Optimist International Foundation

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The Optimist International Foundation was established in 1971, and has been instrumental in providing significant funding for the charitable, literary and educational purposes of Optimist International. A majority of the support received by the Optimist International Foundation is unrestricted. These donations are applied to the annual campaign, and are used to support the Oratorical, Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) and Essay Contest scholarships, the Junior Optimist Octagon International program (JOOI) and other Optimist International programs.

There are a number of ways that individual donors can support the Foundation.

Dime a Day

The Dime a Day campaign asks each Optimist member to contribute \$36.50 a year to the Optimist Foundation. The money raised from the Dime a Day program is unrestricted and is used to support the programs of Optimist International. There will be a special pin from the Foundation this year to each Optimist member who supports the Dime a Day campaign. You can make your contribution at each District Meeting this year.

President's Club

Members may join the President's Club by making an initial gift of \$250 and renewing each year for a \$250 annual contribution. Donors receive a prestigious lapel pin showing that they are members of the President's Club.

Friend of Today

The Friends of the Optimist Foundation Society recognizes the continued generosity of Foundation donors. A Friend of Today makes a minimum donation of \$250 annually to the Foundation and receives a signed and numbered collector's plate. The collector plate is shipped directly to the donor.

Friends of Tomorrow Society

The Friends of Tomorrow Society recognizes those that have arranged a charitable bequest to the Optimist International Foundation. A bequest provides for the future needs of Optimist International programs and the Optimist International Foundation.

The Friends of Tomorrow Society is comprised of mission-based donors who understand the importance of philanthropic-minded planning, and have used this planning to include the Optimist International Foundation in their will or trust documents.

Your bequest makes a real difference in the future of our organization. It allows Optimist International to bring its message and its programs to people all over the world. Your bequest is an opportunity to perpetuate your values for generations to come.

If you haven't included the Optimist International Foundation in your will, please strongly consider it. The decision you make today will help make a difference in the life of a child for years to come.

William Harrison Society

Named after the first Optimist International President, William H. Harrison, whose drive and determination helped propel Optimist International into a premier service organization. The Foundation's Board of Directors created this Society as a special way to recognize the major donors of the Foundation. To become a member of the Society, your life-to-date giving to the Optimist International Foundation must be \$10,000 or more, along with a contribution of \$1,000 annually. Annual contributions of \$1,000* are required to maintain membership in the Society. Members of the Society will be invited to attend a recognition dinner with the Foundation Board of Directors at the International Convention.

*1,000 annual gift excluded from any other Foundation recognition programs and must be contributed in subsequent years to continue receiving dinner invitations. Donor is automatically in the Society when meeting above criteria.

Christian Larson Partners

Both Boards of the Optimist International Foundations adopted a new recognition level for a one-time \$1,000 unrestricted gift called the Christian Larson Partners, in honor of the man who wrote the Optimist Creed, for those who follow the creed AND help fund the Foundations' missions through their personal giving at this level, effective July 5, 2006. Note: past gifts do not apply.