The elephants at The Sanctuary made the most of the mild winter weather—napping outside in the habitats under the winter sun, splashing in the mud after rainstorms, and engaging with seasonal enrichment when chillier days kept them close to the barn.

As winter turns to spring, Care Staff remain busy, as usual; most recently they have been accommodating Tarra’s travels throughout Asia Habitat, unloading donated browse for Sukari, Tange, and Flora to dine on, and preparing treats to celebrate Minnie, Debbie, Ronnie, and Billie’s retirement anniversaries. The Facilities and Vet Teams have been working hard alongside Caregivers to develop innovative solutions to meet the individualized needs of all the elephants at The Sanctuary, and our Education Staff is excited to welcome the community into the newly-opened Elephant Discovery Center in downtown Hohenwald.

We happily welcome warmer months ahead, when the elephants choose to venture even farther into the wooded hills and vast pasturelands of The Sanctuary, spending ample time with their herd-mates and interacting with the natural world around them.

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Updates on all the elephants living at The Elephant Sanctuary are included in this spring issue of Trunklines.
Dear Friends,

The Elephant Sanctuary is excited to announce the opening of our new public learning and welcome center in downtown Hohenwald, Tennessee. While the elephants’ habitats remain closed to the public, visitors to The Elephant Discovery Center can explore the many ways elephants shape our world through hands-on self-guided exhibits and educational programming. Staff and docents share knowledge about the role elephants play in the wild, their long history in captivity, and the meaning and impact of sanctuary.

In addition to interactive exhibits, we’ve expanded our online educational programming. In 2018, The Sanctuary’s Distance Learning Program nearly doubled our reach, speaking with more than 11,000 students in 40 states, 7 Canadian provinces, and 18 countries outside of North America. Utilizing Skype and The Sanctuary’s live-streaming EleCams, students can “tour” The Sanctuary and watch the daily lives of the elephants unfold, without ever leaving the classroom.

Our hope is that more young people will be inspired to volunteer for animal organizations in their communities and to become knowledgeable about fields of study and career paths that impact animal welfare, such as veterinary medicine, animal legal defense, wildlife management and conservation research.

At The Sanctuary, we believe that education is key to improving the lives of elephants globally. Through our education programs, we aim to foster a deeper understanding of and compassion for elephants and encourage the next generation to think critically about the welfare of elephants and other threatened species around the world.

We do this work in honor of and with the vast knowledge imparted to us by our resident elephants—Shirley, Tarra, Billie, Ronnie, Debbie, Minnie, Sissy, Nosey, Tange, Flora, Sukari—and those who came before.

Thank YOU for partnering with us in our mission to create a world for elephants!

Janice Zeitlin, CEO

Become a Member—Help Change the Lives of Elephants!
Nosey Updates

Nosey has been busy over the past several months, as she continues to expand the use of her habitat and develop more natural elephant behaviors to the delight of Care Staff. Her new activities include digging two deep mud holes on her own and pushing down lots of trees. Care Staff note that she is growing in confidence and has even begun to work on pushing down bigger trees.

At the end of each day, it is not unusual for Nosey to return to the barn with a souvenir from the day’s adventures, which is often a large log or piece of bark... and recently an entire tree! Everyone was excited to see her stripping its bark and tossing it around with her trunk, playfully dropping it onto her back while spinning around underneath. When Nosey arrived at The Sanctuary just over a year ago, she always chose the smallest twigs to chew on. It is inspiring to see her progressing and exhibiting new elephant behaviors each day as she interacts with her surroundings.

Care Staff work to keep Nosey busy inside the barn as well. Large logs are hung within easy reach, along with Christmas trees, barrels, and hay feeders for Nosey to browse from or scratch her back with. Each of these items are meant to stimulate curiosity and initiate natural activity. While other elephants tend to gently remove produce and hay from the suspended trees, Nosey is a little more eager and quickly pulls the branches apart to discover the treats inside.

While The Sanctuary’s Staff celebrates Nosey’s everyday successes, elephant-lovers around the world rejoiced with the passage of “Nosey’s Law” in New Jersey, which banned the use of numerous wild animal species, including elephants, tigers, lions, bears, and primates, in circuses and traveling shows. New Jersey was the first state in the United States to enact a law of this sort. The Sanctuary applauds Governor Phil Murphy, the New Jersey legislature, and all those who advocate for the well-being of captive elephants.
Africa Habitat & Barn

Flora, Sukari, and Tange have spent their days doing as they choose—exploring the habitat on sunny days, splashing in the mud after rainstorms, and discovering several new seasonal enrichment items designed to engage them in natural problem-solving behaviors.

