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Monthly Giving Plan

OUR WORK AND IMPACT

Open Hand Studios is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that partners with communities across the world to develop creative media projects and educational museum exhibits that nurture social justice. Our projects help developing communities independently protect, celebrate, and share their cultural heritage—while also challenging us all to rethink our assumptions about others. Our partners reinvest the proceeds of these projects to meet local needs like improved education and clean water, creating a sustainable return far greater than the initial investment.

To meet this vision, Open Hand is making a strong impact in our current partner communities. In Chipaya, Bolivia, we are working to provide the town's 2000 residents with clean daily drinking water where none currently exists, helping ensure the survival of this unique people group. In Kenya, we're working with the Rendille people to create cultural celebrations that will preserve their traditions and also help fund a veterinary center for this camel-herding nomadic tribe. At the town of Umm el-Jimal, Jordan, we're partnering with archaeologists and the local community to protect the region's cultural heritage while restoring an ancient water system. When complete, the project will provide sustainable economic growth through tourism managed by the community, as well as thousands of area residents with a crucial new source of water in Jordan's northern desert; as local Muaffaq Hazza recently commented, "*Umm el-Jimal will live again.*" That's what OHS is about: We get to know our partners, fitting our approach to local context and then working not just to protect cultural heritage, but ensure that people thrive and improve their communities in ways that last.

WHY MONTHLY GIVING?

Your regular contribution to OHS directly enables our dynamic projects, which help our partners sustainably develop their communities while preserving cultural heritage and building cross-cultural literacy. At Open Hand we take a human-centered approach to cultural heritage preservation. Our work is about connecting communities to their cultures and to each other for mutual benefit. Your monthly gift provides the critical bedrock of support we and our partners rely on to complete this mission. Moreover, we rely on donated office space and equipment, so your donations go right to the heart of our work.

On an even deeper level, monthly giving is a great way to make a personal connection with our project communities worldwide. For one thing, sustaining donors are provided with a free copy of *Faces of Dignity*, Open Hand's book of cultural photography and lessons learned from around the globe. We also provide regular updates that take in-depth looks at our work and partners. As a monthly donor you'll get to know our projects and partner communities, learning to understand their needs—and see exactly how your support makes a lasting impact on the ground.

HOW TO GIVE



Open Hand Studios is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity. As such all donations are tax-deductible. For sustained giving we recommend a minimum support level of US\$25 per month, although there is no upper limit on your contribution. We recognize all monthly donors on our web site and in the OHS annual report. Of course, those who prefer to remain anonymous should simply let us know when sending their donation.

There are two easy and convenient methods for monthly giving, online and by check. Regardless of the method you prefer, include your email and other contact information as well as note “Monthly Giving” in the subject line of your check or online form. These small details ensure that we can add you to our update list for regular donors, as well as send *Faces of Dignity* and your year-end giving statement to your preferred address.

Online

Online donations are welcome at www.openhandstudios.org/donate.htm. All transactions are completely safe and secure through your choice of three online vendors: JustGive, Network for Good, and PayPal. In particular, JustGive makes it easy for donors to create automatically reoccurring contributions: simply click the “Make This a Recurring Donation” box in their online form and your donation will be withdrawn regularly according to your schedule. Each donation will appear as a normal transaction on your bank statement, and a donation report for tax deductions will automatically be sent to you.

Checks

Checks or money orders can be sent to Open Hand Studios at our Chicago office:

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THANK YOU



We offer profound thanks for your ongoing commitment to Open Hand Studios and our partner communities. Relationships are Open Hand’s strongest asset, and we are honored at the chance your contributions create to make a lasting impact in cultural heritage and development.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Paul Christians in black ink.

Paul Christians
Co-Founder, Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Jeff DeKock in black ink.

Jeff DeKock
Co-Founder, Creative Director