

## MAKING A PLANNED GIFT TO THE INDIANA LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

The Indiana Lincoln Highway Association (INLHA) is leading efforts to preserve America's first coast-to-coast highway, promote tourism along it, tell its history, and expand ways to enjoy today's routes.

As we look forward to the coming years, there are many new and ongoing projects and opportunities. We are now an Indiana Scenic BYWAY, which allows us to produce and display new route signs, as well as to provide easier access to attractions to see and do along and near the two Indiana routes.

We ask you to take a moment to look down the road with us . . . to imagine what a planned gift could do to support our work. We've listed below some planned giving methods often used by individuals and families to help support a favorite charity. Please consider which of them might be right for you. We also recommend that you consult your tax accountant or lawyer about your planned giving goals.

### CHARITABLE BEQUESTS—

- Give to the INLHA with a bequest in your will or revocable trust (changeable during your life).
- The will or trust conveys funds to the INLHA as an unrestricted gift or for a specific purpose.
- Your assets remain under your control during your lifetime.

### DONATING A RETIREMENT PLAN ASSET—

- You name the INLHA as a beneficiary in any IRA, 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan.
- At your passing, all assets remaining in your plan are transferred to the INLHA tax-free.
- It is also possible to make a donation from your retirement accounts during your lifetime.
- You may escape income and estate tax levies on residual amounts in a qualified account.

### LIFE INSURANCE—

- You make the INLHA the owner and sole beneficiary of a paid up life insurance policy.
- The INLHA may elect to cash in the policy now or keep it and receive a death benefit later.
- You get a gift tax benefit and income tax deduction for the cash surrender value.
- Such a gift will not adversely affect your current cash flow.

### A RETAINED LIFE ESTATE—

- You transfer ownership of your home, farm, or vacation property to the INLHA and retain a *life estate for yourself*. You continue to live there or use it for life, still paying for taxes & upkeep.
- Upon your passing the property passes to the INLHA.
- You gain a gift tax benefit and income tax deduction for part of the property's appraised value.

### Build your own "LINCOLN MEMORIAL"

The Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. was dedicated in 1922 as a tangible way to honor Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy. As a country, we will never let that Memorial decay or lose its significance. Sadly, Indiana's Lincoln Highway has no such guarantees. Every week parts of the Lincoln Highway are threatened by "improvements". Sometimes apathy or ignorance results in permanent loss of something irreplaceable. This is why we appreciate your thoughtful consideration of a planned gift.

Please contact our office at (574) 210-6278 or write to us at 402 W. Washington St. , South Bend, IN 46601 or at [lincolnhighwayassociation.office@yahoo.com](mailto:lincolnhighwayassociation.office@yahoo.com). Both the INLHA and the Lincoln Highway communities across northern Indiana will benefit as we plan together to move . . . down the road!