



# PLAN YOUR GIVING NOW

## To assure a vibrant future for Roger Williams Park Zoo

“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 nonprofit 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 Chief Development Officer, 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.

# CHOOSE A GIFT PLAN THAT MATCHES YOUR GOAL

YOUR GIFT	YOUR GOAL	HOW YOU MAKE THE GIFT	YOUR BENEFITS
Bequest in Will	Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Name RIZS in your will; designate a specific amount, a percentage, or a share of the residue	Donation exempt from federal estate tax; Control of asset for your lifetime
Revocable Living Trust	Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Name RIZS the beneficiary of assets in a living trust	Control of the trust for your lifetime; Gift in trust exempt from federal estate tax
Outright Gift of Cash	Make a quick and easy gift	Simply write a check payable to RIZS	Immediate income tax deduction; Removes property from estate
Outright Gift of Securities	Avoid tax on capital gains	Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities	Immediate charitable deduction of full fair market value; Avoid capital gains tax
Gift of Life Insurance	Make a large gift with little cost to you	Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need	Current income tax deduction; Possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums
Gift of Retirement Assets	Avoid the twofold taxation on IRAs or other employee benefit plans	Name RIZS as the beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	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.**



**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.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
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