

# A ZOO FOR YOU Connecting our Community with Wildlife



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Dear Zoo Friend,

Thank you for supporting the Greenville Zoo this year. Your donation helped sustain animal welfare, contributed to local and global conservation efforts, and ensured our community has access to some of the rarest species in the world. **We can connect our community to wildlife because of you.**

This year, the Zoo welcomed eight new animals. Four animals joined the education department: a tawny frogmouth, a three-banded armadillo, and two Linne's two-toed sloths. These unique animals can be seen in special education programs and encounters next year. A siamang and Schmidt's guenon were both born at the Zoo and can be seen with their families in their exhibit. The Zoo also received two red pandas with a breeding recommendation as a part of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums' (AZA) Species Survival Plan® (SSP) Program. **Your donation ensures the Zoo can continue to house new animals and participate in the SSP Program.**

With funds from the conservation program, the Zoo purchased an orangutan blood pressure monitor and will soon be contributing to the Great Ape Heart Project (GAHP). Zookeepers will use the monitor to collect blood pressure readings on the Zoo's orangutan family and submit the information to a centralized database. The data the Zoo collects will help individual animals and enhance a body of knowledge that will benefit zoos around the world. **Your donation made this purchase possible.**

Soon, giraffe encounters will be available to Zoo guests. An unforgettable, up-close experience with the tallest animal in existence will leave children and adults in awe. **The giraffe feeding platform will be fully funded by donations.**

We are so grateful for your support, but like most Zoos, there is still much to be done. Great things happened at our Zoo, and great things are coming. We are excited to begin several projects in 2023 that will enhance our Zoo for generations to come. Your support will ensure their completion.

We would be honored if you would consider a year-end gift to the Zoo. You can give through the attached envelope, online, or contact us directly to see how your gift can make the biggest impact.

**Thank you for helping us build a Zoo for the future.**

With gratitude,

Lydia Thomas  
Executive Director  
Greenville Zoo Foundation

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Board Chair  
Greenville Zoo Foundation

*As a 501(c)3 organization, the Greenville Zoo Foundation's efforts assist the Zoo in completing its mission to service the Upstate of South Carolina by promoting an appreciation of nature and wildlife while providing innovative programs for education and conservation.*

## Ways to Give

### Donate

Your gift will make a difference. Every donation helps create a stronger Zoo and allows us to fulfill our commitment to education, conservation, and world class animal care.

### Purchase a Membership

When you purchase a Friends Membership, you are investing in your Zoo. Funds will directly contribute to capital initiatives, enhancing the Zoo for animals and guests.

### Friends Giving Society

Join the Friends Giving Society, an annual membership designed for our most dedicated friends.

### Make Your Gift Monthly

Consistent funding will help sustain your Zoo. Make your donation a monthly gift.

### Charitable Rollovers

Taxpayers age 70½ or older who are required to take a minimum distribution from their retirement account can have their plan administrator contact us to make a direct distribution through our brokerage account.

### Donor-advised funds

Ask your fund administrator about making a one time distribution from your donor-advised fund to help support our organization.



For more information on how your gift can make the biggest impact, please call 864.627.4200.