

Trunklines



Watch Tange on EleCams (elephants.com/EleCam), now streaming in HD! Full story on page 11.

Celebrating Spring, and 20 Years...

The arrival of a new year—a unique and exciting one, as **2015** marks **20 years** since **The Elephant Sanctuary was established in 1995**—was soon followed by signs of renewal in the elephants' natural habitat. Spring's return means elephants choose to be more active—roaming the hills, valleys, and meadows of their Sanctuary as temperatures begin to warm.

While all of the resident elephants were born wild in Asia or Africa, they've adjusted well to Tennessee's four seasons; in fact, several Girls have lived in less temperate places like the American Midwest or New England. The elephants in Sanctuary would spend their daytime hours this winter socializing and grazing outdoors, returning to the barns at night. In more extreme cold weather, they'll also choose their warm barns, where Caregivers provide browse and enriching activities to keep their minds engaged and their bodies healthy. **(More Inside)**

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Our Mission

Founded in 1995, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is the nation's largest natural-habitat refuge developed specifically around the needs of endangered Asian and African elephants. It operates on 2700 acres in Hohenwald, Tenn. – 85 miles southwest of Nashville.

With Your Support, The Elephant Sanctuary:

- Provides 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;
- Raises public awareness of the complex needs of elephants in captivity, and the crisis facing elephants in the wild.

As an authentic sanctuary, the habitat where the elephants live is not open to the public.

**To learn more about
The Elephant Sanctuary
and its resident elephants,
connect with us online at
elephants.com**

Message from the Board and CEO

The Elephant Sanctuary celebrates its **20th Anniversary** this year, a milestone worthy of recognition. It signifies a sustained commitment to values shared by the board, staff, and Sanctuary supporters—that elephants are intelligent creatures with complex physical and social needs, deserving nothing less than individualized, whole care for life.

For us, Sanctuary means providing a safe haven and natural habitat dedicated solely to the elephants' wellbeing, and meeting their needs by affording them the space to roam, forage, and splash. It also means enabling socialization within a herd of their own kind, and ensuring individual care that insists upon non-dominant, positive-reinforcement management and training in a protected-contact setting.

In December, the Sanctuary was awarded accreditation with the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. Board and staff are extremely proud of this recognition: GFAS accreditation is an accomplishment, one that reinforces collaborative efforts invested in sustaining the progress of the Sanctuary. GFAS accreditation also validates and strengthens our efforts to ensure optimal veterinary and husbandry care of the resident elephants, expand public-education initiatives around the extensive needs of both captive and wild elephants, and assure operational accountability...today, and for many years to come.

In celebration of our 20th Anniversary, we are eager to welcome additional elephants to Sanctuary.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Rhoda
Board Chair

Janice Zeitlin
CEO



We Remember Frieda
(1966–2015)



Celebrating Spring, and 20 Years...

Asia Barn & Habitat



Shirley and Tarra in the snow



Sissy & Winkie share cinnamon-spiced popcorn they emptied onto the ground with their trunks. Students from Appalachian State University filled elephant-feed bags as enrichment for the Girls at Asia.



Shirley and Misty

During warmer months, the elephants travel the habitat to explore the 2700 acres of diverse, natural terrain available to them. Winter at The Sanctuary finds elephants spending more of their time in and near the heated barns, so they can easily choose to go indoors when they get chilly. Caregivers get creative in providing lots of opportunities for the Girls to exhibit and exercise natural behavior, wherever they choose to be.

At Christmas, for example, all the Girls at Asia received some special enrichment. It was cool that day, but not cool enough for the Girls to choose to stay inside. "Earlier in the week, several Caregivers cleaned up some pine trees that had fallen in the south yard of Asia. Jokingly, someone suggested making a 'Lincoln Log' house for the Girls," said Caregiver Nicole. "Well, so we did build them a 'Lincoln Log' house, filled with hay and bamboo skewered with pineapple slices. When they walked up to it, **Sissy** made her 'pop-pop' noise with her trunk, while **Winkie** displayed excitement by sucking her trunk into her mouth and making her 'whale' noise vocalization." You can watch Sissy and Winkie enjoying this structure at our YouTube channel.

And for Valentine's Day this year —also known as **Tarra's** 41st "birthday" at The Elephant Sanctuary— Caregivers placed some special enrichment out in the habitat for the Girls at Asia: "We set a fruit popsicle on some hay for Tarra up by North Gate – an area of the habitat farther away from the barn that's frequented by **Shirley** and Tarra," said Caregiver Nicole. "Despite our efforts to be quiet, Shirley heard the ATVs and started to head our way. Tarra, in trying to figure out where everyone was, started making her way towards the pond somewhat later, while Shirley led the way. We had to put Tarra's popsicle away so Shirley wouldn't devour it before the Birthday Girl could get there."

