Inside The Sanctuary

Fall has a special way in Tennessee—warm days and cool nights, colorful, rolling hills and blue skies. As the landscape changes around The Sanctuary and with cooler months ahead, the elephants maximize their explorations of the farthest reaches of their habitats.

With hundreds of acres and miles of trails to traverse, the elephants are always making new discoveries. Sukari located a new area of her habitat recently, and brought her companion Tange along for the journey; Minnie, Debbie and Ronnie have been out of EleCam sight lately, foraging the back acres of “The 60,” while Shirley and Tarra spend their mornings in their self-created wallows and afternoons among the pines.
Letter from Our CEO

Dear Friends,

We are very pleased to announce that in September, The Elephant Sanctuary received certification from The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). This achievement along with accreditation by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) recognizes the work and commitment of The Sanctuary Staff to meeting the highest standards and providing exemplary elephant care.

Spring and summer were busy in preparation! The accreditation/certification processes are intensive and thorough. They start with detailed applications, as well as on-site inspections and interviews by representatives chosen by the accrediting organizations for their expertise in the field. Reviews and inspections ensure the facility meets all standards for Protected Contact animal management and care. Governing authority, finances, management, safety policies, physical facilities and quality of staff are also evaluated.

The AZA certification program is for facilities that are not zoological parks, are not open to the public and whose mission and scope may differ. The program standards are the same for all AZA facilities. Certification and accreditation recognize commitment to exemplary animal care and welfare. The Elephant Sanctuary is one of 12 facilities certified by AZA and the only elephant facility. 

GFAS is a globally-recognized organization providing standards to identify legitimate animal sanctuaries. The Elephant Sanctuary, accredited in 2014, is one of only two GFAS accredited elephant sanctuaries in North America. PAWS (Performing Animal Welfare Society) in California is also recognized by GFAS.

As you can imagine, The Sanctuary Staff has worked diligently throughout. We believe these are important steps to expanding our conversations with others as we work to promote and share best practices on issues of conservation and welfare impacting all elephants.

Thank you so much for your help as we care for our elephants and prepare for those to come!

Janice Zeitlin, CEO

Join Us, Become a Member—Help Change the Lives of Elephants!
African Habitat & Barn

With limited access to East Habitat due to ongoing construction, Caregivers have been leaving the gates open between North Yard, the Annex, and South Yard so the elephants have full reign of all three habitat areas—creating opportunities for the elephants to choose to spend time together or apart.

In late July, Sukari made a new discovery: the pipeline area of the African Habitat. Although this corridor has been accessible to Sukari for some time now, she had yet to explore this grassy region of her expansive habitat. With Tange in tow, the two spent several relaxed days grazing in the pipeline’s lush grasses and continue to travel back and forth often between the barn and the pipeline.

Flora has visited the pipeline and plateau as well, staying just long enough to knock down a few trees, a frequently observed behavior of hers. It is not uncommon for Care Staff to find her forehead spotted with tree sap after an afternoon downing pines. Flora has also been spending time at a new wallow at the pipeline, created by The Sanctuary’s Facilities team. Although Flora has been choosing to venture out on her own more often than not, Care Staff regularly witness all three Africans standing together, quietly napping in a small area behind the barn or grazing together in a valley. Africa Habitat’s Lead Caregiver, Kristy Eaker, said she is excited to see Sukari growing more comfortable with her habitat mates, and is especially impressed that she no longer runs away when Flora, considered Africa’s dominant elephant, walks toward her.
On August 12, The Sanctuary celebrated World Elephant Day. The African elephants received themed enrichment items—a paper mache elephant stuffed with goodies and an edible banner smeared with marshmallow fluff and covered in hay, scent, and grapes. Sukari was the first to discover the banner, which Caregivers strung on bamboo poles in the habitat. Sukari delicately removed the hay and grapes from the banner, and then Tange scavenged what was left behind. Flora discovered the paper mache elephant—which she promptly tore in two to get at the treats inside.

