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## **Snow Leopard Trust**

# Your Living Legacy - Planned Giving/Legacies/Wills

Making a charitable bequest to the Snow Leopard Trust is a wonderful way to have a lasting, positive impact on snow leopard conservation. **Thank you!** 

#### INFORMATION FOR YOUR PLANNING

<u>Full legal name:</u>
International Snow Leopard Trust (dba Snow Leopard Trust)

Address:

4649 Sunnyside Ave North, Suite 325, Seattle, WA 98103

<u>Tax ID:</u> 91-1144119

#### TYPES OF PLANNED GIVING

A general bequest is used to give a certain percentage or dollar amount of your estate:

"I give to the International Snow Leopard Trust, Seattle, Washington, or any successor organization thereto, x percent (x%) of my estate..." or "I give to the International Snow Leopard Trust, Seattle, Washington, or any successor organization thereto, the sum of \$\_\_\_..."

A <u>specific bequest</u> directs that the Trust is to receive a specific non-cash item, such as shares of stock, a piece of property, or a work of art:

"I give to the International Snow Leopard Trust, Seattle, Washington, or any successor organization thereto, x shares of XYZ stock..."

A <u>residual bequest</u> designates all or a portion of your estate to be given to the Trust after provisions have been made for your family, friends, and other bequests:

"I give to the International Snow Leopard Trust, Seattle, Washington, or any successor organization thereto, x% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate..."

You may designate your bequest to be used for a particular purpose, and you may indicate whether the gift is for current needs or endowment. Because a bequest is revocable, there is no immediate income tax deduction, but your gift will be deductible from your taxable estate.

We will do everything possible to respect your wishes when it comes to the use of your gift. But hopefully many years will pass before your gift is actualized. During that time, priorities for snow leopard conservation might need to adjust. When setting forth the use of your gift, please also consider adding the following wording: "If this gift cannot be used for these intended purposes, it may be put toward such purposes as the board of directors decides."



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Please consult with an attorney when writing your will in order for your wishes to be clearly articulated.

#### **CONSERVATION PARTNERS**

When you have added the International Snow Leopard Trust to your will, I hope you will let us know and enable us to express our gratitude. With your permission, we will list your name among the growing number of Conservation Partners, donors with the foresight and care to provide for snow leopards in the future.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The next step is for you to make an appointment with your financial or legal adviser. They can help you to decide what sort of bequest to make. We urge you to consult with a legal and/or financial adviser(s) to make sure that you can take advantage of any savings in inheritance tax and that your will is legal and valid for your country.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

We would be happy to give you more information and explain how planned giving can work for you. Please contact Jennifer Snell Rullman at (206) 632-2421 extension 105 or at jennifer@snowleopard.org

Thank you!

Together, we can ensure a wild future for the world's snow leopards.