



DEBBIE, RONNIE, MINNIE

INSIDE THE SANCTUARY

Inside The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, providing best care for a diverse group of 14 individual elephants does not just mean making sure that their physical needs are met, it also means providing a safe space for these complex, intelligent animals to grow and change. Relationships grow and the changes within the relationships are constant, as is the case with **Debbie, Ronnie, and Minnie**. Staff see evidence in growth of confidence, as has been observed with **Hadari** since her arrival last September. Initially, she seemed unsure of her new surroundings, but she was soon spending longer periods of time farther away from the barn and discovering all that The Sanctuary habitat had to offer. And of course elephants grow older and with aging comes changes in their bodies, changes in their behavior and often changes in their needs. A growing donor base makes it possible for The Sanctuary to care for these elephants and educate the world about their needs and the crisis facing elephants in the wild.

Read on to learn more about what goes on inside The Sanctuary in this spring issue of Trunklines.

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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

Dear Friends,

In this issue of Trunklines, we celebrate with you the 10th Anniversary of the arrival of the "Hawthorn elephants" to The Elephant Sanctuary. **Delhi, Misty and Lota** paved the way in 2003 and 2004 by bringing attention to the poor care and treatment of elephants owned by a corporation that trained and leased elephants for entertainment. **Delhi** was the first elephant in the US to be confiscated by the USDA for poor treatment, **Lota's** chronic health issues, compounded by tuberculosis, brought recognition to the fact that elephants may be infected by contact with humans and could die if untreated. Their stories led to a public outcry for better treatment of all captive elephants.

Eight more of the Hawthorn elephants arrived at The Elephant Sanctuary in early 2006. All came with the physical and psychological scars of captivity. Their arrival meant changes in their lives forever. For these elephants it meant open skies, natural habitats, clean barns, no restraints or punishment and a care staff dedicated to their wellbeing. Yet the severity of their chronic health issues and behavioral needs showed that space, natural habitat, good food and compassionate care could not immediately undo all the damage done by dominance training, chained restraints, social and mental deprivation and isolation. It was five years before **Billie** trusted care staff enough for them to approach and safely remove the chain she wore all through captivity. It was eight years before **Misty** ventured away from the known security of the barn to explore a larger habitat and splash in the lake where she now returns every spring. In 2016 we celebrate 10 years with **Debbie, Minnie and Ronnie** and acknowledge the time and work it has taken to foster trust and to nourish the new bonds they have built with others of their own kind.

It is to honor the 14 elephants currently living in The Elephant Sanctuary and in recognition of the physical and psychological scars they carry from their lives in captivity that we will continue to add our voice to those who speak out against inhumane treatment of animals.

The Elephant Sanctuary stands with those states and communities across America advocating for the use of Protected Contact management and working to ban the bull hook. It is for our 14 residents and in memory of the 13 no longer with us that we have joined other professionals and elephant experts around the world in stating our opposition to the import of 18 elephants from Swaziland to three US zoos. It is with sadness we state all efforts to stop this import failed. We believe elephants belong in the wild. We believe people can and must make a difference in protecting wild elephants so the species can survive for generations to come.

We thank you, our donors and supporters, for making these anniversaries and celebrations all possible for **Billie, Ronnie, Debbie, Minnie, Misty, Shirley, Tarra, Winkie, Sissy, Flora, Tange, Hadari, Sukari and Rosie**.....and for those to come.

Chief Executive Officer, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

**TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS,
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS.**

INSIDE THE SANCTUARY: QUARANTINE BARN AND HABITAT

Over the course of the winter, **Debbie, Minnie, and Ronnie** were constant companions. They were spotted exploring areas of the habitat rarely visited before, places like the forested, hilly area known as “The Pines” and the steep ridge along the northern border of the habitat. Appearing to follow Minnie’s lead, Debbie and Ronnie spent more time out in the habitat on cooler evenings. The three have been seen sleeping in one another’s company both in the habitat and in the barn, a sign all three are comfortable and relaxed in their 10th year at The Sanctuary.

The individual personalities of the “trio” are still very distinct as observed when special enrichment items were placed in the habitat for discovery by the elephants late last year. A “snowman” made from cardboard boxes filled with hay, bamboo, and sweet feed caught the attention of Minnie and Ronnie while Debbie didn’t show any interest. Minnie quickly bit into the snowman and kicked it over, releasing the contents to the ground. Minnie and Ronnie shared the spoils, and Debbie soon walked over to help herself. Ronnie continued to sift and shuffle the remaining pieces long after the other two had lost interest. The next day, Caregivers discovered cardboard scraps over 100 yards away.