Spring's warmer temperatures and sunshine have enticed the Girls to nap out in the habitat-yards adjacent to their barn. You may have spotted **Shirley**, **Sissy**, and **Misty** enjoying naptime in the daylight hours on EleCams, while **Tarra** and **Winkie** have mostly preferred to explore further away from the barn.

While the first half of March was still chilly, the end of the month brought full-on signs of spring. On March 30th, after "testing" the water –holding EleCam viewers in suspense for several minutes– The Sanctuary's eldest resident Shirley (age 67) went in for Asia Habitat's very first swim in 2015. This is the second consecutive year that Shirley's been the first elephant at Asia to wander into the water.

Celebrating Spring, and 20 Years...

Asia Barn & Habitat

In the wild, Asian elephants spend a lot of time in water; all of the Asian elephants at Sanctuary have access to “swimming holes.” And water’s buoyancy can certainly help to take an aging elephant’s weight off the bones and joints in her legs and feet. Swimming also appears to offer some fun and relaxation for the Asian Girls.

The Sanctuary has experienced its first in-kind donation of harvested grapevines in recent years! Our grateful thanks go to Amber Falls Winery and Cellars in neighboring Maury County for their thoughtfulness. The resident elephants seemingly adore the taste of grapevine, as the Winery’s generous supply didn’t last long! **[Reminder:** You can provide a resident elephant(s) with her favorite foods, supplements, and special-occasion treats through our Feed-for-a-Day program. See page 13.]



Shirley enjoys an enriching treat of hay tossed with grapevines, courtesy of Amber Falls Winery (Misty at rear).

Celebrating Spring, and 20 Years...

“Q” Barn & Habitat



Ronnie and Debbie

Staff are mourning the loss of **Frieda** (see Tribute on pages 8-9), while Q’s Caregivers have been watching **Liz** and **Billie** closely to see how their social dynamic will evolve, giving them some extra attention now that one special part of their “threesome” is gone. “On a handful of occasions, Liz has ‘touched’ Billie—a gesture we’ve not seen before, as it’s normally just Billie that will touch Liz,” said Caregiver Diana. “As Billie has a history of displaying dominance toward Liz, this could be a milestone in their relationship.”

All the Q Girls are getting used to a new routine—one that sadly won’t include Frieda—and so will need time to heal. After losing her dear friend, Liz has been choosing to take some space, spending time on her own. “She’s been spotted standing very still and doing her ‘call’ rumble when out in the habitat,” said Q’s Lead Caregiver, Justina. “She’ll then turn 90 degrees and rumble once more. Care staff would usually hear this vocalization whenever Liz was calling for Frieda; upon hearing this call, Frieda, Liz, and Billie would then have one of their ‘grand reunions.’”



Liz, Billie and Frieda

Celebrating Spring, and 20 Years...

"Q" Barn & Habitat



Liz



Ronnie and Debbie



Minnie with her culvert

While the two elephants have also been seen venturing out into the habitat together, grazing in close proximity to one another, Billie's also been generous in allowing Liz to have some space. She often chooses to hang back in closer proximity to the barn while Liz is off exploring.

Thanks to recent facilities' improvements and progress made in TB treatment, the Q Girls (that were previously separated into Phases I and II) were able to spend some time this winter getting to know their "new" habitat, and reintroducing themselves to their former "herd" mates. One evening inside the heated barn, Liz's nighttime stall was next to one shared by Debbie and Ronnie, who seemed especially taken with Liz: "We saw Deb and Ron touching Liz all over with their trunks, just generally giving her lots of attention," shares Caregiver Diana.

And during a warm stretch in February, staff noticed that **Debbie** and **Ronnie** were leaving the barn at night, opting to spend the more pleasant evenings relaxing outside. Ronnie was even spotted in an area of the habitat where she's rarely been seen before, atop a hill near the South Pond (dubbed by Caregivers as "Barbie's Wash" in honor of Barbara, The Sanctuary's second resident who spent a lot of time there). Care staff think this is likely where Ronnie ventures on nights when she decides to leave the barn.

This winter's nicer, sunny days appealed to the Girls' natural sense of exploration: EleCam viewers got a bird's-eye view of **Minnie's** creative interactions with her favorite enrichment object that Caregivers will place out in the habitat for her – the culvert. Minnie seems not to mind cold weather as much. On days when the rest of the Q Girls are enjoying the warmth of the barn, she'll venture out into the habitat for a lengthy stroll along the creek, an imaginative relocation of her culvert, and an occasional nap in the sun. Said Caregiver Brianna, "Nothing bothers her!"



