



## Your Support: is vital to AOK's effectiveness

**Your annual membership and other gifts** to Audubon of Kansas are vital to our ongoing conservation, education, sanctuary stewardship, and advocacy work. AOK cannot function without the support of members and annual contributions. We thank you for your continuing dedication and generosity. Donating online allows monthly giving. We use Verisign SSL security to ensure our donors a safe and secure transaction. Other ways to contribute include memorials/ tributes, and gift memberships. Please consider making a charitable contribution at this time. AOK is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.

## Legacy Gifts

### Planned Giving Options

By establishing a *planned gift* to Audubon of Kansas, you can also ensure that AOK continues to be equally effective in the future. We have outlined several ways to establish a *planned gift* below:

#### Make a Gift of Stock or Bonds.

Appreciated stock or bonds held for more than one year is most advantageous. Your gift will provide a financial contribution to Audubon of Kansas, and you will avoid capital gains taxes.

#### Create a Charitable Gift

**Annuity.** By establishing a charitable gift annuity with Audubon of Kansas, you will continue to receive fixed payments for the rest of your life and have a charitable deduction. Charitable gift annuities offer payment rates that are more attractive than many other investments, with the rate amount determined by your age. In addition, you have the satisfaction of knowing that the remainder of your gift will benefit Audubon of Kansas conservation and education initiatives well into the future.

**Include a Bequest in Your Will or Trust** (specific property, cash donation, or a share of the residual estate). You can make a gift for the future of Audubon of Kansas programs in a way that does not affect your options during your lifetime. You may change your mind on beneficiaries at any time if these assets are needed for other purposes. Such a bequest may, however, provide an eventual estate tax deduction.

Persons wishing to make a bequest to Audubon of Kansas, Inc. may tailor it to their individual interests or use wording similar to the following:

*I bequeath \_\_\_% of my residuary estate (or \$\_\_\_\_) to Audubon of Kansas, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(C)3 conservation organization incorporated in the State of Kansas with its address at P.O. Box 256, Manhattan Kansas, 66505.*

**Make a Gift of Land, or other Real Property.** Gifts of real estate or other property are excellent ways to establish a major donation. Gifts of land that can be sold with the proceeds to be used to support general or other specific programs (in this case Audubon of Kansas programs), are referred to in the profession as **"Trade Lands."** Some parcels may be protected with conservation easements prior to sale. Proceeds can be designated for specific conservation, education or even stewardship of an established AOK sanctuary. Other donated property could include items like paintings, sculptures, books, etc. that could be used or sold to support conservation and education purposes.

**Gifts of Land to be Maintained as a Wildlife Sanctuary** (such as the Hutton Niobrara Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary) generally require establishment of an adequate endowment to fund future operations, pay annual property taxes and ongoing stewardship of the property. Gifts of land for this purpose must be consistent with the Audubon of Kansas mission, and require Board of Trustees approval. Thus, lands destined to become a protected sanctuary or preserve are best achieved with advanced planning and notification of AOK.

**Cars for Conservation!** AOK is interested in receiving a reliable vehicle to retain for business travel. Vehicles and similar property can also be donated and then sold to generate funds for AOK operations.

**Audubon of Kansas, Inc.** is administered by a Board of Trustees with interests in conservation and education in Kansas, Nebraska and generally the central Great Plains and prairie states. AOK is an independent, grassroots organization that is not administered or funded by the National Audubon Society. All funds received are devoted to conservation advocacy, nature appreciation initiatives, education and stewardship (including management of wildlife sanctuaries) in America's heartland.

*Photos of a wildflower enthusiast at Mt. Mitchell, children viewing a prairie dog burrow at the Niobrara Sanctuary, and Burrowing Owls by Ron Klataske*



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