



California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.



The More You Know...

An Informative Message from Your District
Bequests and Living Trusts Committee Chairman

The BLT Benefactor Program **Making Charitable Giving Affordable**

The idea behind the Bequests and Living Trusts ("BLT") Program is to motivate all Elks, and their spouses, families, and friends to name the Major Project in their wills, living trusts, insurance policies, annuities, or in any other similar document suggested by their financial advisor or personal lawyer. Giving is encouraged in any amount an individual can afford. BLT acknowledges that for Elks, their first responsibility is to their families. They are asked only to consider donating surplus funds or holdings as a gift of love to the Major Project to assist disabled children.

In 1989, the BLT Committee formed the Benefactors Group to recognize Elks, their spouses and others who have made a commitment to the Major Project through the Benefactors Program.

The BLT Benefactor Program encourages people to give to the Major Project. It makes it easy and affordable for anyone to give. Anyone, member or non-member alike, making a minimum present of \$1,000 to the Major Project through the BLT Benefactor Program will automatically become a BLT Benefactor. However, if one were to make a deferred gift through a Will, Living Trust, Bank Account, Insurance Policy, or other means, there is no minimum amount. You may designate any amount with which you now feel comfortable to become a BLT Benefactor immediately, and add more to it later as circumstances allow. As a BLT Benefactor, you will receive a beautiful oak-framed certificate and a distinctive triangular BLT lapel pin to wear with pride.

All gifts through the BLT Benefactor Program will be allocated to and invested in the special BLT Legacy Trust Fund. Funds on deposit, principal and interest, are invested prudently to obtain maximum growth. These funds are accumulated from year to year, and only the interest earned can be expended by the Major Project, only after a special vote by the Trustees of the Major Project. The BLT Legacy Trust Fund currently has grown to over \$11.7 million.

The BLT Benefactor Program is designed to make it easy and affordable for everyone to give. With tax benefits to the donor and immeasurable benefits to disabled children, won't you consider becoming a BLT Benefactor today?