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## *A Lasting Tribute to a Lifetime of Love*

### **FACT:**

Some birds in the parrot family can live up to 100 years.

### **PROBLEM:**

What happens to your parrot if your parrot outlives you or if you are no longer able to care for your parrot?

### **SOLUTION:**

The Gabriel Foundation can provide the solution...with your help.

### ***What does The Gabriel Foundation® do?***

The Gabriel Foundation is a 501(c)(3) avicultural and veterinary affiliated parrot welfare organization licensed by the state of Colorado, promoting educational outreach, conservation, rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, and sanctuary pertaining to the needs of parrots everywhere.

### ***The Gabriel Foundation® Educates the Public***

The Gabriel Foundation provides continuing education and information to the public, the veterinary community, and the avicultural industry about the necessary commitment to provide properly for these highly intelligent, long-lived creatures.

### ***The Gabriel Foundation® Provides Foster and Adoptive Homes for Parrots***

The Gabriel Foundation has taken in several hundred birds and placed many in loving foster and adoptive homes. The Gabriel Foundation uses a highly structured screening and adoption process for individuals interested in adopting a bird. Once adopted, The Gabriel Foundation continues to maintain data on the bird throughout its lifetime, a condition made clear to any potential adopter.

### ***The Gabriel Foundation® Maintains a Sanctuary for Parrots***

The Gabriel Foundation maintains a sanctuary for parrots until they can be adopted, or in the event they are unable to be adopted. The number of residents at The Gabriel Foundation aviaries fluctuates between 150 to 200 birds. Our main aviary is an 8,500 square foot building complete with separate bird species' rooms, play areas, and outdoor flights.

### ***The Gabriel Foundation® Supports Avian Research and Conservation Efforts***

The Gabriel Foundation protects parrots by contributing to avian medical research as well as other avicultural organizations dedicated to improving the lives of companion parrots and supporting the conservation efforts being made globally to protect parrots and their habitat in the wild.

### **NOW IT'S YOUR TURN**

The present and future are grim for individuals needing to place their birds for adoption or for permanent refuge since the availability of space, resources, and knowledgeable caretakers is severely limited.

The need to provide education to current and future guardians of companion parrots concerning the level of commitment and care necessary to properly care for these long-lived, highly intelligent creatures is overwhelming.

The Gabriel Foundation needs your help TODAY while you are living and able to care for your bird so that The Gabriel Foundation can provide care for your bird as well as other birds, when you are not able to do so.

### **GIVE TO THE GABRIEL FOUNDATION® TODAY**

While you are living and able to care for your bird, you may give The Gabriel Foundation a fixed dollar amount or specific property such as real estate, stock or personal property.

### **INCLUDE The Gabriel Foundation IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING TO PROVIDE FOR THE WELFARE OF YOUR PARROT AND THE PARROT CAUSE.**

Without any estate planning in place, your property and life savings will be distributed according to the laws of your state, without regard to your dreams and goals...and without regard to the protection of your parrot.

### **PROVIDING FOR YOUR PARROT**

If you wish The Gabriel Foundation to care for your parrot when you are unable to do so, provide in your estate planning documents that upon your death or disability, you give your parrot to The Gabriel Foundation, along with a bequest sufficient to cover the housing, food, and veterinary care of the parrot. For example:

*"I leave any parrots which I may 'own' at the time of my death to The Gabriel Foundation, together with the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used by it for the care and maintenance of my parrot. In the event that there be monies remaining out of the \$\_\_\_\_\_ after the last of any pets to die, such balance shall pass outright and free of trust to \_\_\_\_\_. In the event that I do not own any parrots at the time of my death, then this \$\_\_\_\_\_ bequest shall lapse and become a part of my residual estate hereinafter disposed of."*

### **PROVIDING FOR THE PARROT CAUSE**

Help The Gabriel Foundation promote the parrot welfare cause. In your estate planning documents, provide that upon your death, you give The Gabriel Foundation a fixed dollar amount, specific property, a percentage of your total estate or the residual of your estate after other bequests are paid for its general causes.

For example: *"I give The Gabriel Foundation, federal tax identification number 84-1396085, Post Office Box 11477, Aspen, Colorado 81612, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or describe the real or personal property or portion of the estate) to be used for its general purposes."*

You can also designate The Gabriel Foundation as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy, your retirement account (individual retirement accounts, pension plans, 401(k) plans) and your bank or brokerage account (savings accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts).

A gift to The Gabriel Foundation is a lasting tribute to a lifetime of love and commitment to your parrot. **GIVE TODAY.**

*Based on our years of experience in maintaining the birds in our aviary, the following are our **minimum** monetary guidelines for what we consider to be an acceptable standard of care. Considering the age and species of your bird(s) and your financial planning needs, we suggest that you utilize the following individual bird underwriting costs as a model for determining your bequest to The Gabriel Foundation.*

• Finch or canary	\$90.00 per year
• Budgerigar or lovebird	\$120.00 per year
• Cockatiel	\$150.00 per year
• Lory, conure or Quaker	\$180.00 per year
• Ringneck or Senegal	\$220.00 per year
• Larger Poicephalus, Psittacula, Pionus, small Amazons or small Cockatoos	\$300.00 per year
• Large Amazon, Eclectus, Mini-Macaw or African Grey	\$450.00 per year
• Macaw or Cockatoo	\$600.00 per year

*This annual budget will support daily hands-on care by our trained staff, volunteers and Certified Veterinary Technician; a nutritious, well-balanced diet; indoor and outdoor psychologically enriched environments; medical care by experienced avian veterinarians.*

*This brochure is only intended to serve as a guide. We will be pleased to discuss your individual bird's needs with you concerning your wishes for its long-term care, whether in sanctuary, foster care or adoption placement.*

**You should consult your attorney to prepare your estate planning documents and to advise you of the tax benefits of a gift to The Gabriel Foundation.**