In late January, Billie was seen taking a quick dip in the pond at Q. She didn't seem to mind what had to have been some very chilly water!

Celebrating Spring, and 20 Years...

Africa Barn & Habitat



Flora



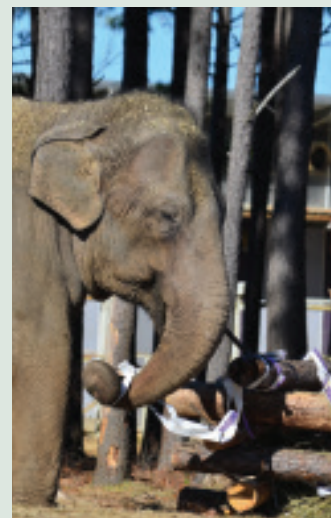
Tange

Like the Asian elephants, *Tange* and *Flora* spent much of the milder winter days in favored areas of the Africa Habitat, returning to the barn in the evening as temperatures would lower. Caregivers noticed that, when returning to the barn, the two Girls would sometimes show signs of having laid down in the habitat (e.g., grass stains and debris stuck to their sides). Flora and Tange's lying down –possibly even napping out in the winter sun– leads us to believe they feel safe, comfortable, even a little relaxed in their Sanctuary home.

Come late March, signs of spring had Flora and Tange inspired to spend more of their days (and a few nights, even!) out in the habitat, returning only for their "dinner." This was a nice change from the colder, snowy conditions Tennessee experienced in January. Also in March, Flora and Tange spent a lot of time wandering into the valleys of their habitat, as something [Caregivers aren't quite sure what!] seemed to be piquing their interest down there...

Warmer spring weather also came with Tennessee's usual heavy rains, which meant a lot of mud for elephants to dig into! Aside from what looks to be a lot of fun, in the wild, mud baths protect elephants' skin from the harsh heat and UV rays of the African sun (nearer Earth's equator). A good mud-romp cools the body and offers them a natural form of sunscreen (since elephant hair is fairly sparse, they can get sunburnt – especially young calves). EleCam viewers can occasionally catch Flora and Tange active in the mud-wallows created especially for them over by the Africa Barn, so stay tuned at elephants.com/EleCam.

Winter at the Welcome Center



At a public workshop held in January, visitors to the Welcome Center created new “environmental enrichment” treats/toys for the elephants to explore (and eventually eat), such as hay feeders and boomer balls modified to distribute popcorn, and paper-chain made out of old elephant-feed bags. A fun cold-weather activity for families, and special treats for elephants **made with love!**

Winkie enjoys her paper-chain enrichment made at the Welcome Center.



Pat Couch, Supervisor of Teaching & Learning for Lewis County Schools (Tennessee), read from ***The Elephant Scientist*** by **Dr. Caitlin O'Connell** (see page 14) to a fifth-grade class. The book tells the true story of how field researchers deployed the scientific method to discover that African elephants use their feet to detect low-frequency sound vibrations over great distances; that they use infrasound to communicate with each other. Sanctuary Education staff also led an activity for students to demonstrate how sound travels (**photo at Left, below**).



Photo at Right, above: Lewis County Mayor Bill Webb accepts a donated copy of *The Elephant Scientist*, as presented by The Ingram Group's Sam Reed, on behalf of **publisher Houghton Mifflin Harcourt**. HMH graciously donated 1,000 copies of the book to help with Sanctuary's educational outreach efforts in Middle Tennessee.

Upcoming programs (for adults and kids alike!) held at The Elephant Sanctuary's Welcome Center are advertised at elephants.com, and at our Facebook page (facebook.com/ElephantSanctuaryTN).

Remembering Frieda

1966 – 2015



Frieda at "Frieda's Field"

“Darling Frieda, you will be missed by your Trunklines family, and your elephant family. So glad you got to spend the last years of your life in the most loving place – being able to roam as an elephant should. The updates on your journey, I will also miss. Peace and love be with you always.”

- Franky; Los Angeles, Calif.

“After many years of chains and bullhooks, Frieda finally found sanctuary and respect in Tennessee. There will never be a good reason why animals have to endure a life of abuse for a novelty show. Recent events, hopefully, will soon bring an end to this archaic practice.”

- Ed, Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS); San Andreas, Calif.

