

Our Philanthropic Pledge Rich and Nancy Kinder

Nancy and I are inspired by the leadership of the Giving Pledge. Fourteen years ago, when we set up our personal foundation and committed to give 95% of our wealth to charitable causes either during our lifetimes or at our deaths, we never dreamed that there would be such a gathering of like-minded individuals who firmly believe in the favorable impact of giving on the world.

Our home community is Houston. As longtime residents of this city, we have witnessed its extraordinary culture of entrepreneurship, which has enabled Houstonians of all backgrounds to improve their lives, use their talents and creativity, and pursue their dreams. In Houston, you are what you achieve.

This stirs and motivates us to continue giving. The Kinder Foundation's mission is to enable our community to flourish by providing transformational gifts to projects dedicated primarily to three key areas: urban green space, education and quality of life issues.

Nancy and I grew up in small towns and firmly believe in the opportunity for entrepreneurship in America and especially in Houston and we believe in giving back to society the bulk of the good fortune we have received. Our goal in joining the Giving Pledge is to encourage those in similar positions to do the same.