The elephants have been taking advantage of their wallows, particularly after rainy days. Elephants use mud to keep the bugs at bay, regulate their body temperature, and protect their skin from the sun. Tange was recently observed using her tusks and feet to loosen dirt from the ground, then tossing it on her back as Sukari stood nearby.

Although the elephants often stay closer to the barn on chilly days, winter has not kept them from journeying through their vast habitat should they opt to. They have even spent several nights away from the barn, returning in the morning for breakfast. All three elephants were observed napping together in the Annex, demonstrating that the herd is continuing to grow more comfortable with one another. Typically, they wake up when they hear Care Staff have arrived to unload community donations of trees, grapevines, and other browse and produce, eager to receive a tasty afternoon snack.
They have also been utilizing the recently constructed pulley system, an addition to Africa Habitat that was custom-designed by The Sanctuary’s dedicated Facilities Team in collaboration with African elephant Caregivers and the Husbandry Management Team. It was constructed in a spot well-loved by the elephants, not far from the barn. The pulley system is intended to encourage the elephants to raise their trunk to interact with trees, tires, and other items, as they would while foraging in the wild.

Sukari was quick to realize there was produce to be found at the pulley system and has shown the most interest thus far, soon followed by Tange. Thanks to The Sanctuary’s annual Christmas tree drive, Care Staff experienced no lack of trees and branches to suspend from the pulley system. The elephants even received a 30-foot tree donated by the nearby city of Lawrenceburg after the holidays.

Flora has spent much time interacting with the hay cages that were installed in the habitat last fall (which are often stuffed with pear twigs and popcorn), play sparring with tractor tires, and testing the durability of browse hanging in the barn. Her intelligence coupled with plenty of playful energy can make it a challenge to build items that pass the “Flora Test,” but Caregivers enjoy finding new ways to engage her, as well as Sukari and Tange, cognitively and creatively during the winter months.
In February, The Sanctuary celebrated Minnie, Debbie, Ronnie, and Billie’s retirement anniversaries. All four elephants arrived 13 years ago as a result of USDA prosecutions for violations of the Animal Welfare Act against the Hawthorn Corporation, a company that leased elephants to zoos and circuses. To commemorate their anniversaries, Caregivers made vegan cakes and bamboo towers in the habitat. The cakes were made of bran, oats, banana, carrots, strawberries, and celery. Ronnie and Debbie seemed to enjoy the bamboo, while Minnie and Billie went straight for the cake. Sissy’s 19th anniversary also took place in February. Today, we celebrate each of the elephants’ freedom of choice in how they spend their days and their ability to live out retirement comfortably and peacefully.

All of the elephants have been adventurous on sunny days, especially Minnie, who is regularly seen roaming through the habitat, keeping a watchful eye on the rest of the herd from afar as she grazes. Sissy and Debbie have both been taking naps outside the barn during the day, and Ronnie has spent several afternoons digging and playing in the habitat’s many mud wallows.

At The Elephant Sanctuary, individualized care from a professional team of Veterinarians and Caregivers allows each elephant to age gracefully in a natural habitat setting while still making choices about her daily life. Together with the Facilities Team, our Vet and
Care Staff continuously work to develop innovative solutions that meet each elephant's needs while ensuring a comfortable, safe environment for the whole herd.

For example, Q Barn was retrofitted with a sand stall in 2014, which Billie would frequently use to rest on at night (the incline of the sand pile makes it easier for her to lie down). Care Staff closely monitor the elephants’ sleep patterns through in-barn cameras, allowing them to stay on top of any changes in behavior that may occur when they are not physically present. In recent months, Caregivers noticed Billie was showing signs of discomfort overnight, no longer choosing to utilize the sand pile to lie down as often.

Care and Vet Staff immediately began working with the Facilities Team to brainstorm changes that could be made to the barn that would encourage Billie to lie down, ultimately maintaining a comfortable quality of life as she ages. They decided to extend her sand pile into a sand “wall,” which covers the entire wall of the barn instead of the one corner where it previously existed. Since the installation of the sand wall, Caregivers are happy to report that Billie lies down to sleep more often, but her progress will continue to be closely monitored.