“Frieda always chose the path less traveled. The ‘trailblazer,’ she was the first to explore Castle Gate, South Gate, Daniel’s Pond, and Frieda’s Field after Q Habitat was expanded. She’d travel far and wide for the perfect grazing grass or her favorite legume, choosing fresh food over hay. She was smart, adventurous, brave, loving, and forgiving. While she did not deserve the life she had before she came to Sanctuary, I am glad I got to see her at her best.”

- Justina, Q Barn & Habitat’s Lead Caregiver

Frieda was born wild in Asia, and at a very young age was captured and separated from her family to spend nearly four decades performing in America, mostly with the Clyde-Beatty Cole Brothers Circus.

After gaining a reputation as a “problem” elephant among her handlers, in 1996 she and Debbie (another Sanctuary resident) were sent to the Hawthorn Corporation, a company in Illinois that trained and leased elephants to circuses. USDA later prosecuted the corporation for multiple violations of the Animal Welfare Act involving inadequate care and mistreatment of elephants, and in 2006 Frieda and Billie were among the last of eight elephants transferred to The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee.

Billie, Liz and Frieda all lived together while owned by the Hawthorn Corporation, but were kept chained, unable to socialize in ways that would be healthy and normal for female elephants. Coming to Sanctuary allowed their friendship to flourish: they were seldom seen apart, and would have grand “reunions” of elephant vocalizations in the habitat.

Frieda arrived at Sanctuary underweight and suffering from exposure to tuberculosis, as well as arthritis and osteomyelitis—medical conditions requiring long-term management and veterinary care. These chronic conditions are commonly seen among performing elephants, where much of their time is spent restricted to small spaces, standing in place on hard substrates that offer little relief to the bones and joints supporting their massive weight (in the wild, elephants roam vast areas, walking many miles a day).

In late February, the progression of these chronic medical conditions and the associated pain worsened. In her final days, Frieda’s physical activity and appetite began to wane, as did her interest in socializing with her closest elephant companions, Billie and Liz. Frieda was humanely euthanized on March 9th and passed away peacefully, surrounded by those who cared for and loved her. Billie and Liz were nearby, and later given an opportunity to say their goodbyes.

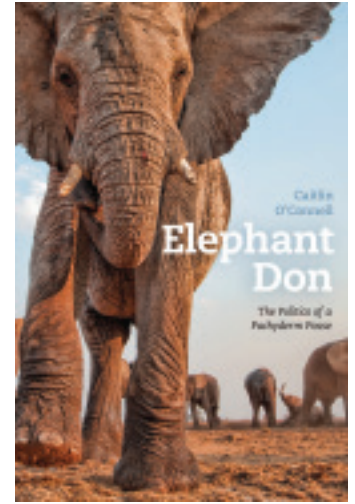
Frieda was known for being the first to explore new areas of the habitat, encouraging her “herd” mates to follow. **Staff and supporters are proud to have given her the opportunity to explore The Elephant Sanctuary’s grassy meadows, wooded hillsides and ponds for nine years. She will be dearly missed.**



Elephant Sanctuary staff gathered for a memorial service in Frieda’s honor where she’s buried at an overlook-point for the Q Habitat, near gravesites for elephants Ned (1987–2009) and Lota (1951–2005). Large stones have been placed at the overlook in memory of the three elephants.

Save the Date!

June 12-13, The Elephant Sanctuary welcomes a leading expert on wild-elephant communication and social behavior to Middle Tennessee (author of *The Elephant Scientist*—see page 14), **Dr. Caitlin O'Connell**, who will share insights from her latest nonfiction release, *Elephant Don: The Politics of a Pachyderm Posse*. The book offers a rare look inside the social world of African male elephants: their vicissitudes of friendship, power struggles, and play. **Join us in June 2015 to meet Dr. O'Connell!** For forthcoming event details, follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or subscribe to *eTrunklines* (our monthly email newsletter).



Did you know?

An estimated **\$1.5 billion** goes unclaimed in corporate matching gifts to charities. If you work at one of the many companies offering matching gifts for employee charitable contributions, don't miss an opportunity to make your investment in elephant care and conservation go twice as far. Contact Ellen Arledge at 931.796.6500, ex. 103 (phone) or ellen@elephants.com (email) to get started on the simple process of coordinating a matching gift to The Elephant Sanctuary through your employer.

Generous Response to Year-End Appeal: THANK YOU!