With a few warm days left in the season, the elephants have been getting regular hose and sprinkler baths from the Caregivers. Flora seems to especially enjoy the sprinkler, soaking in the cooling mist, and relaxing in the shade for a long time. The elephants always go the extra mile to cool themselves off by coating themselves completely in mud directly after their baths.
Asian Habitat & Barn

Shirley and Tarra have been taking full advantage of the cooler, rainy weather The Sanctuary has experienced this fall. Shirley dug herself a mud wallow or two, which she and Tarra have both enjoyed. One recent afternoon, Shirley was at a wallow when Tarra came to investigate, and the two began throwing mud on themselves. Shirley pressed her head gently into Tarra’s side to rest for a moment and Tarra started rubbing the side of her head and ear on Shirley’s head. Caregivers love watching the bond between Shirley and Tarra grow, even after 18 years together at The Sanctuary.

Tarra spends much of her time traversing the habitat in search of treats and enrichment items left behind by Caregivers. She has been observed standing along various fence lines in her habitat watching as the Caregivers fulfill their daily duties. Tarra has also been frequently seen in the mud wallow in North Habitat, bathing herself from the waterer, and Caregivers report daily evidence of her trekking down the valley in North Habitat to a shady spot in the woods.

Years of traveling in cramped trailers and being housed in small barns with concrete floors contribute to arthritis and chronic foot issues in captive elephants. Though she still enjoys long-distance explorations with Tarra, at 69, Shirley’s pace has begun to slow. Like many aging, captive elephants, Shirley has chronic foot issues, including abscesses on the soles of her forefeet. Always innovative, The Sanctuary’s Veterinary and Caregiver teams
have custom-designed a treatment of antimicrobial sponges and soft, flexible epoxy to protect these wounds, promote healing, and increase Shirley’s overall comfort. Care Staff refer to these patches as Shirley’s insoles. With this treatment, Shirley has shown greater mobility, allowing her the freedom to comfortably explore her habitat.

Asian Habitat’s 25-acre lake was off-limits to the elephants this summer due to construction as the dam underwent repair. In early October, the project at the dam was completed and the gates to the lake habitat were opened once again to allow the elephants access. Caregivers led Tarra from the barn to the North Gate. When she took note of where they were headed, she picked up her pace. Once through the gate, she began trumpeting, roaring, and spinning down North Road. Shirley was spotted at Lake Road Corral a few mornings after the gate was opened, heading toward the lake. A noticeable shift from years prior, however, Shirley took her time entering the habitat area, choosing to stay close to the barn to receive extra attention from Caregivers.
Though the coastal South saw some tremendous storms this hurricane season, all remained calm at The Elephant Sanctuary. The rains brought cooler weather and plenty of mud for the elephants to enjoy.

**Debbie** has been spending a lot of time splashing around in the rain-filled ponds and **Ronnie** and **Minnie** have been observed grazing together, often touching and sharing ‘back snacks’ — a term used by Caregivers to describe the hay and grass the elephants toss on their backs. **Billie** has been seen grazing in Frieda’s Field and Pond Yard—even choosing to take a dip in the pond.

In July, the decision was made to move **Sissy** from Asian Habitat to Quarantine Habitat, which was specifically established for the management, care, and enrichment of elephants in treatment for tuberculosis.

In preparation for her move, Care Staff worked to actively desensitize and acclimate Sissy to the trailer that was used to transport her between habitats. Sissy responded very well to the positive reinforcement and treats offered to her throughout the process. When moving day came, Sissy was very calm, and walked without hesitation into the trailer. After a short ride to her new home, the trailer doors were opened. Sissy calmly backed out of the trailer and began exploring Quarantine Habitat’s Pond Yard. Almost immediately, she discovered a pile of sand to dust herself with—then a waterer for a quick bath—and then she was back to dusting.

To allow Sissy time to adjust to her new surroundings, she was separated from the other elephants by a series of fences and buffer zones—however, the elephants were still able to communicate by sight, smell, and sound. Within Sissy’s first hour in her new habitat, Ronnie and Debbie walked over to one side of the buffer zone to periscope the air with their trunks and offer their greetings.
Slow introductions allow non-related elephants to grow comfortable with one another in their own time, with the added security that a barrier allows.