Despite these challenges, Billie remains playful and excited during the day. She has been trumpeting and running around when Caregivers are nearby, picking up bamboo and holding it in her mouth gently while she plays. She has also been spending time with Ronnie; the two are often observed wrapping their trunks around each other’s faces during their playdates.
Asia Habitat & Barn

The Sanctuary recently celebrated Tarra’s 45th birthday. Caregivers had fun surprising her by building a log tower and filling it with strawberries, grapevines, a vegan strawberry cake, and hay, along with two of her favorites, bamboo and watermelon. Tarra approached the surprise with her trunk fully extended, carefully plucking the strawberries from the top before grabbing the entire cake and eating it. She spent several minutes enjoying the bamboo and watermelon before searching the inside of the log for the rest of the produce.

Tarra is a year-round traveler who makes the most of sunny, mild days journeying from the barn to the Warming Hut to the lake and back again. Caregivers have accommodated her travels by setting up meals in areas along her path. Oftentimes upon spotting a special delivery, Tarra walks swiftly towards it while rumbling and barking excitedly. She has also been observed turning in circles and kicking the dirt with what appears to be pure delight. She greets Caregivers with these same happy sounds and behaviors upon returning to the barn after a trek.

Shirley has also covered a lot of area recently, spending time in Sleepy Spot and other favorite locations around the habitat. Caregivers notice her catching afternoon snoozes in the sun, and on warmer nights, choosing to sleep outside under the stars on her specially placed sand pile. When at the barn, she is eager to receive lots of massages with the scrub brush and treats such as spiced pine cones and hay-filled tires.

### 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 and select “Wish List” or contact Lorenda at lorenda@elephants.com (email); 931-796-6500 ex. 105 (phone).

**ELEPHANT CARE**
- Foot Abscess Epoxy Kits
- Pachyderm Pedicures
- Hay (tractor trailer load)
- Cosequin Equine Powder with ASU or MSM
- General Medical Fund
- Sand Piles for Elephants

**ONGOING NEEDS**
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Tractor Supply Gift Cards
- Gatorade packs by the case
- Barn Basics (daily tools used at the barns)

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**
- Pick-up Truck with extended cab
Spring Appeal—Create A World For Elephants

A lot can happen in the lifetime of an elephant.

Those in the wild grow up among an extended family herd of mothers, daughters, aunts, and cousins. They are led by a matriarch—the oldest and wisest female in the herd. Together, they travel many miles a day, across grasslands and savannas. They create waterholes shared by other animal species. They play, they adapt, and they mourn. They are sentient beings with remarkable memories and social structures that mimic our own.

Elephants raised in captivity know a different life.

Tange was brought to the United States and sold to a wild animal park after the culling of her family herd. Sissy lived three decades without the companionship of another elephant. While traveling between circus performances, Shirley survived a ship fire and an overturned transport trailer. After she was no longer deemed fit to perform in circus, Billie spent 13 years housed in a 20’ x 20’ stall outside of Chicago, IL.

And although it is very difficult, if not impossible, to replicate their wild habitats and meet their complex physical and social needs in captivity—The Sanctuary has given these elephants a second chance at home and herd. All have brought with them the physical and emotional scars of captivity—but at The Sanctuary, among wooded hills and vast pastureland, where freedom of choice is tantamount, and elephants live together with others of their kind—we have been honored to watch as remarkable social, psychological and physical strides are made.

We revel daily in the explorations, discoveries, and evolving bonds of the 11 elephants that call The Sanctuary home. To ensure the highest quality of care, our Veterinary, Husbandry, and Facilities departments work together to find solutions to meet the ongoing needs of each individual elephant. For Shirley, now 70 years old, lowered training walls allow her to present her feet for foot-care without straining her back or legs. For Tange, radiographs allow Care Staff to monitor changes in her foot pads and tusks and adjust care plans according to her needs as she ages.

While providing whole-elephant care in an enriching natural habitat setting is the primary focus of the Elephant Care Staff—our work extends far beyond The Sanctuary’s 2,700-acre facility. A critical part of The Sanctuary’s mission is to inspire and empower the next generation of conservation leaders so that elephants no longer live under constant threat of poaching, habitat loss, conflict, or capture. Through Distance Learning in 2018, The Sanctuary reached more than 11,000 students in 19 countries around the world!