More than 7,200 donors made charitable gifts to The Elephant Sanctuary in response to the **2014 Year-End Appeal**, proving once again that our supporters ROCK! Sanctuary donors provide critical funds for Elephant Care, Education, Facilities, general operating expenses, and special projects. Here are a few examples of the lasting impact the 2014 Year-End Appeal has made:

- **Storage and Supply Warehouse** – Appeal donors helped complete the final step in Sanctuary's transition to centralized purchasing, saving \$12,000 to \$20,000 annually. This new facility is now equipped with a pallet jack, shelving, software for inventory control, computers, printers, telephones, desks, chairs, an emergency shower, bumpers and dock plate, and a forklift donated by Forklift Systems in Dickson, Tennessee (see page 15). Volunteers painted the interior, and the project was completed on-time and within budget (\$180,000).
- **Perimeter Fence** – Few things are more important (or expensive!) at The Elephant Sanctuary than fencing. The Year-End Appeal not only provided enough funds to replace one mile of perimeter fencing, it also funded improvements to fencing around the Q Habitat! Both of these projects are completed at a cost of \$100,000.



A new Storage & Supply Warehouse has been completed and outfitted, thanks to donors' fantastic response to the 2014 Year-End Appeal.

- **Firewood Processor** – Research is underway for the proper firewood processor at the best price, with purchase anticipated mid-July. Next winter, Asia Barn will thus realize a 50-percent savings in heating-fuel costs, thanks to the firewood processor so generously supported by our donors.

These are very exciting improvements! **The Elephant Sanctuary is deeply grateful to those who make a financial commitment to our mission;** each and every one of you have made such amazing progress possible!



EleCams Connect the Girls to the World



EleCam-tower installation in the habitat.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters who participated in the 2014 CrowdRise Holiday Challenge, The Sanctuary's EleCam system (elephants.com/EleCam) is now outfitted with 13 brand new, High-Definition cameras, so that we might better share the Girls' day-to-day lives with the public. Staff is also able to record video from these new cameras for sharing later at our YouTube Channel (YouTube.com/ElephantSanctuaryTN). EleCams allow everyone an unobtrusive "window" into Sanctuary, to learn and observe elephants in a natural-habitat setting dedicated to their wellbeing. EleCam views are in the range of 160,000 per month—many from students participating in The Sanctuary's Distance Learning program (for which live EleCams are a chief ingredient). **Thanks to all** whose contributions have allowed us to better connect Sanctuary with the world!



Longtime supporter Terry Newell of the "EleFans" snapped this EleCam screenshot of Tange in HD – without any disturbance to the elephant's Sanctuary experience!

Elephant Sanctuary Now Accredited with Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

In December 2014, the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries –the only globally-recognized organization providing standards to identify legitimate animal sanctuaries– awarded accredited status to The Elephant Sanctuary.

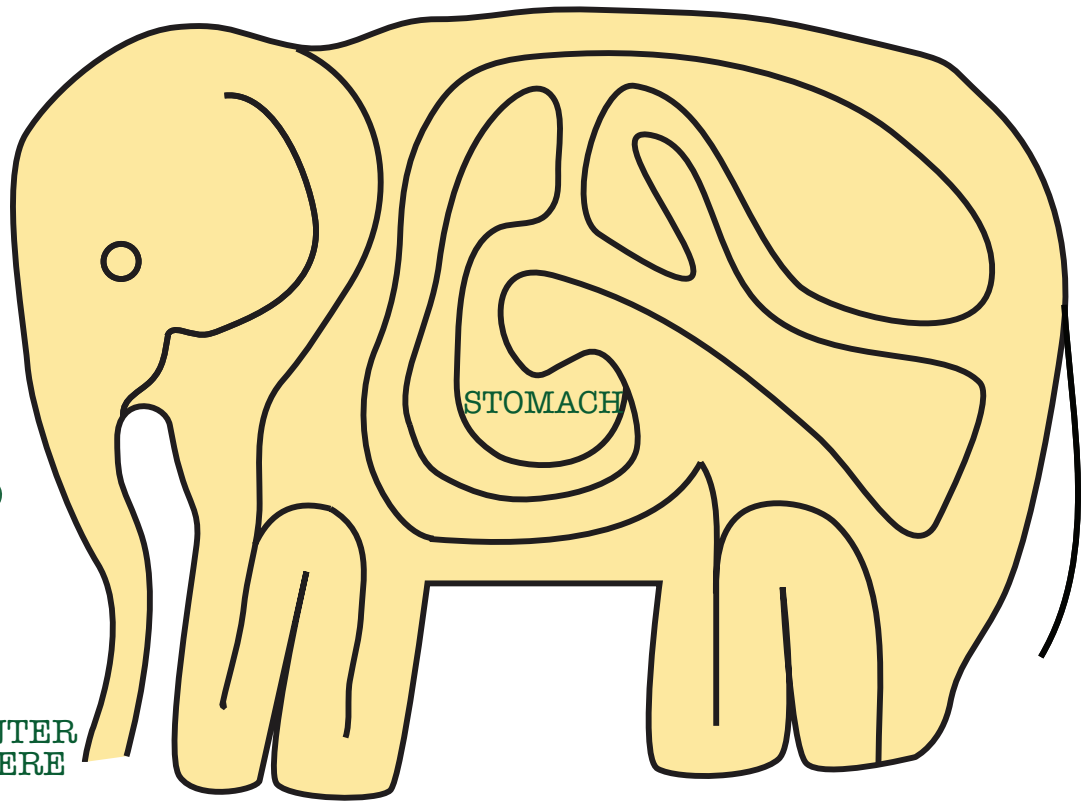
As confirmed through an onsite visit by GFAS, this accreditation signifies The Elephant Sanctuary meets the Federation's rigorous, peer-reviewed standards that define a true sanctuary providing humane and responsible care of animals, as well as standards around safety and security, veterinary care, and other areas of financial and organizational sustainability. Accredited status with GFAS provides a transparent, trusted means for the public, donors, and government agencies to recognize The Elephant Sanctuary as an outstanding sanctuary.



