



## Making A Bequest to Morongo Basin Ambulance

### What is a Bequest?

A bequest is a financial term used to describe the giving away of assets (such as stock, bonds, property, jewelry and/or cash) to an organization through the provisions of a trust, will or estate plan.

Our financial needs can be met by generous donations and/or bequests by citizens of the Morongo Basin who want to make a lasting difference for the community they love. Your donation will go directly to equipment, new ambulances, renovation of facilities, but not to salaries. The Board of directors are volunteer and do not receive any money. You may also specify what we should use your donation for.

### Why should I donate or make a bequest to Morongo Basin Ambulance Association?

1. Morongo Basin Ambulance (MBA) is the only remaining “not for profit” ambulance agency in Southern California. A non-profit organization such as MBA conducts business for the health, safety and benefit of the public. There are no shareholders or owners, and any income received stays within the organization to pay for reasonable salaries, expenses and activities (such as basic and advanced life support services, critical care transportation, medical transportation, lifesaving devices, medications and training for all emergency medical personnel – Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians).
2. Morongo Basin Ambulance’s growth over our 71-year history has been phenomenal. In 1948 MBA began as a small basic first aid transport service to local hospitals. Our services have now evolved into advanced life support paramedic service and critical care transportation covering 2700 square miles. Since the inception of our service we have never used tax dollars to provide our many services. Maintaining this high level of service requires attracting and retaining highly skilled employees. Our funding has always been based on the money private and governmental insurance companies pay. For example, our **average recovery for charges submitted to Medical is 10%** and 50% for Medicare and private insurance reimbursement. Costs for attracting highly proficient and professional employees, increases to the minimum wage, and costs in medical technology have escalated without a corresponding increase in payments.
3. For now, our operational costs are funded; however, infrastructure is at a deficit. Our three stations need preventive and routine maintenance that is more difficult to fund each year. All stations need heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) replacement, painting, generators and structural modifications. We also need to have reserve funds for unplanned or emergency repairs. Our ambulance fleet is always well maintained, but, due to the excessive mileage and wear and tear from dirt roads, one ambulance must be replaced annually. The basic cost of each ambulance is just under \$100,000. Also, upgraded defibrillators (Lifepack 15) for each ambulance costs \$25,000.00 each.

Thank you for considering Morongo Basin Ambulance Association in your long-term financial planning.