Hank impacted thousands of lives...

Every once in a great while, a magical connection is made between people and animals that transcends time. For the Chattanooga Zoo, this enchanted spark was ignited by charismatic Hank the Chimpanzee. After a difficult beginning, Hank’s life was transformed when he came to the Zoo in 1976 much to the delight of visitors. He loved seeing what types of shoes they were wearing and enjoyed sitting down with guests and touching them through the exhibit’s glass walls. Through visits and special events such as Hank’s Day to celebrate his birthday, Hank inadvertently taught guests about the importance of conservation, particularly of his native African Rainforest. He was an exuberant ambassador for Chattanooga and the foundation of the Zoo’s mission to create meaningful connections between people and animals. Hank passed away at age 42 but when you become one of Hank’s Heroes, you help continue his legacy of hope for future generations.

The mission of the Chattanooga Zoo is to engage and inspire our community to better understand and preserve wildlife by creating meaningful connections between people and animals. With our intimate, innovative exhibits, wide-ranging educational offerings and commitment to conservation, our vision is to be a top destination for residents and visitors alike and the pride of our community.

Become one of Hank’s Heroes to leave a legacy of hope for future generations.

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Here are a few ways to help:

Recognize the Chattanooga Zoo in your long-range plans with such gifts as a bequest, trust arrangement or other estate-planning vehicles. Whether you contribute through a bequest, charitable gift annuity, or charitable trust, or other method, you are ensuring the Chattanooga Zoo’s tradition of education and conservation. Below are several popular options for Planned Giving.

- **Charitable Gift Annuity** – Consider a gift to the Chattanooga Zoo that will generate income for yourself or your family. These gifts allow a means for you to reduce the taxable portion of your estate, provide a source of income for you and your family, and create a current income tax deduction.

- **Charitable Remainder Trust** – Unlike a gift annuity, a charitable remainder trust is not a contract with a single charity to make a guaranteed payment. A charitable remainder trust (CRT) is an irrevocable trust that generates a potential income stream for you or other beneficiaries, with the remainder of the donated assets going to your favorite charity or charities. The CRT is a good option if you want an immediate charitable deduction, but also have a need for an income stream to yourself or another person. It is also a good option if you want to establish one by will to provide for heirs, with the remainder going to one or more charities of your choosing.

- **Donor-Advised Fund** – A donor-advised fund is like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about. When you contribute cash, securities or other assets to a donor-advised fund at a public charity, like the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga you are generally eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Then those funds can be invested for tax-free growth and you can recommend grants to virtually any IRS-qualified public charity.

- **Gifts of Stock** – A gift of stock directly to the Chattanooga Zoo gives the donor tax benefits and allows the organization access to the gift immediately.

Examples of specific language that may be incorporated into your estate planning documents:

**Bequest of a specific dollar amount or percentage of an estate:**

I give and bequeath the sum of $__ or __% of my estate to the Chattanooga Zoo, a non-profit organization located at 301 N. Holtzclaw Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404, Federal Tax ID #581661267, for Chattanooga Zoo’s general use and purpose.

**Gifts for specific purpose:**

I give and bequeath the sum of $__ or __% of my estate to the Chattanooga Zoo, a non-profit organization located at 301 N. Holtzclaw Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404, Federal Tax ID #581661267, in support of (for example: conservation efforts, new exhibits, education)

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