"The sanctuary has made great progress in recent years in the care of its resident elephants, giving attention to their individual health needs while allowing them to live in as natural an environment as possible," said Jackie Bennett, GFAS Deputy Director-Great Apes and Regional Accreditation. "The Elephant Sanctuary has also demonstrated its commitment to a long-term plan to ensure the continuing care of the elephants, as well as the ability to offer sanctuary to more elephants in the years to come."

Feed Shirley the Elephant!

Find the way to Shirley's stomach.



Did you know?

Sanctuary elephants can eat 150 pounds of food every day!

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Elephant Word Search

Can you find these words and circle them?

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Tange eats a pumpkin.

Elephants Eat...A Lot!

In the wild, an elephant will spend 80 percent of her day consuming around 300 pounds of vegetation. Sanctuary elephants are unique among those in captivity, in that –particularly during the summer months– our residents *could* reasonably subsist off the foraging opportunities in their natural habitat.

But to ensure they get all the nutrition they need, we supplement their diet with hay, elephant-feed, and [their favorite!] fresh fruits and veggies.

Shirley loves bananas, Winkie loves mangoes, Flora and Tange love watermelon, Liz loves broccoli... **Just \$40 feeds one elephant for a day (\$480 feeds all 12 elephants for a day).**

For a gift of \$40 or more, you'll receive the bio of the elephant(s) you supported (incl. a 4x6" photo) and a one-year subscription to *Trunklines*. Using the enclosed envelope, just tell us which elephant(s) you'd like to feed (at \$40 per elephant), multiplied by the number of days. **Sanctuary Much!**

Supporter Spotlight: "When Life Gives You Lemons..."

Lemonade stands are a common sight in American neighborhoods, and for a handful of The Sanctuary's youth supporters, they're also a way to raise money for the Girls.

"I wanted to do something to help the elephants," explains 11-year-old Haley Summers of Los Angeles. "So I decided to have a lemonade stand, where I would sell lemonade and freshly baked cookies."

And in Calhoun, Georgia, Reagan Fortin (age 9) wanted to inform her neighbors about elephants and The Sanctuary, and so recruited her sister Sidney and other friends to an "Elephant Club." Their primary means of neighborhood outreach? A lemonade stand!

Both Haley and Reagan used their earnings to "adopt" a resident elephant. Reagan chose Liz, while Haley adopted Flora.



Haley Summers with her lemonade stand.



Reagan (at right) and Sidney Fortin with their lemonade stand.



In Memory of a Friend

The Elephant Sanctuary remembers Bill Cowan, who passed away in Nashville on March 28th. Bill generously underwrote many items from our Wish List, and volunteered his time for countless duties essential to our dual mission of elephant-care and education. "Bill would willingly give up his Saturdays without ever getting to see elephants, his only reward being the knowledge that he was part of something bigger than all of us," said Scott Blais, CEO of Global Sanctuary for Elephants and TES co-founder. His final gift to Sanctuary was his truck, bequeathed in his estate plan. "Bill was always happy to run errands for the Girls, and would often arrive with a truckload of donations for The Sanctuary," said longtime supporter and EleFan member, Susan Carrick. We offer our deepest sympathies to all those close to Bill Cowan – a true friend to elephants, and treasured member of Sanctuary's extended family.

Sanctuary Merchandise

All proceeds benefit The Girls!

Use the order-form envelope inside this newsletter or shop online at shop.elephants.com for a wider selection.



Photo Cards (12 per box) – \$20

We took the beautiful photography from the 20th Anniversary Calendar for 2015 and made a set of 12 unique, all-occasion (blank inside) note cards. Custom-boxed with 12 envelopes.



