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Inside The Sanctuary

Summer at The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee has brought forth lush greenery, exploration, and individualized care for each of The Sanctuary's elephant residents. Flora, Tange, Donna, and Sukari have reveled in the warmth of both days and nights, opting to roam the expansive and diverse environments and graze on the abundant summer diets. Particularly, Flora has demonstrated her independence by embarking on solo explorations for weeks at a time. Despite the elephants' prolonged ventures, the dedicated Care Staff continue to ensure their well-being with routine health checks, demonstrating their ability to provide flexible care when the elephants choose not to participate and exemplifying their commitment to each elephant's individual needs.

Warm summer days also mean an abundance of seasonal fruits like large watermelons or hydrating banana leaves grown on Sanctuary grounds, and more importantly, elephants partaking in many of their preferred activities. Debbie often basks in the sunlight, while Ronnie and Minnie explore the far reaches of the habitat, engaging in playful mud baths. And despite being 62 years old, Billie continues to astonish us with her adventurous spirit and intelligence, showcasing remarkable swimming abilities and active participation in her own health care.

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We've witnessed significant interactions and milestones among our elephant residents. Donna's adeptness at creating mud wallows and exploration in new areas like South Valley and East Habitat fills us with hope for her continued confidence and independence. Meanwhile, Sissy's heartening interaction with Artie through protected barriers signals a promising bond in the making. These moments of connection and growth underscore the importance of our efforts to provide enriching experiences and foster meaningful relationships among our elephant residents.

More updates from The Elephant Sanctuary are included in this new summer issue of *Trunklines*.



Observe the elephants via
The Sanctuary's live-streaming
EleCams at [elephants.com](https://www.elephants.com).

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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 Asian and African elephants. It operates on 3,060 acres in Hohenwald, Tennessee, 85 miles southwest of Nashville.

With Your Support, The Elephant Sanctuary:

- Provides elephants with individualized care, the companionship of a herd, and the opportunity to live out their lives in a safe haven dedicated to their well-being;
- Raises public awareness of the complex needs of elephants and the crisis facing elephants in the wild.

As an accredited 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.

LETTER FROM OUR CEO

Dear Friends,

In Tennessee, the elephants are spending much of their warm summer days napping in the shade, swimming in the ponds, rolling in the mud, and feeding on new grasses and leafy tree branches. Like many of you, we often observe them on the EleCams as they explore new areas of the habitat and revisit their preferred spots. While the elephants are spending time in the depths of their habitats, the Staff is working tirelessly on all the summer projects that are best completed when the elephants are away from the barns. The elephants will return to freshly painted areas, newly cleared pathways, and barn renovations completed in preparation for supporting elephant choices and meeting their care needs as the seasons change.

This summer, The Elephant Discovery Center, located in downtown Hohenwald, Tennessee, is hosting a variety of educational and entertaining events. These events are free and open to all ages, planned for the 'Third Saturday' of each month from now through December. The Education Team has had a busy year; in the first six months of 2024, they reached a larger audience through Distance Learning programs and hosted more groups and field trips at The Discovery Center than ever before. Looking ahead to fall, we eagerly anticipate welcoming even more students locally and globally through Distance Learning, providing accessible and fun education on elephants. We have all of you to thank for helping us spread the word about these free and engaging education programs!

I am also delighted to share that The Elephant Discovery Center's Outdoor Classroom has recently been granted Wildlife Habitat Garden certification by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), America's largest wildlife conservation and education organization. This recognition acknowledges our efforts to create a sustainable landscape and garden that supports birds, butterflies, bees, frogs, and other local wildlife. It marks proactive steps toward supporting biodiversity within our community and underscores our commitment to elephants and all species.

In this edition of *Trunklines*, you will find incredible stories like that of Billie, whose journey serves as a source of inspiration for our mission. You will also discover highlights of the amazing work by our International Partner, Elephants Without Borders, who raises awareness about the critical issues facing elephants and aids in their conservation in the wild. Additionally, you will have the chance to meet just a few of the many young individuals who inspire us, along with their respective communities, and contribute to our mission of helping elephants!

We thank you for your support. We thank you for making all this possible. We hope you will join us in celebrating these magnificent, intelligent creatures and the vital cause of elephant conservation on August 12, World Elephant Day. You can celebrate wherever you are by sharing the elephants' stories with your family and friends, helping spread awareness of the critical role elephants play and the threats they face.

Thank you for partnering with us on this important mission.


Janice Zeitlin, CEO



Thank you for supporting our mission!