In late September, Sissy shared a fence line with Debbie, Minnie, and Ronnie for the first time. In this first meeting, Minnie greeted Sissy by placing her trunk on Sissy’s head and rubbing her back, and soon the two touched trunks. Debbie and Ronnie took notice and walked over to the fence line as well. Sissy then approached Debbie and Ronnie, and the three felt one another with their trunks over the fence line—Ronnie, true to form, was the most tactile of the three.

Since these introductions, it has been common to see Sissy standing by the other elephants at the fence line. Even though they have acres and acres of space to roam, they have been choosing to stand and graze together.

Billie, known to be a timid and fearful elephant, was showing interest in Sissy from afar, standing on the top of a hill at a safe distance to observe the newcomer. The first time the two were given the opportunity to meet, Billie squeaked, a sound she makes when she’s afraid, and walked away. By the third fence line sharing attempt, and with encouragement from Caregivers, Billie finally made the first move and approached Sissy. Sissy stood still as Billie slowly approached her and cautiously put her trunk out towards Sissy. Eventually Sissy stepped close enough for the two to touch for the first time. Billie touched all around Sissy’s face and they even touched the ends of their trunks together. A few times, Billie stepped back, but she always went back to Sissy to touch her again. Caregivers are looking forward to future fence line sharing with Billie, Minnie, Debbie, Ronnie and Sissy and look forward to the day when Sissy begins to share the same space with her habitat-mates.

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**WISH LIST**

The Sanctuary maintains an ever-changing Wish List to meet the needs of the elephants in our care. You can help by underwriting a specific item.

For details on current items including total costs, go to [www.elephants.com](http://www.elephants.com) and select “Wish List” or contact Lorenda at lorenda@elephants.com (email); 931-796-6500 ex. 105 (phone).

**ELEPHANT CARE**

- Sand Piles (dump truck load)
- Greentree Wood Shavings
- Hay (tractor trailer load)
- Botanica Wash & Cream
- Cosequin Equine Powder w/MSM
- Pachyderm Pedicures (foot care supplies)

**ONGOING NEEDS**

- Walmart Gift Cards
- Barn Basics for the Barns
- PPE Supplies
- Nolvasan Solution
- Lowes Gift Cards
- Seasonal Prep Items for the Barns

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

- 4-Wheel Drive Truck
Your Year End Gift Can Make a Big Difference

Because of YOU, we have been able to provide gold-standard care to 27 elephants.

The focus is always on providing the best life possible for elephants living at The Elephant Sanctuary. Veterinarians and Caregivers work together to develop individualized care plans and treatment options. We have learned so much about elephants aging in captivity through caring for Shirley, now 69 years old and a Sanctuary resident for 18 years.

In the wild, elephants can live well into their 60s and even 70s. Historically, captive elephants have a shorter life expectancy as a result of chronic, progressive conditions that can negatively impact their health and mobility... conditions like arthritis, foot disease and tuberculosis. With individualized life-long care provided by The Sanctuary, elephants like Shirley can be the exception to the rule.

Shirley’s story is a remarkable one. She survived a ship fire, an overturned transport trailer, a broken back leg and more than 20 years without the company of other elephants. Shirley retired to The Elephant Sanctuary in 1999 after spending 24 years in the circus and another 22 years as the sole elephant on exhibition.

“Despite all that Shirley has suffered, she travels daily throughout her expansive habitat and still chooses to be an active participant in her care,” says Stephanie DeYoung, Director of Husbandry. “All elephants are amazing, but Shirley possesses a keen intelligence that is astounding.”

SHIRLEY’S INDIVIDUAL CARE PLAN INCLUDES:

- Multi-wavelength cold laser therapy
- Cushioned epoxy treatment for foot comfort
- Sand piles throughout the habitat for comfortable sleeping
- Daily arthritis supplements
- Anti-inflammatory and pain medications
- All natural botanical cleanser and moisturizer for skin care
- Specialized diagnostics including imaging of bones, joints and teeth

PLEASE MAKE A YEAR END DONATION

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Your support makes it all possible. In the wild, elephants will walk up to 15 miles a day, searching for food, water and resting places. The Elephant Sanctuary now offers hundreds of acres and miles of trails for elephants to roam, swim, forage and simply be elephants. This summer, Flora was often seen adventuring farther into the Africa Habitat, pursuing her favorite activity, pushing down pine trees. Tange and Sukari chose to spend much of their time together exploring the expanded habitat and wallowing in the mud. All of the elephants in our care have the freedom to choose where they spend their days and what activities they want to participate in.

