

The National Folk Organization of the USA
Cricket Raybern, President
Taunya Lund, Treasurer

Dear Cricket and Taunya,

It is a pleasure for me to send you the enclosed check for \$10,000 as a contribution from the Inez Cardozo-Freeman Living Trust. This gift may be used for any purpose approved by the NFO board of directors. I believe that Inez would whole-heartedly approve of this gift if she were alive.

By way of background, Inez was the daughter of sharecroppers who emigrated from the Azores and settled in the Central Valley of California. Inez wasn't particularly fond of farm work, so she studied hard and excelled in academics. It wasn't until after she married that she began to fully understand the value of an education. After her son, John, was born started taking evening classes at a local college and after several years she earned her bachelor's degree.

Inez was a remarkable woman in many ways. After her divorce (and for the rest of her life), she was the sole source of support for her son. She worked full-time and continued to attend classes in the evenings and on weekends. She eventually earned a PhD. and was hired to teach courses at Ohio State University. It wasn't long before she was a professor, and then a tenured professor. She taught humanities classes and developed expertise in folk art, folk traditions, and customs.

Inez was a champion of the underprivileged. She supported civil rights and human rights organizations and was active in California politics. She wrote several books about prisoners, the "lingo" they use and the culture that develops in prisons. She spent many hours among the prisoners in the Washington State Penitentiary and felt strongly that prisoners could return to society and contribute to their communities in positive ways. She also believed that former prisoners should have the right to vote, and she advocated for a change in laws to make that possible.

While her son John was a student at Harvard University, he developed a mental illness that rendered him unable to have a job or function in everyday situations. To provide for his care after her death, she established a trust. Inez died two years ago at age 94 and John followed her less than a year later. Her trust provided that any funds remaining at his death should be distributed to unspecified charities.

It has been my privilege to choose those organizations that reflect her values and interests. NFO, with its mission to preserve and promote folk art. certainly qualifies for this grant. I appreciate your interest and thank you for applying.

Best wishes,
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