TANGE



TANGE & SUKARI

» Africa Habitat & Barn

At Africa Habitat and Barn, the elephants have been enjoying the warm nights and even warmer days. **Flora, Tange, Donna,** and **Sukari** have been spending their time grazing on the lush green grasses and exploring the farthest reaches of their habitat rather than staying near the barn. Flora, especially, is known to explore on her own and recently chose to stay away from the barn for weeks at a time. As part of the elephants' individualized care and routine health checks, Care Staff weigh each elephant monthly, but Flora decided to return two weeks late, preferring to continue foraging and roaming day and night until she was ready to return. Staff observe her daily from the fence line or meet her at training walls located away from the barn. This is a great example of how freedom of choice is important for each elephant, and how Care Staff strive to be as flexible as possible in their care.

In addition, one thing is for sure: each elephant uses the habitat differently in each season. During the summer, the elephants at Africa Habitat often stay away from the barns and forage for much

of their diet, taking advantage of the abundance of browse and young tree saplings, which happen to be Sukari's preferred snack, plucking them straight from the ground. Because of this change in diet from winter to spring and summer, The Sanctuary's Vet Team conducts complete nutritional analysis of all the grasses and browse throughout the habitat, allowing them to adjust the elephants' supplemental diet, like Mazuri, as needed. They also evaluate whether any treatments and medications can be modified with the warmer weather and increased exercise.

After a few heavy rainstorms and a grateful release from the summer heat, the elephants of Africa Barn emerged covered in mud. Tange, in particular, was caught in the act, indulging in a large mud bath with flapping ears. With strategic kneels and expert trunk maneuvers, she covered herself with soft mud from a sprawling wallow created by the Maintenance Team. Each toss ensured a delightful mud coating from head to back, with her trunk adding the perfect finishing touch by draping the soft dirt across her face.

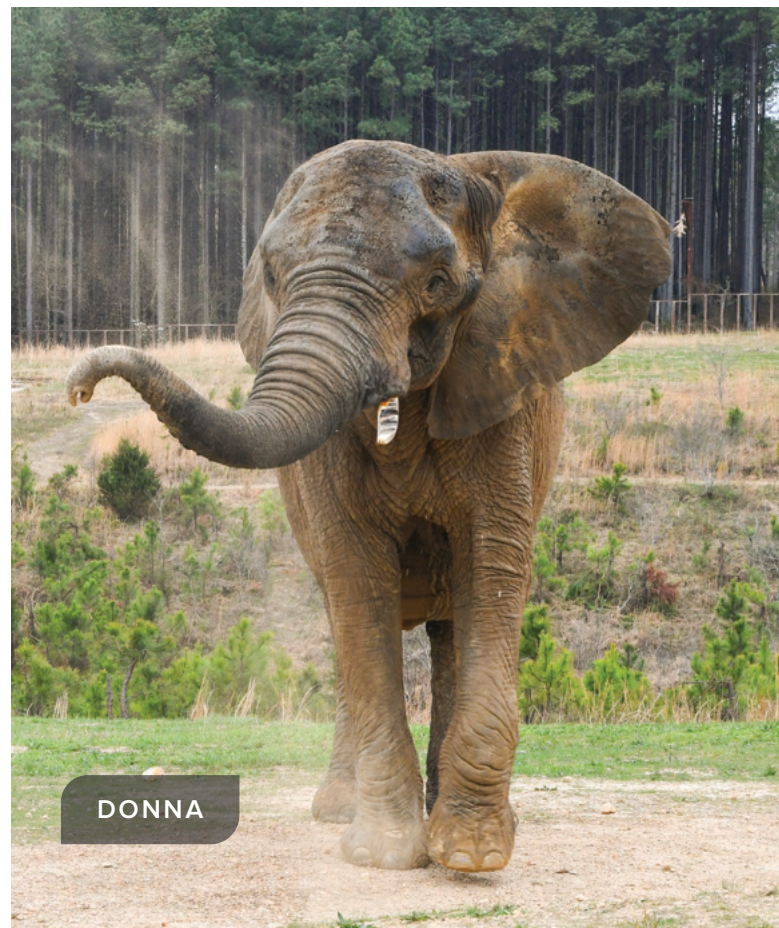


Though Staff will often help with modifications like digging mud wallows to encourage natural behaviors such as rolling in the mud, sometimes the elephants do the work on their own! Care Staff have noted that Donna has been digging her own mud wallows since the day she arrived, often choosing to dig in the path of trails, making it extra exciting for Staff to maneuver through the hundreds of acres that make up Africa Habitat.