NEW Tee Colors! – \$19

100% Cotton Tee made by Gildan, available in Purple, Tangerine, and Lime with Elephant Sanctuary logo on front, and elephants.com on the back. Adult, Unisex sizes.

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL



Forest Green Logo Sweatshirt – \$20

Preshrunk, 50/50 cotton/polyester; Adult, Unisex sizes.

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL

Indigo Blue Hoodie – \$39.95

50/50 cotton/polyester in pill-resistant jet yarn; Adult, Unisex sizes.

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL



Black Logo Tee (100% cotton) – \$19

Adult, Unisex sizes.

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL



Women's Hot Pink Logo Tee (100% cotton) – \$15

Our most popular tee! Classic fit with feminine styling to the shoulder, arm and sleeve. Also available in youth sizes.

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3XL



Long Sleeve White Logo Tee (100% Cotton) – \$24.95

From the cotton to the fabric manufacturing to the finished tee, All-American Tees help create and sustain jobs in America.

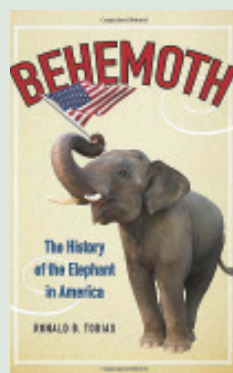
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Caps – \$20

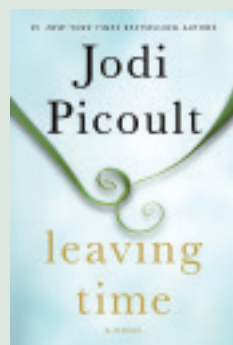
These American-made, cotton chino-constructed twill caps by BAYSIDE® have six panels, matching velcro strap, pre-curved bill, and flag on closure.

☐ Navy ☐ Green



Behemoth: The History of the Elephant in America by Ronald B. Tobias (softcover) – \$14.99

In the 200 years since their arrival, elephants have worked on farms, mills, mines, railroads, in Hollywood, and in professional baseball. They've contributed to the national discourse on civil rights, immigration, politics, and capitalism. As tragic as it is comic, this enthralling chronicle traces this animal's indelible footprint on American culture.



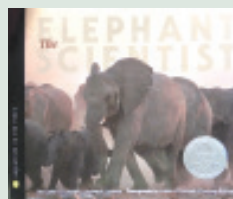
Leaving Time by novelist Jodi Picoult (hardback) – \$28

Jodi Picoult's bestseller *Leaving Time* tells the story of a 13-year-old girl's search for her missing mother, set against the backdrop of a fictional sanctuary whose elephants are based on those residing at The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. In researching the book, Picoult spent two days at Sanctuary, and then observed wild elephants in Botswana.



Last Chain on Billie: How One Extraordinary Elephant Escaped the Big Top by Carol Bradley (hardback) – \$24.95

Last Chain chronicles the experiences of Sanctuary resident elephant "Billie" – her difficult life in the entertainment industry, and subsequent triumphant journey to sanctuary. Exhaustively researched by a former investigative journalist, the book also explores the contemporary challenges facing circuses and zoos, as public scrutiny around conditions for captive elephants steadily increases.



The Elephant Scientist (for young readers) – \$15 by Caitlin O'Connell & Donna M. Jackson

Journey to the Namibian desert to see through the eyes of an exacting and innovative scientist one of Earth's largest, most complex and intelligent mammals.



Elephant Sanctuary Window Decal – \$5 (HALF OFF!)

For cars, windows and sliding glass doors, vinyl decals of The Sanctuary logo that can be applied to any flat/smooth NON-POROUS surface.

Wishes *Can* Come True!

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; just indicate on the enclosed envelope the items you wish to sponsor. For details on current items (including all figures on total-cost), go to elephants.com; select "You Can Help" from the menu on our home page, and choose "Wish List." Or, just contact Lorenda at lorenda@elephants.com (email); 931-796-6500 ex.105 (phone).

EleCare Supplements & Supplies: (Ongoing Needs)

Sand Clear
Red Cell
Vitamin E Emcelle Tocopherol, Liquid
Cosequin Equine Powder w/MSM
Probiotics Gel
Nolvasan Solution
Assorted Horse Treats
Pachyderm Pedicures
(foot care items including Epsom Salts & assoc. tools)

General Facility Needs: (Ongoing Needs)

Tractor Supply gift cards
Quick Disconnect Sets for Garden Hoses
Simple Green, 1 gallon size
ATV Tires for 4-Wheelers
Seventh Generation Laundry Detergent
Daylight Dimmable LED Light Bulbs

Special Requests: (One-Time Need)

Honda Rubicon ATV
MLS Therapy Laser

The Elephant Sanctuary is also **exceedingly grateful** to some incredibly-generous donors, who recently underwrote several critical, **BIG-TICKET Wish List items** for the Girls!

