“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

There are many ways you can share your love of animals or your passion for education and conservation. However, very few opportunities offer the same comfort and sense of pride as contributing to the long-term security of a favorite charity.

The Roger Williams Park Zoo has been a long established, family-friendly organization for over 140 years, providing stimulating education and wholesome recreation to 650,000 people each year.

Planned gifts play an increasingly important role in ensuring the long-term success of the Zoo. Your participation as a donor to the non-profit Rhode Island Zoological Society is an investment in the future – ensuring that your children and your children’s children will be able to experience firsthand the many marvels of nature.

EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES

Through your estate plan, you can make provisions for your family or friends, provide for your retirement, create a scholarship fund for your grandchildren, and/or establish an income stream for an aged parent. Both you and your family will benefit from your generosity to the Zoological Society through proven strategies approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

We suggest that you consult with an attorney or financial planner to choose your best option. Or, contact our Director of Development, for other giving options at 401-785-3510 ext. 337.

DESIGNING YOUR PLAN

The wording of your bequest may be simple and direct: “I will and bequeath to the Rhode Island Zoological Society, located in Providence, Rhode Island, the sum of $__ or __% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for the general purposes of the Rhode Island Zoological Society, tax ID # 05-6016675.”

ENDOWMENT GIFTS

When you make a gift to the Rhode Island Zoological Society endowment you will be recognized as a member of the Zookeepers’ Circle, an exclusive group of influential friends dedicated to maintaining the Zoo as an important cultural and educational asset for Rhode Island.

The endowment provides a dependable, consistent source of funds for new exhibits, enhancements to existing exhibits, and capital improvements designed to help meet our mission of education and conservation.
YOUR GIFT
Bequest in Will
Revocable Living Trust
Outright Gift of Cash
Outright Gift of Securities
Gift of Life Insurance
Gift of Retirement Assets

YOUR GOAL
Defer a gift until after your lifetime
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime
Make a quick and easy gift
Avoid tax on capital gains
Make a large gift with little cost to you
Avoid the twofold taxation on IRAs or other employee benefit plans

HOW YOU MAKE THE GIFT
Name RIZS in your will; designate a specific amount, a percentage, or a share of the residue
Name RIZS the beneficiary of assets in a living trust
Simply write a check payable to RIZS
Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities
Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need
Name RIZS as the beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime

YOUR BENEFITS
Donation exempt from federal estate tax; Control of asset for your lifetime
Control of the trust for your lifetime; Gift in trust exempt from federal estate tax
Immediate income tax deduction; Removes property from estate
Immediate charitable deduction of full fair market value; Avoid capital gains tax
Current income tax deduction; Possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums
Make the gift from the most highly taxed assets, leaving more for family; Avoids income and estate tax

NOTE: Other options include remove charitable remainder trust, charitable gift annuity and charitable lead trust.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: TEMPIE THOMPSON DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT 401-785-3510 EXT. 337

YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE A LEGACY OF LOVE
By providing a charitable gift to the Rhode Island Zoological Society in your estate plan, you are insuring that the essential programs and indispensable work of the Zoo for education and conservation will continue for years to come.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS
Your support will help ensure the future of the Zoo.