The social dynamic among the three continues to evolve and grow. Debbie and Minnie have “very big” dominant personalities. In the past, it was often Minnie that asserted herself over Debbie. Now the roles have reversed. Caregivers have observed Debbie trying to establish herself as the dominant elephant over Minnie by jostling her around. Ronnie can be seen playing the mediator, she will often move in between Debbie and Minnie. Staff are constantly monitoring their interactions to ensure the wellbeing of all three.

This is 54-year old **Billie’s** 10th year at The Sanctuary, and Caregivers are arranging regular times to share areas of the habitat and barn with Ronnie. The socialization between the two has gone very well, so much so Billie and Ronnie had a first “sleepover” in early February, sharing space in the barn overnight. These are big steps for Billie, who has shown signs of anxiety towards humans and other elephants. Sharing space with Ronnie is a big milestone.



L-R: MINNIE, RONNIE, DEBBIE



L-R: MINNIE, DEBBIE, RONNIE



BILLIE



RONNIE



BILLIE, RONNIE



MINNIE

Milestones, however, are not new for Billie. For the second new year, Billie was the first elephant at The Sanctuary to go for a swim. She was spotted in the pond near the barn in late January. The addition of a large sand pile in Phase I Barn has led to Billie lying down to sleep. Care Staff have noted lying down is new for Billie, the first time it has been observed in her decade at The Sanctuary. Another milestone and indication Billie has found safety and comfort in Phase I.

The month of May will mark yet another big anniversary for Billie. It was in May of 2011 when Billie's last chain was removed. Billie came to The Sanctuary with an ankle chain around her front left leg, the last physical remnant of her life as a performing elephant. Billie would not allow anyone close enough to attempt to remove it. Caregivers worked to gain her trust, and five years later, Billie allowed her chain to be removed. In the years since, Billie has shown time and time again how brave she can be, voluntarily interacting with Caregivers and Veterinarians at the Protected Contact training walls, developing a relationship with other elephants, and exploring new parts of her habitat.



Adopt the “trio” of Debbie, Minnie, and Ronnie and receive this special t-shirt created in celebration of their 10th anniversary at The Sanctuary.



INSIDE THE SANCTUARY: AFRICA BARN AND HABITAT

In early November of last year, The Sanctuary's African elephant population went from three to five. Following the successful retirement and transfer of **Hadari** from the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere in September, the zoo staff decided that retirement to The Sanctuary was the best option for remaining elephants. 31-year old **Sukari** and 44-year old **Rosie**. Sukari arrived at The Sanctuary on Nov 4th. Rosie followed the next day.

Although Rosie is considerably smaller than Sukari, Rosie is the dominant female of the two. Hadari and Sukari get excited when sharing space. Hadari did not share unsupervised space with Sukari and Rosie in their former home. They now share a fence line to give opportunity to get reacquainted safely and in their own time. To learn more about their histories and their arrival at The Sanctuary, as well as their first meeting with **Tange** and **Flora**, visit the EleNotes page at www.elephants.com.

In the weeks and months that followed their arrival, Rosie and Sukari discovered the mud wallows in the annex yard and also all of the harvested trees and branches Caregivers provided for their enrichment. As cooler weather moved in, the elephants alternated their time between exploring the annex yard and spending time in the heated barn they share with Hadari, Flora, and Tange.

The elephants have been introduced to Protected Contact management at The Sanctuary and, to no one's surprise, they are quick learners! Rosie has caught on very fast. She

is already voluntarily letting Care and Vet Staff do needed medical and preventive foot care treatments. Rosie has lingering issues with her feet and mobility problems stemming from her not having full use of her right front leg. During Rosie's time at the Nashville Zoo, keepers and vet staff documented these issues and that Rosie would sometimes lose her balance and have to be assisted to her feet. Rosie's lack of mobility and issues maintaining her balance is something The Sanctuary Staff has planned and prepared for. To further aid in Rosie's comfort, facilities staff installed a sand floor for Rosie's barn stall. The floor is now covered with 12 inches of sand providing additional cushioning for her joints while she spends time inside.