YOU can help us continue to meet the ongoing needs of Tarra, Shirley, Sissy, Sukari, Tange, Flora, Minnie, Ronnie, Debbie and Billie. YOUR donation will also help us prepare for all the elephants that will join us in the future.

The Elephant Sanctuary is the largest facility of its kind in North America, providing refuge for elephants exclusively. Thank you for joining us in this important work. With your help, we can ensure The Elephant Sanctuary will be here for their lifetime.
Increasing public knowledge is key to creating a world where elephants no longer live under constant threat of poaching, habitat loss, conflict, or capture. Advocating for better treatment of elephants has always been part of The Sanctuary’s work, but that part will soon be bigger than ever. The Sanctuary’s Education Programs are growing rapidly. In 2017 alone, the Distance Learning/Skype-in-the-Classroom program introduced The Sanctuary to nearly 5,000 students worldwide. The Sanctuary is hosting over 150 on-site volunteers annually. Volunteer EleAmbassadors are hard at work day-in and day-out spreading The Sanctuary’s mission locally and globally (see page 13). And, in August of this year, the Elephant Discovery Center’s Outdoor Classroom welcomed its first visitors.

An open-air learning space, the Outdoor Classroom serves as a public walkway for Hohenwald, TN residents and visitors alike. The hands-on, self-guided exhibits teach visitors about the differences between the species and the ecological role elephants play in the wild.

Environmental sustainability is a common thread in all of The Sanctuary’s work, and visitors can see many examples of this in the Outdoor Classroom. More than 40 species of trees and shrubs, most of which can be found locally, create a living greenspace in downtown Hohenwald. A 2,500-gallon rainwater catchment cistern supplies the water used to irrigate the landscape, reducing the demand for ground water. Additionally, LightWave
Solar of Nashville and Good Earth Energy LLC recently installed a 39-kilowatt, 91-panel solar array on the Elephant Discovery Center and adjacent office buildings in downtown Hohenwald. The system offsets 75 percent of the building’s annual electric use, which will save more than $100,000 over the life of the system. Additionally, carbon dioxide reductions throughout its life will be equivalent to planting approximately 900 acres of trees or removing 170 cars from the road.

“At The Elephant Sanctuary, energy efficiency and environmental stewardship permeate every department. From large decisions like installing solar panels to the small decisions like recycling paper, we’re doing what we can to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability,” says Joe Rizzo, Director of Facilities Development.

The Elephant Discovery Center had its official debut on World Elephant Day, August 12. World Elephant Day is a global day of awareness and action surrounding the issues facing elephants in captivity and the wild. Throughout the day, visitors from across the country (some as far away as Madison, WI) explored the Outdoor Classroom’s exhibits and landscape, interacted with The Sanctuary’s elephant Caregivers, and helped staff create environmental enrichment to be placed in the elephant habitats. Presiding over the day was the newest “re-tired” elephant at The Sanctuary: a life-sized sculpture created from collected tires, many of which were donated by The Sanctuary’s neighbors during a “tire drive” held earlier this year. The sculpture is the creation of Nashville-based artist, Alex Lockwood.

The Outdoor Classroom is always open to drop-in visitors. Important reminder: All elephants reside within The Sanctuary’s 2,700 acres of habitat nearby, retired from public view.

Meanwhile, construction continues inside the Elephant Discovery Center, and the new interactive exhibit space is taking shape. Be on the lookout for updates and information in upcoming Trunklines issues.

For more information about the Outdoor Classroom and the Elephant Discovery Center, please visit: www.elephants.com/discovery-center or call (931)-796-6500.
Have you Herd?

The Elephant Sanctuary’s Education Program

The Elephant Sanctuary’s education program is reaching more people than ever before, thanks in large part to our expanding Distance Learning program. In collaboration with Microsoft’s “Skype in the Classroom” program, The Sanctuary’s Staff have been in contact with students all over the world, sharing information about elephants and The Sanctuary’s work.

