Why is leaving a legacy so important?

Leave a gift in your will to Inti Wara Yassi and you will help ensure that native Bolivian wildlife continues to be protected, cared for and appreciated. You will leave a lasting legacy to the future of the Bolivian community as Inti Wara Yassi continues to promote the importance of environmental awareness to the next generation, and strives to enforce the law throughout Bolivia to end illegal animal trafficking.

The seeds of Inti Wara Yassi were sewn in 1992 by Juan Carlos Antezana and Tania Baltazar Lugones (Nena) in a small neighbourhood in El Alto, above the city of La Paz. Whilst taking a group of Bolivian children on an educational field trip along the lush ‘Choro Trail’, traversing rainforest ecosystems, highlands and cloud forests, they were faced with a shocking reality: deforestation and man’s destructive impact on the environment and native wildlife. Whilst visiting a nearby town they also witnessed the blatant abuse of wildlife, a spider monkey being forced to drink alcohol and dance by locals. They wanted to rescue the spider monkey, but where could they take it? These experiences and other aggressive actions against wildlife such as illegal black markets, circuses and wild animals kept in unsuitable captive environments, committed Juan Carlos and Nena to create Bolivia’s first refuge for wild animals, Parque Machia, to offer these voiceless creatures a safe home and a second opportunity of a dignified life.

Friends of Inti Wara Yassi was set up in 2008 to support the Bolivian Inti Wara Yassi community. Established by past volunteers we aim to support Inti Wara Yassi’s projects in Bolivia by raising vital funds and awareness of the issues surrounding their work. Without the support of our volunteers, trustees and donors, Inti Wara Yassi would not have been able to develop its vital work of defending wild animals by creating two more wildlife refuges. By pledging a legacy today you can ensure that this support continues for years to come.

Why do I need to make a will?

An up to date will is vital if you want your wishes to be respected after you have passed away. Naturally you would want to look after your family and friends first, but you may also want to leave a gift to charities you have supported during your lifetime. A legacy to a charity is free from inheritance tax, so not only will it help support a good cause but it will also help to reduce inheritance tax liability. Leaving a lasting gift to Friends of Inti Wara Yassi is easy – your legal advisor simply needs our registered address and charity number. We have attached a simple form that you can take to your solicitors to leave a gift to Inti Wara Yassi in your will.

A will states exactly where you want your money and belongings to go. It makes a practical difference to those you love and the causes you care for.

How do I make a will?

Making a will does not have to be complicated or expensive, although we do recommend you see a legal advisor for reliable and professional advice. It is important to appoint an executor to carry out the instructions in your will and to administer your estate. Executors can be family, friends or professionals – they can even be beneficiaries of the will. If you are considering leaving a gift to Friends of Inti Wara Yassi in your will, we also recommend you communicate this to your loved ones when putting together your will.

How do I change my will?

It is important to ensure your will is valid, reflects your wishes and takes into account any change of circumstances. The simplest way is to make any alterations to your will is by making a codicil. This is an instruction that is added to the existing provisions of your will and you can alter them in any way you wish.

How do I leave a gift in my will?

It’s easier than you think! By leaving a gift to Friends of Inti Wara Yassi in your will, you can help our fight to protect and care for native South American wildlife struggling against illegal poaching, animal trafficking and deforestation.

Anyone can leave a legacy to Friends of Inti Wara Yassi. Every gift is important to us, no matter how small or large it may be. There are a number of different types of gifts you can leave in your will, here are some of the most common ones:

Residue: A share of your estate (i.e. a percentage) once your family have been provided for.

Pecuniary gift: A cash sum of any amount you choose. It might be worth asking your legal advisor to index-link your donation to ensure that its relative value in the future is as it is today.

Specific gifts: Gifts of specific value such as jewellery or shares.

Make a gift in memory of a loved one

Honour a loved one by making a donation to Inti Wara Yassi in their memory. If you know someone who has volunteered at one of our wildlife centres in Bolivia, or someone who has been affected by Inti Wara Yassi’s work in some way, why not honour their memory by making a donation to Inti Wara Yassi? It’s a meaningful way to pay tribute to a loved one and show how they live on your heart.

A few suggestions for a memorial gift…

→ Build a new enclosure for one of the animals in our care
→ Plant a tree in the rainforest at one of our centres
→ Design and name a walking trail for a big cat to enjoy
→ Construct a new play area for baby monkeys

There are many more ways of uniquely honouring the memory of a loved one, as well as helping to support Inti Wara Yassi. Get in touch with us at friends@intiwarayassi.org and we will help you make your idea for a memorial gift a reality.
If we kill off the wild, then we are killing part of our souls…we have the responsibility toward the other life-forms of our planet whose continued existence is threatened by the thoughtless behaviour of our own human species.

Dr Jane Goodall, UN Messenger of Peace and Inti Wara Yassi Patron.