

## Sample Gift Language for your Will or Trust

### Residual Bequest Language

A residual bequest comes to the Zoo after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid:

I give and devise to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, located in Baltimore, MD, all (*or state a percentage*) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its general support (*or for the support of a specific fund or program*).

### Specific Gift Language

Naming The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, located in Baltimore, MD, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general support (*or for the support of a specific fund or program*).

### Contingent Gift Language

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore can be named as a contingent (conditional) beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled:

If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, located in Baltimore, MD, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate*) to be used for its general support (*or for the support of a specific fund or program*).

### Customized Language

If you or your attorney would like The Maryland Zoo to help you with customized beneficiary language that is specific to your goal and interest, please [contact us](#).

## Language for a codicil (for modifying a will you already have)

Do you already have a will? You can modify your will and direct a gift to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore using a simple codicil.

Sample Codicil (Will Modification):

*[date]*

I, *[name]*, a resident of *[city]*, or County of *[county]*, State of *[state]*, declare that this is the codicil to my last will and testament, which is dated *[date the original will was signed]*.

I add or change said last will in the following manner:

*[List with particularity all changes to the will. Reference each section number of the will and the specific language you will be affecting. This is where you can include a bequest to The Maryland Zoo. See the suggested bequest language above.]*

Otherwise, I hereby confirm and republish my will dated, *[date the original will was signed]*, in all respects other than those herein mentioned.

I subscribe my name to this codicil this *[day, e.g. 1st]* day of *[month]*, *[year]*, at *[full address where signed]*, in the presence of *[full name of first witness to codicil]* and *[full name of second witness to codicil]*, attesting witnesses, who subscribe their names here in my presence.

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Maker

### Attestation:

On the date last above written, *[your name]*, known by us to be the person whose signature appears at the end of this codicil, declared to us, *[full name of first witness to*

*codicil]* and *[full name of second witness to codicil]*, the undersigned, that the foregoing instrument, consisting, of *[number of pages to codicil]* page(s) was the codicil to the will dated, *[date original signed]*; who then signed the codicil in our presence, and now in the presence of each other, we now sign our names as witnesses.

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Witness

Address:

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