Earlier this year marked the first time Donna ventured into an area known as South Valley. This area is equipped with beautiful greenery on a large hillside and is known to have easier terrain. The adventure was short but sweet — she lingered long enough to finish her dinner before making her way back. This event filled Donna's Caregivers with hope, as they anticipate it will boost her confidence to explore further on her own and possibly find new spots for a good mud wallow.



This experience also opened up new opportunities for Donna to explore another area known as East Habitat, providing her with more chances to share space with Tange. To foster their relationship, which requires time and patience between elephants, Care Staff have been conducting health checks and training sessions with Donna and Tange in proximity to one another. Both have exhibited calm, cool, and collected behavior. Caregivers are hopeful that the pair will become more and more acclimated to each other's company, and quite possibly become close companions.





BILLIE

» Q Habitat & Barn

The elephants at Q Habitat have been spending their sunny summer days snacking on hay and seasonal fruits like cantaloupe and watermelon and doing what they prefer. **Debbie** is often spotted on the EleCams resting in the sunlight, while **Ronnie** and **Minnie** explore the furthest areas of the habitat, wallowing in the mud together. **Billie** splashes in the cool pond and seems comfortable munching on grasses under the shaded trees. At the age of 62, Billie is well beyond the average life expectancy for an elephant in human care, yet she continues to surprise Sanctuary Staff daily with her adventurous nature, intelligence, willingness to participate in her own health care, and incredible ability to engage in lots of summer swimming!

Billie was born in India in 1962. Like most Asian elephants arriving in the United States during this era, Billie is believed to have been captured from the wild, separated from her family, and shipped to the United States. Shortly after arriving in the states, Billie was

sold into the performing industry. Records indicate that around the age of ten, Billie was acquired by the Hawthorn Corporation, a company that trained and leased elephants to circuses. For the next 20 years, Billie performed with other elephants and traveled throughout the United States. In 1993, after displaying aggression toward her trainers, Billie was declared dangerous by the USDA, and the Hawthorn Corporation was ordered to take her off the road. For 13 years, she was housed in a 20' x 20' stall at the Hawthorn Corporation winter quarters outside of Chicago, Illinois.





On February 9, 2006, at the age of 44, Billie became the 21st resident at The Sanctuary, along with ten other members of the Hawthorn Corporation's elephant herd that had been transferred to The Elephant Sanctuary. Among this group was Minnie, Ronnie, and Debbie.

Billie arrived with an ankle chain, but she would not allow Staff to touch her leg or remove the chain. In 2011, after nearly five years at The Sanctuary and building trust with her Care Staff, Billie finally allowed Caregivers to remove her chain — the last vestige of her life as a circus elephant. Billie's touching story is recounted in the non-fiction book, *Last Chain on Billie: How One Extraordinary Elephant Escaped the Big Top*, written by investigative reporter Carol Bradley.

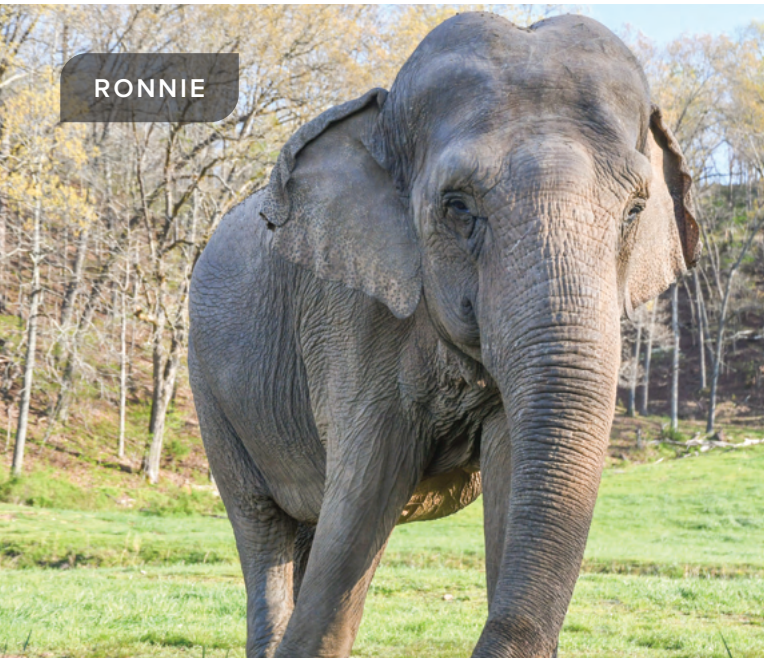


Elephants have a long history of traveling and performing in circuses, a practice that continues to this day. Many cities and states have not only banned the use of bullhooks, a tool employed to establish dominance in training and controlling elephants by applying pressure to sensitive points on their bodies, but also the use of elephants for entertainment. This shift has prompted a transition to “animal-free” shows. We applaud these changes and hope to see continued progress and change.

