

Highlander 75th Anniversary Circle of Support

Giving Levels

People of the South Presenting Circle Member – \$25,000

- Listed on all print material as presenting member
- Signage on all tents and stages at celebration
- Signage at Anniversary Institutes
- Signage at Benefit Concert
- Logo on all print and web materials
- Materials table at celebration, institutes & benefit concert
- Complimentary tuition for 10 individuals into the Highlander 75th Anniversary Institute
- 6 Complimentary tickets for the Benefit Concert
- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

Septima Clark Circle Member – \$10,000

- Signage on main tent and main stage at celebration
- Logo on all print & web materials
- Materials table at celebration
- Complimentary tuition for 8 individuals into the Highlander 75th Anniversary Institute
- 4 Tickets to the Benefit Concert
- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

Sam & Florence Reece Circle Member – \$7,500

- Signage on main stage at celebration
- Logo on web materials
- Name listed on print materials
- Complimentary tuition for 6 individuals into the Highlander 75th Anniversary Institute
- 2 tickets to the Benefit Concert
- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

Buck Maggard Circle Member – \$5,000

- Signage on 1 secondary tent at celebration
- Name listed on all web materials
- Complimentary tuition for 4 individual into the Highlander 75th Anniversary Institute
- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

Esau Jenkins Circle Member – \$2,500

- Signage at Anniversary Institutes
- Complimentary tuition for 2 individuals into the Highlander 75th Anniversary Institute
- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

Don West & Jim Dombrowski Circle Member – \$1,000

- Complimentary tuition for 1 individuals into the Highlander 75th Anniversary Institute
- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

Myles & Zilphia Friends of Highlander Anniversary – \$75 - \$750

- Special giving level acknowledgement in Highlander Yearbook
- Special giving level acknowledgement at Anniversary event
- Special giving level acknowledgement on Anniversary webpage

YES! We support Highlander's 75th Anniversary

Enclosed find our contribution of \$ _____ for the _____ level.

Organization Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

Organization Address _____

Septima Clark Circle Member – \$10,000

Septima Clark was an American educator and civil rights activist known as the "Queen mother" or "Grandmother of the Civil Rights Movement" in the United States. In 1956, she was fired for her involvement in the South Carolina NAACP and came to work at Highlander as Education Director. She was instrumental in starting and spreading the Citizenship Schools and transferred to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with that program in 1961 when Highlander was red-baited and under attack by the state of Tennessee. Her work for equal access to education and civil rights for African Americans started decades before the rise of national awareness of racial inequality.

Sam & Florence Reece Circle Member – \$7,500

Sam & Florence, Appalachian organizers, spent their lifetimes speaking out on behalf of unions and social welfare issues. Sam was a leader with United Mine Workers of America. Florence was a social activist, poet and songwriter best known for the song, "*Which Side Are You On?*" which became the anthem for the labor movement. She wrote the song in 1931 during a strike while the sheriff and thugs waited outside their home in an attempt to kill Sam when he returned.

Buck Maggard Circle Member – \$5,000

Buck Maggard was a storyteller, community organizer, historian, and social commentator. Buck was Cultural Affairs Director for WMMT, Appalachian Community Radio. He was also an organizer of the 1968 Poor People's who helping connect poor white people to poor Black people through the commonality of class. As a member of the Highlander staff in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Buck was instrumental in helping Highlander renew its work in Appalachia following the civil rights movement.

Esau Jenkins Circle Member – \$2,500

A businessman and civil rights leader, Jenkins taught reading and writing required to pass the literacy tests for voting while he drove Black laborers and domestic workers between John's Island, South Carolina, and the mainland for work. In 1961, he attended a Human Rights workshop at Highlander, where his stress on the importance of literacy education sparked the development of the Citizenship Schools. He provided a room in the back of his store for the first Citizenship School on John's Island.

Don West & Jim Dombrowski Circle Member – \$1,000

Don West & Jim Dombrowski were among the co-founders with Myles Horton of the Highlander Folk School. West, an educator, activist, and writer, soon left Highlander to try to start a new folk school in Georgia. He later became a labor organizer, founded the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, West Virginia and published several books of poems and essays. Dombrowski came in that first year and stayed at Highlander for ten years. He left in 1942, joining the Southern Conference on Human Welfare and later the Southern Conference Education Fund, where he worked tirelessly to overcome racism and segregation.

Myles & Zilphia Friends of Highlander Anniversary – \$75 - \$750

Myles Horton, organizer and educator, was the founder of the Highlander Folk School and remained associated with Highlander for over 60 years until his death in 1990. His wife Zilphia, a musician, community organizer and educator was the first musical director at Highlander and laid the long-standing foundation at Highlander for integrating cultural work into organizing. Zilphia also played a key role in the history of the song "We Shall Overcome," which she learned from African American union members at a Highlander workshop.