Hadari continues to amaze The Sanctuary staff with how quickly she is adapting to retirement. Stephanie DeYoung, Director of Elephant Husbandry at The Sanctuary, says that "watching Hadari transform into a sanctuary elephant has been an incredible experience. When she first arrived, she did not seem to understand that she could make her own choices. She very quickly figured out she could go wherever she chose. In no time, she discovered the habitat's mud wallows and jumped right in. She was even lying down to sleep in the barn much more quickly than anyone anticipated." Supporters often report watching the Africa EleCam to see Hadari walking down into the wooded South Valley and along the perimeter of her habitat, much farther away from the barn than she ventured last fall. Everything indicates The Sanctuary suits Hadari just fine.

**CHECK OUT OUR MERCHANDISE ON PG 15 FEATURING HADARI, ROSIE, AND SUKARI!
FIND YOUR HERD!**

HADARI





FLORA



HADARI



TANGE

43-year old Tange and 34-year old Flora both celebrated the 12th anniversary of their arrivals earlier this year. Tange arrived on February 19th, 2004. Flora followed on March 3rd of the same year. After twelve years in The Sanctuary together, the relationship between the two is strong and ever changing. Historically, Flora has been the more dominant of the two, but Tange's confidence has grown in leaps and bounds. During the holiday season, Flora and Tange were given "enrichment presents," cardboard boxes gift wrapped and filled with hay, grapes, popcorn, and jelly beans. Caregiver Kristy shares what happened next. "Flora finished cleaning out her box and took a nap. Tange

took advantage of the situation, picking up Flora's box and taking it into the woods to enjoy while Flora snoozed. "

The Sanctuary's Staff are closely watching the interactions between Flora, Tange, Hadari, Rosie, and Sukari to plan for socialization opportunities in the future. Amazingly all of the elephants have been seen lying down and resting in the barn in the presence of other elephants...again, signs they feel safe and secure. Staff looks forward to sharing stories about these five from inside The Sanctuary for a very long time to come.



SUKARI



HADARI



SUKARI, ROSIE

INSIDE THE SANCTUARY: ASIA BARN AND HABITAT

For a 67-year old elephant, **Shirley** is full of surprises. Chronic foot disease is sadly very common in captive elephants, the result of years of restricted movement, confinement on hard surfaces, and the rigors of performing. Shirley is no exception. Her feet, like many others at The Sanctuary, are evidence of a lifetime spent in captivity. Maintenance and care of her nails, toes, and footpads are an important part of her overall care. Due to Shirley's impaired rear left leg, it can be cumbersome for her to present her feet for nail filings, cleaning, etc. In The Sanctuary's Protected Contact (PC) management system, the elephants choose to participate in their health care, and it has taken a lot of jelly beans (her favorite treat) to persuade Shirley to be patient with the Care and Vet Staff as they tend to her feet. Earlier this year, Shirley entered the barn to find a new structure— a new PC training wall.

Different than the training walls in the habitat, this was one designed with her in mind. Retractable bars could be positioned to allow different access points for elephants of different sizes and mobility. Care and Vet Staff can now access Shirley's feet without asking her to lift them as high. She has a special spot on the wall where she can rest her impaired leg. Shirley, the 67-year old and very independently minded Asian elephant, quickly picked up on what was being asked of her and was soon presenting her feet with a level of mobility that surprised Staff. "Shirley's cooperation has opened up doors for Caregivers to train her in new behaviors that will make daily treatments and preventative health care much easier," says Caregiver Nicole. "Shirley is indeed quite the amazing girl."



L-R: MISTY, SHIRLEY, TARRA

The Sanctuary Staff commemorated 48-year old Sissy's 16th anniversary at The Sanctuary in January. She was the 6th elephant to arrive, following Tarra, Barbara, Jenny, Bunny, and Shirley. On the warmer winter days, Sissy and 49-year old Winkie were often spotted napping in the "South Yard's" direct sunlight. After a rare snowfall in late January, Winkie left the barn to inspect the new white habitat, but she quickly returned when she realized that Sissy was in the mood to stay in the heated barn and check out the new hay feeding devices. The hay boxes encourage the elephants to graze and forage in a more normal fashion rather than by scooping up trunk-fulls of hay at a time. With these enrichment devices, the elephants have to remove the hay a little at a time with their trunks, behavior more closely akin to how they would use their trunks to graze in the wild.