Today, Billie has regular social opportunities with Ronnie, Minnie, and Debbie. She never seems to tire of activities such as splashing in the water, eating bananas, and utilizing the new trails created by Staff specially for the aging elephants of Q Habitat, which provide easy roaming access to different parts of their habitat.

After their arrival at The Sanctuary, Staff will never forget the moment when Ronnie was the first to extend a trunk towards Billie, gently gliding it along her head, neck, and back. This social gesture, commonplace among other elephants, was a new experience for Billie, who had previously shown signs of fear and apprehension towards new developments in her life. Now, after 18 years at The Sanctuary, Billie has reached many milestones — like her willingness to explore new areas, her signs of trust towards dedicated Care Staff, and the genuine interest displayed by her and her herd mates, which all serve as a poignant testament to The Sanctuary's role as a safe haven.

Billie continuously demonstrates intelligence, curiosity, and engaging with enrichment activities. It is stories like Billie's, Ronnie's, Minnie's, and Debbie's that remind us of the importance of our mission. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide these elephants, who once spent their lives performing and traveling in chains, with freedom of choice, rest, and refuge for the remainder of their lives.





» Asia Habitat & Barn

Summer has been quite the season for the elephants at Asia Habitat — lots of exploring, new social opportunities, and exciting enrichment. To kick off the season, thanks to the diligent efforts of the Maintenance Team and all involved, a new pulley system was installed! Pulley systems offer a safe way to suspend items and require elephants to raise their trunk to interact with the enrichment, as they would when foraging in the wild. The system employs a weighted cable with a hook and is operated manually or with a small motor powered by a solar panel. This device brought a plethora of activity for Edie, Nosey, and Sissy, who eagerly emptied a large net donated by a local climbing club, suspended high and filled with delicious hay attached to the pulley, demonstrating the positive response that Staff had hoped for.

In addition, there has been a lot of activity in an area called Sleepy Hollow. **Edie**, who continues to impress Staff with her adaptability to her new home and herd mates, was recently provided access to this area for the first time. With some encouragement from Caregivers, she made her way in and spent the next 2.5 hours exploring. She was observed engaging in lots of natural foraging — a behavior rarely seen from her in other parts of the habitat. Edie has also been spending her time tusking bark off trees and making her mark all over Asia Habitat! Elephants can meet many

of their nutritional needs from foraging from trees, including the bark and branches. Many vitamins and minerals are available from these sources, and using their tusks is the best way to access such a delicious meal.

Nosey also received her time in Sleepy Hollow, seemingly filling her stomach with summer grasses and leaves from the trees Artie had pushed down during one of his recent visits to this area. The hope was that Nosey would explore the other side of the habitat and visit Artie at the adjacent fence line, but she decided to spend her time foraging instead.

Care Staff are delighted by the progress and the friendship blossoming between Nosey and Edie. As time has gone on and Edie has taken on her role as the more “dominant” elephant, Care Staff have been doing lots of cooperative feeds and training sessions with Nosey and Edie in shared space to help them continue to build a long-lasting and positive relationship. The two are often seen interacting with lots of sweet greetings, sparring, and occasionally some “silly” and playful moments. Staff will continue to create a nurturing environment for the elephants, ensuring they have ample time to spend together and providing enriching activities to strengthen their bond.



Recently, The Sanctuary's Maintenance Team undertook a big task, and a bit of seasonal cleaning, by helping to clear many fallen trees in the lower and upper areas of Asia Habitat. This effort not only facilitates the movement of Care Staff as they clean and prepare enrichment activities for the elephants but also provides newfound opportunities for the elephants to roam.

Nosey, emboldened by the newly cleared trails, forged additional paths and even navigated to the upper middle area via a seldom-used route previously obstructed by fallen trees. Meanwhile, **Sissy**, while initially sticking close to the barn and spending time with Nosey, gradually expanded her exploration, traversing areas that had previously posed challenges for her. Sissy and Nosey have been spending many of their days together, sharing space in the habitat and grazing alongside one another. Recently, Caregivers witnessed Sissy using Nosey's ears and face to scratch herself, a great sign of their closeness to one another. The Sanctuary is thankful for the opportunity to provide elephants like Edie, Nosey, and Sissy with the space and encouragement to forge such companionships, and we look forward to what may come of this dynamic threesome.