Finally, we know that to create a world for elephants, we must be accountable, because without support from people like you, none of this important work would be possible.

The Sanctuary’s accreditation by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, certification by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, and recognition by reputable charity monitoring groups demonstrates a commitment to exemplary animal care and welfare, veterinary programs, conservation, education, and safety. The Sanctuary constantly strives to be a model and raise the standard of care for elephants in captivity as we share best practices and continue to learn from our partners across the USA and around the world.

Providing for the 11 elephants in our care takes a tremendous amount of resources. We depend on supporters like you to help us carry out our work and mission on behalf of Flora, Sukari, Tange, Nosey, Shirley, Tarra, Sissy, Billie, Minnie, Ronnie and Debbie. Thank you from all of us at The Elephant Sanctuary.

Support The Sanctuary’s Spring Appeal by giving online at www.elephants.com or through the envelope within this issue of Trunklines.
The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee has opened the doors to The Elephant Discovery Center in Hohenwald, Tennessee.

Explore the many ways elephants shape our world, develop a deeper understanding of and compassion for elephants, and...

Discover what a day-in-the-life at The Elephant Sanctuary is like—all while allowing the elephants to remain undisturbed in their habitats.

Through interactive, self-guided exhibits and educational programming, visitors to The Elephant Discovery Center will come away with a better understanding of elephants’ role as a keystone species, the crisis facing elephants in the wild, the complex needs of elephants in captivity, and the elephants that call The Sanctuary home.

27 E. Main Street, Hohenwald, TN 38462
931.796.6500
Tuesday - Saturday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The elephants remain in their habitats, which are closed to the public.
THINGS TO DO:

• Feel the low-frequency vibrations that elephants use to communicate

• Watch the elephants explore their habitats via live-streaming EleCams

• Learn about the many roles elephants have played throughout history

• Pledge to take action for elephants

• Take a selfie with The Sanctuary’s “Re-tired” Elephant!

For more information on scheduled programs, visit: www.elephants.com/discovery-center

To schedule a group tour, field trip, or guided programming call 931.796.6500 (x109)
> **INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**

> **DR. CAITLIN O’CONNELL**
> **WITH UTOPIA SCIENTIFIC | utopiascientific.org**

In January, The Sanctuary welcomed Dr. Caitlin O’Connell, one of the world’s preeminent scientists on African elephant communication and social dynamics and founder of Utopia Scientific, dedicated to research and science education. Dr. O’Connell’s visit was the first of several planned visits from elephant experts this year, as a part of The Sanctuary’s ongoing collaborations with researchers, activists, and educators around the world working to expand our knowledge of elephants and improve their lives.

A staff member from The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee will join Dr. O’Connell in the field in Namibia to assist with data collection and research this summer.

> **AFRICAASAP | africaasap.org**

At 70 years old, Asian elephant Shirley has led a remarkable life, and she continues to do so, as she contributes her part to help protect wild elephants from the threat of poaching.

In early February, The Sanctuary hosted AfricaASAP, a non-profit organization with a mission to stop the poaching of African elephants and other vulnerable species with near-continuous aerial surveillance of the protected areas where they live. The group flew an airplane 6,500 feet above The Elephant Sanctuary to test how FLIR Systems aerial surveillance equipment can track elephant herds over vast areas, patrol park boundaries, and locate and stop poaching incursions.

During the fly-over, the crew utilized FLIR equipment to track moving vehicles, spot a controlled campfire, and observe Shirley and the other elephants as they traveled through their Sanctuary habitats—simulating real-life scenarios AfricaASAP may encounter in Africa.

Once the project is fully-funded, AfricaASAP will deploy the first airship-based wildlife surveillance system in a national park in Africa. For the first time, park rangers will have a near constant “eye in the sky” above the park they are charged with protecting. Patrolling tens of thousands of square miles every day, the airship will send real-time HD video data to a ground station for monitoring. Based on the information received, Rapid Response Teams can be deployed to protect elephants and other wildlife being hunted by poachers.