Tarra, the inspiration for The Sanctuary, also celebrated an arrival anniversary earlier this year on March 3rd. Now at age 42, Tarra is one of the younger elephants at The Sanctuary. She spent much of the winter in the company of Shirley and Misty. Misty (age 52) was actually observed helping herself to Tarra's hay on a few occasions...traditionally it has been Tarra who helped herself to the others' food. Caregivers recently placed a pile of lavender scented woodchips in Misty's barn stall to provide indoor enrichment during a colder night. Upon finding the woodchips, Misty was seen lying down, dusting herself with chips and rubbing them all over her body.



SISSY



TARRA



WINKIE, SISSY

HAVE YOU HERD?

THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY'S EDUCATION OUTREACH IS GROWING!

The Elephant Sanctuary is a true refuge for retired elephants. Their home and habitat are not open to the public. Instead, The Sanctuary offers a few different ways for the public to learn about the needs of these amazing animals AND the crisis facing elephants in the wild.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The Sanctuary offers interactive webinars for classes and other groups interested in learning about elephants and The Sanctuary. Sanctuary staff will use photos, videos, and the live streaming EleCams to beam into your classroom to share information. All that is needed to participate is a computer, web-access, and a webcam. The Sanctuary can host up to six classes at one time. There is a fee for this program.

In 2015, The Sanctuary hosted:

- **43 programs** for
- **2,133 learners** in
- **17 States** and
- **2 countries outside the United States** (Canada and the U.K.)

Participants say:

- *"Oh, that was awesome! Something very new for this middle school!"*
- *"The variety of visual aids (photos, video clips, live-feeds) appealed to multiple learning styles and left a lasting impression."*
- *"The students had never experienced anything like that! They were all busy taking notes, they didn't want to miss a detail. Thank you for an unforgettable experience!"*
- *"The Elephant Sanctuary distance learning field trip is a highly anticipated annual event for our first grade students and teachers. This is a wonderful learning opportunity for our students to ask and answer questions about the elephants' habitat, physical characteristics, diet, etc. This is the best distance learning experience our students have experienced!"*
- *"Seeing the elephants in real-time was cool."*



STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM FROM UTOPIA, TX.

COMMUNITY ELEAMBASSADORS

The Sanctuary is thrilled to have people all over the United States and Canada volunteer their talents as EleAmbassadors, people that are willing to share information about The Sanctuary on its behalf. We have nearly 140 EleAmbassadors located throughout North America, maybe somewhere near you!

Interested in scheduling a Distance Learning Program?

Learning from an EleAmbassador? Becoming an

EleAmbassador in your community?

Contact todd@elephants.com or call 931-796-6500 ext 101.



MEMPHIS ELEAMBASSADORS TERESA AND CARRIE AT AN OUTREACH BOOTH AT THE MEMPHIS FARMERS MARKET.

CELEBRATING A DECADE: HISTORY OF A LONG JOURNEY

Eight elephants travelled to The Elephant Sanctuary between January 31 and February 9, 2006. They left a barn in Illinois where they had spent much of their lives in chains. They arrived to find expansive fields, wooded hillsides, blue skies, heated barns and a caring staff. The elephants (**Minnie, Lottie, Queenie, Liz, Debbie, Ronnie, Billie, and Frieda**) found “sanctuary”. For the first time since being in captivity, they were given freedom of choice along with opportunities to socialize and explore natural behaviors without punishment or human dominance.

This journey to safe haven took many years and the coordinated efforts of many people, organizations and agencies working on the elephants' behalf. It was made possible by the donors and supporters who helped fund the expansion of The Elephant Sanctuary and the new facilities needed to provide them housing and lifelong care. The eight elephants were all owned by the Hawthorn Corporation, a company that trained and leased elephants and other wild animals to circuses. This corporation was cited by the USDA repeatedly over the years for failing to provide adequate veterinary care and for failing to address the health and safety of its elephants in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act.

The story at The Elephant Sanctuary began in late 2003 when, following repeated citations, the USDA confiscated Asian elephant Delhi from the Hawthorn Corporation. She arrived at The Sanctuary on November 23, 2003. Several months later in March of 2004, the corporation's owner agreed to relinquish all its elephants to facilities approved by the USDA. In November of that year, Lota and Misty, Asians owned by Hawthorn, arrived. Lota was very ill and died two and half months later. The necropsy confirmed tuberculosis as the cause. Misty was quarantined and treated. After treatment Misty was introduced to The Elephant Sanctuary's Asian residents. In late 2005, after a new Asia barn and habitat were completed, all the Asians were moved to make way for arrivals from Illinois.