SISSY & ARTIE

» Artie

The summer season in Tennessee brings about the need for extra hydration, and for Artie, this translates to enticing him with banana leaves, bamboo, and donated Bradford pear trees. As we continue to adapt our facilities across the sprawling 3,060 acres in Hohenwald, and with the bull barns almost completed for Artie and future bull residents seeking a forever home, an additional 60 acres have been seamlessly incorporated into Artie's current habitat at the Elephant Health Care Center. He has been making full use of the space day and night, relishing the abundance of additional pine trees as delectable snacks!

Artie, known among his Caregivers as an intrepid explorer, has been very busy this season, making nightly trips far from his barn and into his expanded habitat, much to the bemusement of the Care Staff who find themselves embarking on morning searches for him. It seems Artie has taken to traversing under the moon's watchful gaze, perhaps enticed by the allure of the night and the cool summer night air.



ARTIE



Staff often discover Artie's nightly whereabouts from freshly debarked, half-eaten saplings strewn about the habitats and trails, a clear indication that Artie has resumed one of his favored seasonal activities. Uprooting and toppling trees are natural behaviors for African elephants. While this behavior provides enrichment and "entertainment" for the elephants, we are thrilled to observe indigenous plant species growing in areas Artie has cleared. Much of The Sanctuary's land was owned previously by a paper company that harvested the old growth trees and planted loblolly pine. The pine trees were planted over 25 years ago, and their shallow root system makes them susceptible to winds and weather — and elephants.

Elephants, recognized as a keystone species, possess numerous superpowers, and one in particular is their role as planting powerhouses. This is because elephants play a crucial role in dispersing seeds. In essence, the seeds journey through the elephant's digestive system until they are eventually deposited back onto the forest floor through dung. In the wild, this process is especially vital because certain seeds require passage through an elephant's digestive tract in order to germinate successfully. As Artie continues to savor his well-deserved feast of small saplings and bark, it's comforting to know his actions not only nourish himself but also contribute to the cycle of life in his habitat. Artie has showcased his ability to fertilize, repopulate, and foster plant growth for generations to come. We are thankful for Artie, and his female African elephant counterparts — Flora, Tange, Sukari, Nosey, Edie, and Donna — for doing their part in maintaining their habitat space and aiding in the regrowth of native trees and plants!

The Sanctuary is also grateful for Artie amidst the numerous recent elephant encounters he has participated in. We reflect on the moments where Artie has consistently exuded a calm and encouraging presence toward his fellow females, fostering continued camaraderie, like the recent development between Artie and Asian female Sissy. During Sissy's visit to an area called Sleepy Spot, which connects Asia Habitat to the Elephant Health Care Center (where Artie currently resides), Staff heard a few soft rumbles. Upon further investigation, they witnessed Sissy allowing Artie to touch her hind end through their shared fence line — a promising indication of her increasing comfort and acceptance of him. Over a span of nearly 20 minutes, Sissy and Artie stood in close proximity, enjoying the warm weather together. In subsequent days, Sissy chose to spend her afternoons foraging near Artie, displaying signs of calm and contentment in his presence. Since then, Sissy has continuously visited this area, often snacking on hay while Artie is nearby.

Saying Goodbye

We were deeply saddened to learn of African elephant Tonka's passing on May 9, 2024, at Zoo Knoxville, after a significant health decline. We understand end-of-life care comes with many challenges, difficult decisions, and heartbreak. We extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt gratitude to Zoo Knoxville, his care team, and to all those who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to providing Tonka with compassion and care.

Tonka was scheduled to join The Elephant Sanctuary later this year. The team at Zoo Knoxville had been diligently working with Tonka to voluntarily enter his travel crate, a process that requires patience and time. Additionally, in anticipation of the addition of bulls to our herd, we embarked on a significant project to construct state-of-the-art bull barns, ensuring the comfort and well-being of Artie and those to come. The new barns are almost complete, and the plan to move Artie to his new habitat and barn will continue as planned. With Tonka in our hearts, we are prepared now more than ever to welcome any elephant in need. To learn more about the Building for Bulls initiative, visit: shop.elephants.com/buildingforbulls.





ELEPHANTS WITHOUT BORDERS SURVEILLANCE FLIGHT

» International Partners

Protecting Africa's Elephant Heritage

In 2024, thanks to The Elephant Sanctuary Board of Directors and the generous support from the Janet M. Johnston Foundation, The Sanctuary has once again partnered with Elephants Without Borders (EWB), with funds allocated to aid EWB's continuous gathering of data on elephant populations, the challenges they face, and losses incurred in the African country of Botswana. We aim to support EWB's multifaceted efforts to safeguard elephants, with a specific focus on human-elephant conflict within communities of northern Botswana.