Utilizing two-way video conferencing, photos, and live-streaming video feeds of the elephants in their habitats, our Education Staff members are able to project The Sanctuary into classrooms around the world. Students learn about the complex needs of elephants in captivity and the threats facing elephants in the wild. Todd Montgomery, The Sanctuary’s Education Manager, said, “Getting the opportunity to share The Sanctuary with so many interested young people is the best part of my day. Expanding this program to reach more people is a top priority for us.”

“The students were hypnotized by what they were seeing and hearing,” said Liat Eliasaf, a teacher in Tel Aviv, Israel. “This was an experience of a lifetime for them.”

For the second consecutive year, The Elephant Sanctuary is participating in Microsoft Education’s Skype-a-Thon. This event, held November 28th and 29th, aims to bring together students and educators around the world via Skype.

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To learn more or to schedule a program for the Skype-a-Thon, visit: https://education.microsoft.com/skypeathon, call 931-796-6500 or email elephant@elephants.com.
During the second weekend of August, visitors to the Student Union on the University at Buffalo’s campus were greeted with an unfamiliar sight. The “Bull” statue located outside of the Student Union had undergone a transformation. It is routine for the bull to be repainted and redecorated for different events, but this was the first time that the bull became an elephant.

The transformation was the brainchild of Lori DuVall-Jackson, one of The Sanctuary’s volunteer EleAmbassadors from Amherst, NY. “It was an epiphany really,” she explained. “The classic lightbulb over your head idea. I walked by the Paint-A-Bull when I was brainstorming ideas for some sort of event for World Elephant Day and something just clicked. I thought about painting it grey to make it look like an elephant and things progressed from there.”

A lifelong elephant enthusiast, Lori’s involvement increased when she read Ronald Tobias’ book, *Behemoth: The History of the Elephant in America* (available in The Sanctuary’s online gift shop at www.elephants.com). She attended an online EleAmbassador orientation and began giving presentations and staffing exhibit booths to raise awareness for The Sanctuary and for elephants everywhere.

“At heart is always the issues facing elephants, whether it is the elephants retired to The Sanctuary, other captive elephants, or elephants in the wild. They deserve so much better, and we need to continue to fight for their welfare, especially now.”

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**ERWIN ELEPHANT REVIVAL**

This October, Rise ERWIN—a group of community leaders in Erwin, Tennessee—hosted the city’s second-annual Erwin Elephant Revival festival. Activities and entertainment included an interactive kid zone, street performers, food vendors, a glow parade, and a silent auction. All proceeds benefit The Elephant Sanctuary. Thanks again to our neighbors in Erwin for bringing attention to the issues facing elephants and the work of The Sanctuary.

**TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES**

For the fourth consecutive year, EleAmbassadors staffed Ten Thousand Villages store locations across the country for Community Shopping Events held to benefit The Sanctuary. Special thanks to all those involved!
Support an Elephant

Become a Member

The Elephant Sanctuary is working to provide a safe haven where elephants can retire with dignity, roam free in a natural habitat, and receive a lifetime of individualized care. Become a member of our herd with a minimum donation of $50 and receive monthly EleNews email updates; and a one-year subscription to The Elephant Sanctuary’s triannual newsletter, Trunklines.

Become a Sustaining Member and your monthly gifts will support best care for The Sanctuary’s resident elephants, as well as support educational programming to ensure elephants survive for generations to come.

Adopt an Elephant

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is home to 10 elephants, all retired from exhibition and performance. By adopting one (or more) of these elephants, you become a partner in The Sanctuary’s efforts to provide them the gift of herd, home, rest, refuge, and individualized care for life.

Feed for a Day

Each of The Sanctuary’s resident elephants consumes, on average, approximately 150 lbs of food each day. The elephants forage naturally in the habitat, and The Sanctuary staff also provides additional food and supplements to make sure nutritional needs are met. Every elephant has her favorite food. Shirley loves bananas. Debbie likes plain hay. $40 feeds one elephant for a day ($400 feeds all 10 elephants for a day).