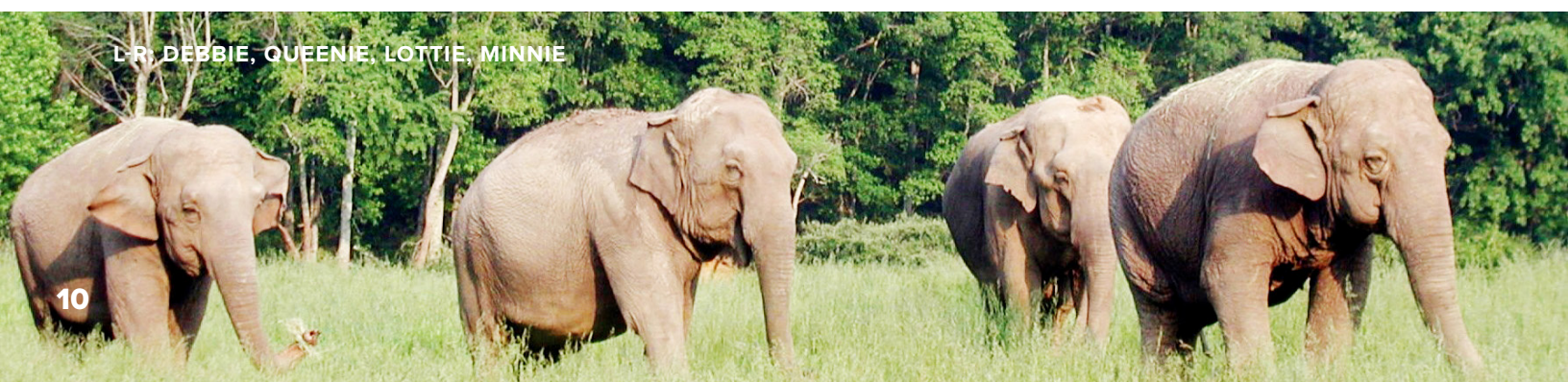
After ongoing negotiations, the Hawthorn Corporation agreed to transfer nine Asian females to The Sanctuary: Sue, Minnie, Lottie, Queenie, Liz, Debbie, Ronnie, Frieda, and Billie. An African female, Joy, went to the Endangered Ark facility in Oklahoma. Nicholas, a bull calf born to Ronnie in 1993, was transferred to the Performing Animal Welfare Society Sanctuary in California. Gypsy, an Asian female, accompanied Nicholas to California. Tragically, Sue passed away before she could be transported to Tennessee.

The eight elephants arrived with many physical and psychological scars. They suffered from arthritis, foot disease and other chronic illnesses common to elephants in captivity. All had been exposed to tuberculosis and all required veterinary care and husbandry attention.

In 2009, Liz developed an active case of tuberculosis. She was moved to a separate area for quarantine and treatment. Frieda and Billie moved with her to avoid the added trauma of another separation. In their new “Phase I” habitat, the three elephants appeared to become a very close group. Over the years, habitat expansions gave these elephants the opportunity to explore new areas of The Sanctuary together in closer proximity to their herd-mates Debbie, Ronnie, and Minnie.

"At The Sanctuary, we've witnessed these elephants grazing in the meadows, climbing the hills, splashing in the ponds, socializing with one another, sleeping under the stars, growing more secure and confident along the way. They are experiencing life more as an elephant should."

– Kelly Costanzo, Elephant Care Manager



L-R, DEBBIE, QUEENIE, LOTTIE, MINNIE



L-R: TARRA, DELHI, WINKIE, SISSY



L-R: RONNIE, DEBBIE, QUEENIE



L-R: RONNIE, MINNIE, DEBBIE

Frieda passed away in early 2015. Liz followed later the same year. Following Liz's passing, Staff observed Ronnie reaching over the fence separating her habitat from Billie's and touching Billie's head and back with her trunk. For the first time, Billie allowed the contact. Care staff reports Ronnie and Billie continue to have monitored "play-dates" to bolster Billie's growing confidence and foster this developing relationship.

