



FEATHER SOCIETY



Wetlands for
Tomorrow

Delivering Continental Conservation





WHAT IS THE FEATHER SOCIETY?

By joining Ducks Unlimited, you demonstrated your care and concern for wetlands and waterfowl conservation. Now, you can help DU ensure the future of these beloved resources for our children and grandchildren by joining the Feather Society.

Members of this prestigious group include Ducks Unlimited in their financial and estate plans. Careful planning often allows Feather Society members to enjoy substantial tax advantages, while supporting DU's vital conservation mission. Feather Society members can proudly wear distinctive lapel pins and pendants and are recognized each year in the Ducks Unlimited Annual Report.

Giving to Ducks Unlimited through the Feather Society shows your commitment to our noble mission—conserving, restoring and managing wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl, wildlife and people.

WAYS OF JOINING THE FEATHER SOCIETY:

WILLS – an excellent way to provide not only for your loved ones, but also to support Ducks Unlimited with a bequest of a specific dollar amount, specific property or a percentage or all of “what’s left.”

LIFE INSURANCE – one of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is by naming Ducks Unlimited as beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of an existing or new policy.

RETIREMENT PLAN – offers a variety of tax-advantaged ways to use IRA/401k or other tax-qualified retirement plan assets in charitable gift planning.

TRUSTS – facilitate the giving of property, consolidate assets for estate administration, create control, provide tax-planning alternatives and deal with issues of mental or physical incapacity.

LAND/REAL ESTATE – Do you own a home or other property you no longer want? Make a charitable gift of it to DU and you could avoid capital gains, yet provide tax favorable income for you.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY – fund with cash or appreciated assets and benefit from an immediate charitable tax deduction and immediate or deferred payments. In most cases, the payments are substantially higher than what current CDs or money markets are generating and are not subject to market risk or fluctuations. The payments are for life or lives (if a joint account), meaning you cannot outlive the income. The residual will be used by DU to continue its conservation programs.

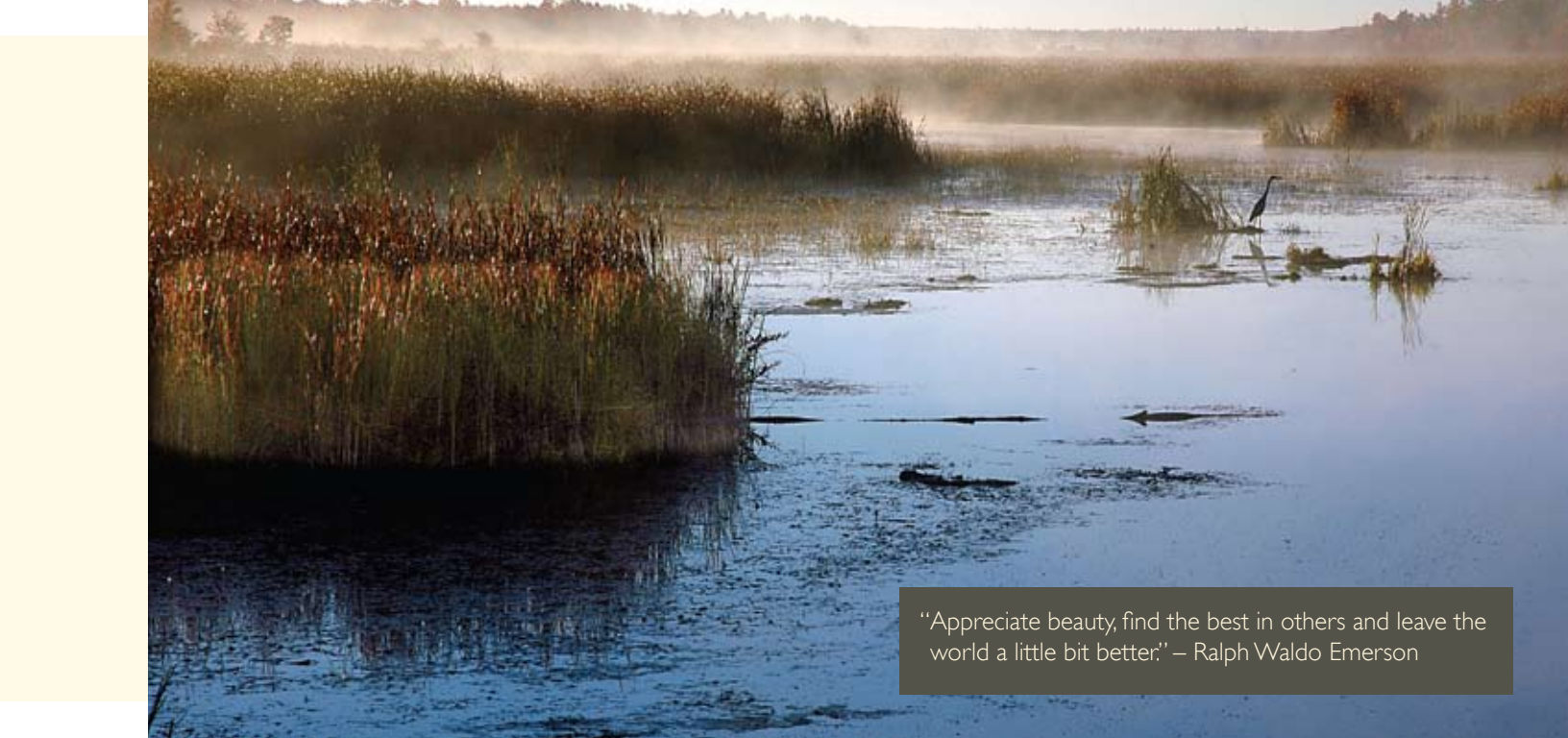


ENDOWMENT: HOW AND WHY?

Ducks Unlimited stands today as a global force in conservation. Ducks Unlimited conservation programs have evolved and expanded over the years to address the habitat needs of waterfowl and other wildlife on ever-changing landscapes. Today, DU and our many partners use advanced technology and cutting-edge research to conserve habitat as efficiently and cost effectively as possible.

When your gift matures, it is invested in DU's endowment. The principal of your gift is left intact, while the income generated provides permanent funding for DU's vital conservation programs. The sustained base of income that the endowment provides is essential to the continued success of DU in conserving critical habitat for waterfowl, other wildlife and mankind.

Let Ducks Unlimited work with you, your attorney and financial advisors to create a gift plan that best suits your goals and needs.



“Appreciate beauty, find the best in others and leave the world a little bit better.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson



FEATHER SOCIETY LEVELS

Silverup to \$99,999

Gold.....\$100,000 to \$249,999

Emerald.....\$250,000 to \$499,999

Platinum.....\$500,000 to \$999,999

Diamond.....\$1,000,000 & above



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