At the $50 level, you receive:

- Certificate of “Adoption,” with a photo and bio detailing the amazing story of your “adoptee.”
- A one-year subscription to The Sanctuary’s tri-annual newsletter, Trunklines.

For your gift, you receive:

- A Feed for a Day photo card with information about the elephants’ diet.
- A one-year subscription to The Sanctuary’s tri-annual newsletter, Trunklines.

“In Honor” and “In Memory” gifts are a great way to recognize a special person or pet. If you choose to make an “In Honor” gift, the person you designate will receive an “In Honor” certificate informing them a gift has been made in their name. If the recipient is a new member to The Elephant Sanctuary, they will also receive the latest copy of Trunklines. If you make an “In Memory” gift, the designated family will receive a letter informing them of your donation.
Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

Photo Calendar
This 8 ½ X 11 monthly calendar includes fun facts and personal stories of all 10 elephants living at The Sanctuary.

$15.95

Holiday Cards

$20.00

Elephant T-Shirt - $24.95

Shirley T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Shirley’s image is printed on the front of this unisex Port & Company T-shirt. Incredibly soft, with a worn-in vintage look, this 100% pigment-dyed, ring spun cotton shirt includes The Sanctuary’s logo on the back.
Color: Light Blue

Flora T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Made from 100% soft-spun cotton, this poppy-colored unisex T-shirt features African elephant Flora, and is a year-round essential. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.
Color: Poppy

Tange T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Made from 100% soft-spun cotton. Tange’s image is printed on this denim blue unisex T-shirt. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.
Color: Denim

Sukari T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Sukari’s image is printed on the front of this unisex Port & Company T-shirt. Incredibly soft, with a worn-in vintage look, this shirt includes The Sanctuary’s logo on the back.
Color: Walnut

Tarra T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Made from 100% soft-spun cotton, this worn-in vintage unisex T-shirt features Asian elephant Tarra. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.
Color: Red Rock

Sissy T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Asian elephant Sissy is printed on the front of this incredibly soft, 100% cotton T-shirt. The Sanctuary’s logo is printed on the back.
Color: Neon Blue

Billie T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
Made from 100% soft-spun cotton, Billie’s T-shirt is a year-round essential. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.
Color: Forest Green

Trio T-shirt
SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
The Trio tee features Debbie, Minnie & Ronnie. This eggplant colored tee is a year-round essential made from 100% soft-spun cotton. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back. Color: Eggplant

Find Your Herd Youth T-Shirt
$18.95

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
This youth T-shirt distinguishes your child as part of a global herd of elephant lovers. Made by Gildan, this 100% cotton Tee is perfect for playtime this summer.
Color: Tropical Blue

Find all your Elephant Sanctuary merchandise at elephants.com, or place your order using the enclosed order form and envelope.
Order Your 2018 Calendar Online at elephants.com.

$15.95

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Join the Herd

With the help of our members, we are working to provide a safe haven where elephants can retire with dignity and receive a lifetime of care. Basic Annual Membership starts at $50 and includes a subscription to Trunklines, our triannual newsletter.

If interested in The Elephant Sanctuary’s VIP Membership Program ($2000 per year for five consecutive years), contact lorenda@elephants.com or 931-796-6500 ext. 105. VIP members are invited to one tour of The Sanctuary facilities – with no guarantee of seeing an elephant – to gain a deepened understanding of The Sanctuary’s mission and the complex needs of captive elephants.

Please use the enclosed envelope/form to designate your gifts. Thank you for your support!

Connect with us Online at elephants.com!

Stay current on news from The Sanctuary and support the wellbeing of captive elephants through your favorite social networks. You can also sign up to receive our free monthly online newsletter, EleNews (formerly eTrunklines), which includes information on special events, merchandise, and new posts to our blog.

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Awards and Recognition

Our strong performance as an animal-welfare/wildlife conservation 501(c)(3) non-profit is recognized by reputable charity monitoring groups.

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is proudly accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Trunklines is printed on paper certified by both the Rainforest Alliance and the Forest Stewardship Council. FSC wood-products are known to prevent decimation of forests located in or near native habitats for wild elephants.

To improve the lives of captive elephants, please contact your legislators.