In late 2015, Debbie, Ronnie and Minnie began spending more and more time together, to the point that Staff has nicknamed them the "Trio." You can read more updates on these three and Billie on pages 3-4.

2016 marks the tenth year at The Sanctuary for Billie (age 54), Minnie (50), Ronnie (50), and Debbie (45); it is the 12th year for Misty (52). In their years at The Sanctuary, they have reaffirmed old friendships and created new ones. They have taught the elephant care community much through their stories, adding to knowledge that will hopefully improve living conditions for elephants everywhere.

In memory of:

Lota, 1951-2005

Delhi, 1946-2008

Queenie, 1959-2008

Lottie, 1963-2010

Frieda, 1966-2015

Liz, 1957-2015

*"Tracing the back-story of Billie and the other Hawthorn elephants drove home for me the magnitude of suffering these majestic animals endured in the name of entertainment – but also their remarkable resiliency and, despite everything, their ability to experience joy, thanks to The Elephant Sanctuary," – Carol Bradley, author, **Last Chain on Billie: How One Extraordinary Elephant Escaped the Big Top**. Order your copy using the enclosed order form or at www.elephants.com*



OUR DONORS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE: REPORT ON YEAR END APPEALS

With the arrival of three new elephants in 2015, and plans to provide for more, we urgently needed to undertake two projects for readiness and sustainability: Expansion of Elephant Fencing and Repair of Highland Lake Dam. With a price tag of nearly \$1.3 million, these projects were far beyond our operating budget. Where in the world would we find that amount of money?

Enter our amazing donors. When fundraising began last October, we never anticipated the rapid response from so many loyal supporters. By mid-January, these habitat improvements were already 80% funded, thanks to grants from seven foundations and 8,282 individual donors to the 2015 Year End Appeal and CrowdRise Holiday Challenge.



Our unique vertical steel fence, set in concrete, is strong enough to contain an African elephant yet allows deer and other native wildlife to pass freely.

EXPANSION OF ELEPHANT FENCING

Work started immediately in Africa Habitat, as previous fencing was recycled and the ground was prepared for installation of 5,811 feet of ele-fencing. Our unique vertical steel fence, set in concrete, is strong enough to contain African elephants, yet allows deer and other native wildlife to pass freely. An additional 60 acres will be opened up this summer for Tange, Flora, Sukari, Hadari and Rosie to explore!

REPAIR OF HIGHLAND LAKE DAM

Meanwhile, in Asia Habitat, the contractor has been chosen and the engineering plan is in place to rebuild the thirty-year-old dam. In the coming months, saturated material will be excavated and a massive amount of quarried material will be brought in to replace it. The project is scheduled to be completed this fall, thus protecting our resources and ensuring the lake will continue to be enjoyed for many years by Misty, Tarra, Shirley and other elephants.



Located deep inside the habitat, this NZE Elephant Warming Hut provides warmth on a chilly night for an elephant.

ELEPHANT WARMING HUT

Also in Asia Habitat, a long-awaited dream has finally come true with the construction of an NZE (net-zero-energy) Elephant Warming Hut deep inside The Sanctuary. As detailed in Trunklines [Fall 2014], this safe and sturdy shelter uses solar panels to maintain an inside temperature of 50-60°F off-the-grid. We will collect data and make observations to measure effectiveness for elephants' comfort and usage in the coming years.

By applying high-tech solutions like these, The Elephant Sanctuary upholds 'green' values while meeting the needs of these magnificent creatures. Thank you for partnering with us in this important mission!



THE BIG PAYBACK IS BACK!

Save the date: May 3rd

The Big Payback, a 24-hour online giving day hosted by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, returns on May 3rd and The Elephant Sanctuary is thrilled to be participating! Gifts made online during The Big Payback will be boosted with funds from event sponsors, which will provide opportunities for The

Elephant Sanctuary to vie for financial incentives and additional prizes. The online leaderboard will track donations in real time at [HYPERLINK "http://thebigback.org/"](http://thebigback.org/) TheBigBack.org. Please join us for the fun! Visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.elephants.com"](http://www.elephants.com) www.elephants.com on May 3rd and look for the widget on our home page to make your contribution.

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



The staff at the Webster Veterinary Clinic in Webster, NY knows that making the decision to say goodbye to a pet is a heartbreaking experience. Dr. Gino Sementa and his staff decided to do something to honor their memories by providing a better life for other animals.