For over two decades, Elephants Without Borders has led the charge in wildlife conservation and research across Botswana. At the heart of their mission lies a dedication to fostering harmony between mankind and the natural world, with the African elephant serving as a powerful ambassador for conservation efforts. Boasting the world's largest elephant population, estimated at 130,000 individuals, Botswana is truly the "land of the giants". EWB stands as the sole non-profit (501c3) organization operating at a landscape scale to safeguard elephants, track their ecological patterns, and tackle human-elephant conflicts head-on. Situated in Kasane, at the junction of four nations, EWB strategically operates within the expansive Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area, spanning five countries.

“Ongoing surveillance and monitoring are essential to provide further evidence that wildlife crimes are a serious concern, requiring urgent attention and action to be halted. If these incidents go undetected, the problem remains unseen, and accountability diminishes.

— KELLY LANDEN, Co-Founder of Elephants Without Borders

With Botswana's elephant population facing escalating threats from habitat loss, human encroachment, and poaching, their work remains critical. By conducting regular surveillance flights, tracking satellite-collared elephants, and documenting illegal activities across Botswana's vast elephant range, EWB provides essential data to inform evidence-based conservation strategies. Furthermore, their collaboration with government agencies ensures swift response to wildlife crimes and mortality incidents, raising awareness and holding authorities accountable. EWB aims to further strengthen their surveillance and monitoring capabilities, ultimately safeguarding Botswana's elephants and preserving their natural habitats for generations to come.

Elephants Without Borders' commitment to conservation extends beyond elephants, encompassing a diverse range of species, including zebra, buffalo, giraffe, and lechwe. By integrating these species into conservation efforts, EWB promotes the protection of entire ecosystems.

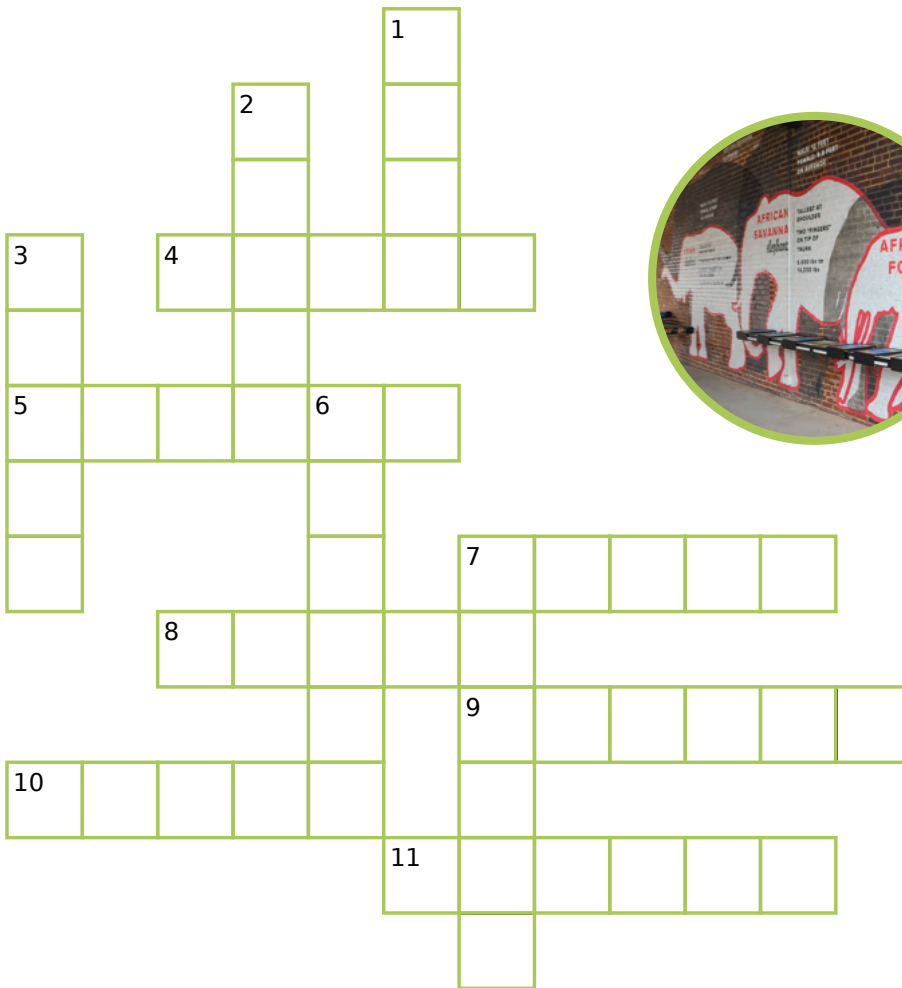
» To learn more about Elephants Without Borders, visit elephantswithoutborders.org

» To learn more about our International Outreach visit, elephants.com/international-outreach



» The Sanctuary Crossword Puzzle

Read the individual bios at elephants.com/elephants to learn about each elephant resident, and fill in the crossword!



