## **VOICES FOR THE LAND**

Chris and Susie Leupold grew up in Oregon and have been Land Trust members since 2015. Chris and Susie share their family's story of support:

"We have visited Central Oregon every summer for the past 20 years. It has given us the opportunity to visit extended family and enjoy the magnificent beauty of our home state. Over the years, our family has been able to experience the amazing breadth of activities available in this area—from hiking and white water rafting to biking and fishing. Our children, who have grown up in San Francisco, have had an opportunity to experience nature in a way they aren't able to in the city.

We first heard of the Deschutes Land Trust from Tom Montag, Bank of America's Chief Operating Officer. Chris has worked under Tom's leadership for the past 10 years. Tom is a fellow Oregonian and introduced us to the great work of the Land Trust.

The mission of the Land Trust immediately spoke to us. Connecting with nature has been a big part of our family life for generations. Chris' father, Norbert, has long been involved in a number of Oregon conservation efforts. A major priority of our family is giving back to the community in ways that reflect our values. Our children are growing up with a sense of responsibility to support the community and causes that are important to them. This has been instilled in them at school, church, and at home. It's been fun to see what they gravitate toward.

Everybody in the family, across generations, deeply values the conservation of an area that is near and dear to all of our hearts, so supporting the Deschutes Land Trust was an easy and natural decision. It is a philanthropy the entire family loves and appreciates."



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