For two years, they have made a donation to The Sanctuary in memory of every animal euthanized at their clinic.

"This is a way to help our clients process their grief," explains Office Manager Wendy McVeigh. "We have received several comments and notes from clients letting us know that they are happy that their pet's memory will live on this way."

The Elephant Sanctuary offers its thanks to the staff and clients of the Webster Veterinary Clinic and sympathy to those mourning the loss of a beloved pet.



GLOBAL OUTREACH



Petter Granli, President of ElephantVoices, recently wrote to thank The Elephant Sanctuary for our \$2,500 donation and to update us on their efforts to make positive changes to end ivory trade and poaching. Petter stated that *"in Kenya the reduction in poaching since 2014 is significant, after tough struggles over years related to the whole chain of criminals involved."* Please visit ElephantVoices.org to learn more and to support the important work ElephantVoices is doing in Africa.



In 2016, The Elephant Sanctuary approved a \$5,000 grant to assist the startup of a new sanctuary for elephants in Europe. There are 141 elephants in circuses and 540 elephants living in zoos in Europe. The founders of Elephant Haven, Tony Verhust and Sofie Goetgheberur, began their work at the Antwerp Zoo in 1993 and recently moved to France with the vision to create a Haven for elephants to retire. Elephant Haven has contracted for purchase of land and Phase I of development is under way. You can learn more and follow their progress at ElephantHaven.com.

MEMBERSHIPS



SHIRLEY

SUSTAIN THE SANCTUARY

Become a Sustaining Member and your monthly gifts will support best care for The Sanctuary's 14 resident elephants, as well as support educational programming to ensure elephants survive for generations to come.

Become a Sustaining Member and your monthly investment will ensure a forever home and care for **Shirley, Misty, Tarra, Sissy, Winkie, Flora, Tange, Hadari, Sukari, Rosie, Debbie, Minnie, Ronnie** and **Billie**—as well as those elephants to come.

ADOPT AN ELEPHANT

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee is home to 14 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.

AT THE \$50 LEVEL, YOU RECEIVE:

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

ADOPT THE TRIO OF DEBBIE, MINNIE, AND RONNIE AT THE \$125 LEVEL, AND YOU'LL RECEIVE:

- Certificate of "Adoption"
- Special "friends" photo of Trio with bio
- Membership and newsletter Trunklines for one year
- Trio t-shirt created in celebration of their 10th anniversary

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. Hadari prefers canteloupes. Debbie likes plain hay. \$40 feeds one elephant for a day (\$560 feeds all 14 elephants for a day).

For your gift, you'll receive:

- A Feed for a Day photo card with information about the elephants' diet;
- A one-year subscription to Trunklines.

THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY MERCHANDISE

Get all your elephants merchandise at elephants.com, or place your orders using the enclosed order form and envelope.



\$24.95

FIND YOUR HERD T-SHIRT

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

This brand new t-shirt is unique and incredibly soft with a worn-in, vintage look. Imprint is rows of elephants in a new design made just for The Elephant Sanctuary. Find Your Herd today!

Color: Safari Green

- 5.6-ounce
- Unisex sizes
- 100% pigment-dyed ring spun cotton



\$24.95

HADARI T-SHIRT

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

Hadari's image is featured on this Port & Company tee in the color peacock. This tee is unique and incredibly soft with a worn-in, vintage look. New logo on the back.

- 5.6-ounce
- Unisex sizes
- 100% pigment-dyed ring spun cotton



\$24.95

ROSIE T-SHIRT

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

Ladies essential tee, cardinal red. Shorter through the body and sleeves for a more feminine fit. Logo on back.

- 6.1 oz
- 100% soft spun cotton



\$24.95

SUKARI T-SHIRT

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

Port & Company tee in the color Dijon. Unisex sizes, Logo on back.

- 5.6 oz
- 100% pigment dyed ring spun cotton



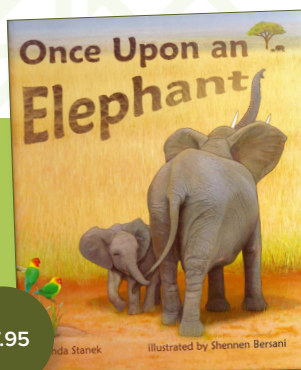
\$29.95

GRAY POLO SHIRT

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

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- 6.5 oz
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