Forklift Systems donated a gorgeous, completely-reconditioned 2006 Nissan compact pneumatic forklift, valued at nearly \$11,000. The lift will keep our new Storage & Supply Warehouse well-organized: unloading deliveries, loading Sanctuary vehicles with heavy items like bags of elephant feed or shavings, and more. With this lift, the Warehouse will gain efficiency by no longer having to borrow equipment from the Barns or Maintenance.

Cutting Edge Laser Technologies discounted a therapeutic laser that Sanctuary's Vet Team now uses to care for the resident elephants. Non-invasive, pain-free laser therapy has been shown to reduce inflammation, relieve discomfort, and speed healing to help animals remain active. The laser beam is moved over an elephant's skin so its energy can penetrate tissue; this energy then interacts with various molecules to accelerate the body's natural-healing processes. Thanks go also to the donors who made up the difference on this amazing new piece of equipment!



Sanctuary Facilities staff David Jones (left) and Joe Rizzo (middle) with Duane Hardy (right) of Forklift Systems.



At a Protected-Contact training wall in the Africa Habitat, Resident Vet Dr. Lydia Young administers laser therapy on a pressure sore for Flora, while a Caregiver feeds the elephant her favorite treats (Flora voluntarily participates in her own medical care).



Linda Guinn of Powhatan, Virginia generously underwrote a new dump wagon for our Facilities crew to use for heavy-duty jobs (such as removing elephant manure!) throughout the habitat.

Robin Tucker purchased a new GoPro camera & accessories for Caregivers to safely capture cool footage of elephants in their natural-habitat. Above (Right), Caregiver Nicole wears the GoPro on her ATV helmet while dropping hay for the Girls inside Asia's 2100-acre habitat.

Our deepest thanks go also to generous underwriters of a **Mobile Vet Clinic**, including: The Pattee Foundation, Shirley Baker, Michael and Penny Hickman, Jo Bergholtz, Sabine Zell, and Linda Guinn.

ALL of our wonderful Wish List donors are acknowledged at elephants.com/thanks.php.

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Adopt an Elephant

By adopting a resident elephant, you become a partner in The Sanctuary's efforts to provide the gift of herd, home, rest, refuge, and individualized care for life. **At the \$50 level, you will receive:**

- Certificate of "Adoption," with a photo and bio detailing the amazing story of your "adoptee"
- Full Membership (good for one year), which includes a subscription to *Trunklines*.

Join the Herd!

With the help of our Members, we are working to forever maintain a safe place for these majestic, endangered creatures to retire with dignity. **Basic Annual Membership starts at \$50**, and includes a subscription to *Trunklines*. (*A \$10 Membership gift-level is available to seniors & students*)

If interested in **VIP Membership** (\$2,000 per year for five consecutive years), contact lorenda@elephants.com (email) or 931.796.6500 ex. 105 (phone). VIP investors receive one behind-the-scenes tour of Sanctuary –with *no* guarantee of seeing an elephant– to gain a deepened understanding of our mission, and the complex needs of captive elephants.

Please use the enclosed envelope/form to designate your gifts. *Sanctuary Much!*

The Elephant Sanctuary is grateful to these organizations for their recent generosity:

The Animal Welfare Fund of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee
The S.L. Gimbel Foundation
Ark Antiques Charity for Animals

Visit Our Welcome Center

While the elephants' 2700-acre habitat is closed to the public, our Welcome Center, located at 27 E. Main Street in downtown Hohenwald, Tenn. is open every Thursday and Friday, and select Saturdays 11am–4pm. There, adults and children can enjoy: both prerecorded and live-EleCam video of the Girls, Caregiver presentations, and a Gift Shop with all proceeds directly benefiting the elephants.

Upcoming Saturday programs are listed online at:
www.elephants.com/WelcomeCenter/WC_index.php

Connect with Us Online – Elephants.com

Stay current on Sanctuary news and support the wellbeing of captive elephants through your favorite social networks.



You can also sign up to receive our **free** monthly e-newsletter, **eTrunklines**, which includes information on special events, discounted merchandise, and new posts to our blog, *EleNotes*.

Our strong performance as an animal-welfare/wildlife-conservation nonprofit is recognized by reputable charity watchdog groups:



The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is proudly accredited with the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries.

