OUR MISSION
The Elephant Sanctuary exists for two reasons:

1. To provide captive elephants with individualized care, the companionship of a herd, and the opportunity to live out their lives in a safe haven dedicated to their wellbeing.

2. To raise public awareness of the complex needs of elephants in captivity and the crisis facing elephants in the wild.

LETTER FROM CEO

With support from approximately 25,000 individuals and foundations in 2016, The Elephant Sanctuary provided direct care to 14 elephants on 2,700 acres in Tennessee, and helped improve outcomes for more through global partnerships on four continents. The Sanctuary is committed to collaborating and sharing best practices that lead to better management, treatment and care for elephants everywhere.

A surplus created by Estate bequests helped meet extenuating needs outside of our regular budget:

- Medical device for elephant radiographs
- Truck for Africa Habitat staff and veterinarians
- Bulldozer for facilities maintenance
- Outdoor Classroom for education and outreach
- Operational reserves that empower The Sanctuary to offer immediate retirement and lifelong care for elephants

This — and so much more — is possible because of our generous donors. The 2016 Annual Report shows the impact of many people working together with a shared commitment to the conservation and welfare of elephants. Thank you for sustaining the mission of The Elephant Sanctuary!

Janice Zeitlin
Vice President and CEO

LEADERSHIP

Dr. Richard Rhoda, Chair
Member since 2010
Retired Executive Director, Tennessee Higher Education Commission

Dr. William Schaffner, President
Member since 2007
Professor of Preventive Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Janice Zeitlin, Vice President
CEO since 2013
CEO, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

Bob Burklow, Secretary
Member since 2012
Former Mayor, City of Hohenwald, Tennessee

Albert Ambrose, Treasurer
Member since 2012

Sharon Langford, Board Member
Since 2012
Marketing & Management Consultant, Animal Welfare Author and Volunteer

Michael K. Stagg, Board Member
Since 2016
Attorney, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP

2016 ANNUAL REPORT
The new website drew 50% more views, 31% more users, and 82% new mobile users.

**2016 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Because of our generous supporters, The Sanctuary accomplished mission-driven goals in 2016:

- **14 elephants** given shelter and care on 2,700 acres
- **5,811 feet** of new steel fencing and **60 new acres** in Africa Habitat
- **3,000 students** in 27 states and five countries experienced elephants via Distance Learning
- **128 volunteers** engaged in on-site service projects for elephants
- **Additions for elephants:**
  - 4 new mud wallows
  - 10 miles of trails
  - 3 training walls
  - 1 off-the-grid warming hut

The Elephant Sanctuary has set aside unrestricted financial operational reserves of four times its budgeted expenses to ensure the lifetime care and safe haven for an undetermined number of elephants. Elephants have an expected life span of 50 – 70 years and The Sanctuary is committed to providing food, shelter, veterinary care, medicine, caregivers, property maintenance and security. Along with the public’s continuing support, these funds are needed to provide for the elephants currently in our care and for those that will come to The Sanctuary.

*The Elephant Sanctuary has set aside unrestricted financial operational reserves of four times its budgeted expenses to ensure the lifetime care and safe haven for an undetermined number of elephants. Elephants have an expected life span of 50 – 70 years and The Sanctuary is committed to providing food, shelter, veterinary care, medicine, caregivers, property maintenance and security. Along with the public’s continuing support, these funds are needed to provide for the elephants currently in our care and for those that will come to The Sanctuary.

* These figures reflect audited financials.
The Sanctuary is currently home to 11 elephants retired from zoos and circuses, many of whom suffer long-term health and behavioral issues common to elephants that have spent their lives in captivity. The Sanctuary employs a fully integrated team of veterinarians and caregivers who provide high-quality care by using positive reinforcement and protected contact to safely meet the needs of each elephant.

Learn more at elephants.com

The Elephant Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation, licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Our strong performance as an animal welfare and wildlife conservation nonprofit is recognized by reputable charity monitoring groups.