Distance Learning: A Virtual Experience

Our Distance Learning programs offer students of all ages a journey into The Elephant Sanctuary and the global lives of elephants, fostering appreciation for elephant conservation and our shared environment. Designed by our Education Team, these programs entertain, inform, and inspire students, allowing them to connect from school, home, or a hybrid setting and experience real-time elephant moments on our Live EleCams. Register your group, scout troop, or class of five or more for a free program and help us reach as many teachers, classes, and groups as possible to inspire others across the country!

Visit elephants.com/distance-learning for more info.

Introducing “Third Saturday” events at The Elephant Discovery Center!

Visiting Hohenwald, Tennessee? The Elephant Discovery Center will be hosting a variety of educational and entertaining events, free, and open to all ages, on the ‘Third Saturday’ of each month at 11 a.m., through December. Join us for an engaging and informative experience at The Elephant Discovery Center! To learn about events and activities, visit elephants.com/discovery-center. See you there!

The elephant habitats are closed to the public. There will be no viewing or interaction with the elephants at the Discovery Center.

Down:

- 1** I have a special preference for red and green grapes!
- 2** There is a documentary about me called *One Lucky Elephant*.
- 3** I famously survived being submerged underwater during a record flood, with only my trunk above water allowing me to breathe.
- 6** I spent 30 years performing in different circuses and had a calf before coming to The Sanctuary.
- 7** I am the tallest Asian elephant at 8’ 5”

Across:

- 4** I was captured from the wild and brought to the Jumbolair Estate in Florida along with 63 other baby elephants. With help from animal control officers in Alabama, I came to The Sanctuary in 2017.
- 5** My name means “sugar” in Swahili, and my favorite food is apple flavored horse treats.
- 7** I am known for carrying my tire with me everywhere I go. I brought it with me all the way from California, where I was living previously.
- 8** I was the first African elephant to arrive at The Sanctuary.
- 9** I have a book written about my life called *Last Chain On* _____.
- 10** I am known to be very “talkative” and I chortle often, especially for breakfast!
- 11** I am the 15th resident as well as the heaviest Asian elephant at The Sanctuary.

» Supporter Spotlight



Meet the young supporters who empower communities and elephants!

Meet Cora, Emma, and Theresa, the incredible trio behind the “penny” carnival, an event that has been spreading joy and goodwill throughout their community of Owatonna, Minnesota since 2018.

It all began with a simple desire to create summer fun for their friends and neighbors. Inspired by a roll of carnival tickets found during a trip to the Dollar Store, along with the help of their older sisters and neighbors, they transformed their front yard into a wonderland of carnival games made from repurposed household items.

But their carnival isn't just about fun and games — it's about making a difference. Since her early years, Emma has been enchanted by elephants. Thanks to the support of her 1st grade teacher, Emma had the opportunity to connect with The Elephant Sanctuary virtually, as part of our Distance Learning programs. Inspired by this experience, Emma wanted to make a difference for elephants and began brainstorming ways to support them. Meanwhile, during a family trip to New York City, Cora was moved by those experiencing homelessness, igniting her own passion to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Each game costs just one penny to play, with all proceeds donated to their local community and The Elephant Sanctuary. From inventive games like Don't Drop the Stick, to pretend “lasers” made from yarn crisscrossing through their garage like a maze, every aspect of the carnival is infused with their dedication to giving back. “Even one penny when added up can make a huge difference! A small idea can still be successful and make an impact, helping make the world an even better place,” say Cora, Emma, and Theresa.



Meet Carsen and her dad, Zac, the dynamic duo with a heart as big as an elephant's! Carsen's love for elephants started at a young age, sparked by a special gift from her Nana B — a stuffed elephant named Ella. “I just fell in love with everything elephant related,” she shares. Her dad, Zac, played a crucial role in introducing her to the incredible story of Asian elephant Debbie and The Elephant Sanctuary. Together, they watched the live EleCams of the elephants and felt drawn to support The Sanctuary's worthy cause.