The Sanctuary is thrilled to be able to contribute to the important work AfricaASAP is undertaking to protect dwindling wild elephant populations.
**Have You Herd?**

**Cognitive Tools For Elephants**

In February, Sanctuary Staff participated in a Skype-discussion with renowned elephant scientist, Joyce Poole, about elephants’ play behaviors and adaptations in the wild. This was part of a special joint project with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). The project kicked off with 14 SAIC graduate students travelling to Hohenwald for two days of service at The Sanctuary. The students were challenged to design and build cognitive tools for elephants that support animal wellness, encourage curiosity, initiate play, and actively engage them in problem-solving. Students worked alongside Elephant Care Staff with hopes to inspire their own designs back in the classroom. At the end of the course, SAIC will deliver full-scale functional enrichment devices to The Sanctuary for the elephants to utilize in their habitats.

Expanding The Sanctuary’s international outreach, The Sanctuary supports Joyce Poole’s ongoing research on elephant communication and social structure.

**Supporter Spotlight**

**Alternative Spring Break Volunteers**

The arrival of spring coincides with the arrival of Alternative Service groups of college students at The Sanctuary. Rather than spend their spring breaks on a more traditional vacation, these students chose to spend their time away from class donating service hours and learning about the needs of elephants and The Sanctuary’s work. In March, students from Appalachian State University, the University of Missouri, Cornell College, and Tennessee’s own Vanderbilt University spent a week working alongside Sanctuary Staff and gaining insights to share with their campus communities. In May, The Sanctuary will welcome volunteers from Georgia Southern University. This is the seventh year that Appalachian State has sent a group, the sixth year for Georgia Southern, and the second year for Vanderbilt.

"Having the extra help allows us to accomplish a lot of tasks on our to-do list, whether that is clearing brush or painting barn walls. It is extremely heartening to see so many young people excited to share The Sanctuary's mission."

TODD MONTGOMERY, Volunteer and Outreach Manager
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, including invitations to special events; and a one-year subscription to The Elephant Sanctuary’s triannual newsletter, *Trunklines*, and eligibility to apply for a Volunteer Day at The Elephant Sanctuary.

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 cares for 11 elephants, all retired from exhibition and performance. By adopting one (or more) of The Sanctuary’s 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.

At the **$50 LEVEL**, you receive:
- Certificate of Adoption, with a photo and bio detailing the amazing story of your “adoptee”
- Monthly EleNews email updates, including invitations to special events
- A one-year subscription to The Sanctuary’s triannual newsletter, *Trunklines*
- Eligibility to apply for a Volunteer Day at The Elephant Sanctuary

**FEED AN ELEPHANT**

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’s Staff also provide additional food and supplements to make sure nutritional needs are met. Every elephant has her favorite food. Shirley loves bananas. Debbie likes plain hay. $50 feeds an elephant for a day.

“At 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.

**FUNDRAISE FOR ELEPHANTS**

Fundraise for the elephants for your next special occasion (Birthday, Marathon, Wedding, or Just Because!). It only takes a minute to set up: tell your story, add a photo, and just like that, you’ll be ready to start raising money to help change the lives of elephants. Spread the word by starting a fundraiser. Visit shop.elephants.com/create-a-fundraiser to get started.
Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise

Adult T-Shirts - $24.95

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

- Flora T-Shirt
  - SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
  - Made from 100% soft-spun cotton, this worn-in vintage-inspired unisex T-shirt features African elephant, Flora. 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, this worn-in vintage-inspired unisex T-shirt features African elephant, Tange. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.
  - Color: Navy

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

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

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

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

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

- Ronnie T-Shirt
  - SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
  - Made from 100% soft-spun cotton, this worn-in vintage-inspired unisex T-shirt features Asian elephant, Ronnie. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.
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- Find Your Herd T-Shirt
  - SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL
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  - Color: Coral

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The Big Payback Returns!

**SAVE THE DATE — MAY 2, 2019**

On May 2nd, The Elephant Sanctuary will again participate in The Big Payback, a 24-hour online giving day hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee that also includes opportunities to vie for monetary prizes. Please join us for the fun! Visit [elephants.com](http://elephants.com) on May 2nd and look for The Big Payback logo on our home page to make your donation.

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Connect with us Online at [elephants.com](http://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*, which includes information on special events, merchandise, and new posts to our blog.

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Join the Herd!

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If interested in The Elephant Sanctuary's VIP Membership Program ($2,000 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!*

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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.

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