For Carsen's 12th birthday, Zac gave her a gift that keeps on giving — a symbolic adoption of Debbie. Inspired by this gesture, Carsen and Zac decided to turn her birthday into a fundraiser for Debbie and the other elephants, asking friends and family to donate to The Elephant Sanctuary in lieu of gifts. “I want the elephants to all be in a peaceful and caring environment to live the life they deserve,” says Carsen.

What drives Zac? As a dad, Carsen will always be his greatest inspiration, but it's her unwavering passion for elephants that truly moves him. Plus, being avid Vols (University of Tennessee) fans, they both feel a special connection to The Elephant Sanctuary being located in Tennessee. From their home bases in North Carolina and Kentucky, Carsen and Zac are proving that no distance is too great when it comes to making a difference for elephants! To learn more about how to create your own fundraiser, visit: shop.elephants.com/fundraisers.



Answer key: Down: 1 Eddie 2 Flora 3 Sissy 6 Ronnie 7 Debbie Across: 4 Nosey 5 Sukari 7 Donna 8 Tange 9 Billie 10 Artie 11 Minnie



FLORA

» Give the Gift of Sanctuary

Donations of any amount — investments in our mission from long-standing and brand new supporters, alike — help equip The Elephant Sanctuary with the necessary resources to provide gold-standard care to our resident elephants and those to come.

Every dollar counts in creating the best environment for elephants here in Tennessee and improving the lives of elephants worldwide through expanded education and awareness

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SHIRLEY'S LEGACY

When you make a planned gift to The Elephant Sanctuary, you become a member of Shirley's Legacy Giving Program and help ensure safe haven and lifetime care for these intelligent and complex animals.

Contact lorenda@elephants.com or 931-796-6500 ext. 105 to learn more.



Become a Member

Become a Member and help The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee provide an expansive landscape where elephants can express natural behaviors, enjoy the companionship of other elephants, and receive a lifetime of individualized care.

Join our herd as a Member and receive:

- A one-year subscription to our triannual newsletter, *Trunklines*
- A one-time 10% discount on Gift Shop apparel
- Monthly *EleNews* email updates
- Eligibility to apply for a Volunteer Day in Hohenwald

Adopt an Elephant

By adopting one (or more) of The Sanctuary's elephants, you become a partner in our mission to provide the gift of herd, home, rest, refuge, and individualized care for life.

Adopt an Elephant and receive:

- A Certificate of Adoption and information on your "adoptee"
- Monthly *EleNews* email updates
- Eligibility to apply for a Volunteer Day in Hohenwald
- The latest issue of our triannual newsletter, *Trunklines*

Feed an Elephant

Each Sanctuary elephant eats around 150 pounds of food daily, with a personalized diet prepared by our Veterinary Team and Caregivers to meet their individual aging needs and preferences.

Feed an Elephant and receive:

- A photo card with information about elephants' diets plus access to "ele-inspired" plant-based recipes, updated seasonally
- Monthly *EleNews* email updates
- Eligibility to apply for a Volunteer Day in Hohenwald
- The latest issue of our triannual newsletter, *Trunklines*

Other Ways to Give

Dedicate Your Gift:

For a unique gift to celebrate special days or to express sympathy and cherished memories, consider making a donation to The Elephant Sanctuary "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a loved person or pet. Visit shop.elephants.com to learn more.

Fundraise for Elephants:

Turn your next special occasion (birthday, marathon, wedding, graduation, anniversary, or "just because!") into a chance to raise support for The Elephant Sanctuary! Visit shop.elephants.com/create-a-fundraiser to get started.

Become a VIP:

To learn more about The Sanctuary's VIP Membership Program contact lorenda@elephants.com or 931-796-6500 ext. 105.

Wishlist:

The Sanctuary maintains an ever-changing wishlist to meet the needs of the elephants in our care. Visit shop.elephants.com/products/wishlist to see an updated list of needs.

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Shirley's Legacy – Planned Giving

In honor of Shirley's anniversary of her arrival to The Sanctuary on July 6, 1999, we celebrate our memories of Shirley's wisdom, strength, and perseverance. She demonstrated to us all that it is possible to trust, heal, and love again after enduring many decades of hardship.

Shirley defied all odds as one of the oldest elephants in human care and lived well beyond the life expectancy for an Asian elephant. At the time of her passing in 2021, Shirley was 72 years old and held the record for the second oldest elephant in North America. Born in Sumatra in 1948, she was captured from the wild and sold to a traveling circus. In her lifetime, she survived a circus ship fire, a broken back leg, and more than 20 years without the company of other elephants.

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and with your planned gift, you can support Shirley's legacy and help ensure a sustainable future for all of The Sanctuary's resident elephants and those yet to come.

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