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## Inside The Sanctuary

As spring’s warmth embraces the rolling hills of Tennessee, The Elephant Sanctuary marks a monumental milestone—its 30th anniversary! For three decades, The Sanctuary has been home to 34 elephants, and this spring, we reflect on the incredible journey that has shaped the lives of those in our care.

From the first step onto our 110-acre land to our current expansive home of 3,060 acres, we have watched as elephants like **Nosey, Sissy, Billie**, and many others have found not only a place to rest but a place to thrive. With each passing year, our commitment to providing the best care has grown, along with The Sanctuary itself. Now, with updated barn names, expanded habitats, new health facilities, and a community dedicated to the welfare of elephants, we continue to look ahead with hope and optimism for the future.

Springtime brings new beginnings and, with it, a season of rejuvenation for our residents. As **Debbie, Ronnie**, and **Minnie** nap in the sunshine and forage through fresh greens, we celebrate the progress we’ve made and the new opportunities on the horizon. While Staff get to know **Osh**, the second African bull to join our herd, and prepare to welcome **Punch** and **Mikki**—two females from the Louisville Zoo later this year—our 30th anniversary becomes not just a time to reflect on the past but also an opportunity to look ahead to the next chapter of The Elephant Sanctuary, where education, care, and conservation continue to guide us.

We invite you to celebrate the past 30 years with us and join in our efforts to create a better future for all elephants.

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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.

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee exists to:

- Provide a natural habitat refuge developed around the needs of Asian and African elephants where elephants are provided with lifetime care;
- Support and promote elephant welfare and conservation;
- Educate the public regarding the complex needs of elephants and the challenges 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](http://elephants.com).

## LETTER FROM OUR CEO

### Dear Friends,

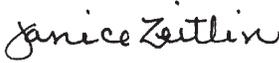
In this issue of *Trunklines*, we celebrate three decades of The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. Since 1995, our mission has remained steadfast: to provide elephants with autonomy and the highest standard of care. What began on 110 acres has grown into North America's largest natural-habitat refuge for Asian and African elephants.

Over 30 years, 34 elephants have made The Sanctuary home, each teaching us invaluable lessons in resilience, trust, and healing. I often think of Shirley's 1999 reunion with Jenny after over 20 years apart—an enduring reminder of the social complexity and deep connections of elephants. I think of Sissy, The Sanctuary's longest current resident, and the lessons she has taught us about perseverance and new beginnings. After surviving a flood and several moves, Sissy arrived here in 2000, where she met Winkie and formed a companionship that lasted 17 years. And I think of the arrival of the first African elephants—Tange, Zula, and Flora—in 2004, marking the beginning of a new chapter for The Elephant Sanctuary.

More recently, we have welcomed The Sanctuary's first two permanent African bull elephants, Osh and Artie, who are helping us pave the way for specialized bull care. Witnessing these two as they settle into their new habitats and navigate the beginnings of new companionships has been inspiring. Thank you for your support of the elephants and for sharing in both our joys and our heartbreaks. With overwhelming sadness, we announced the sudden passing of Donna on December 24, 2024. She remains in our hearts and is deeply missed.

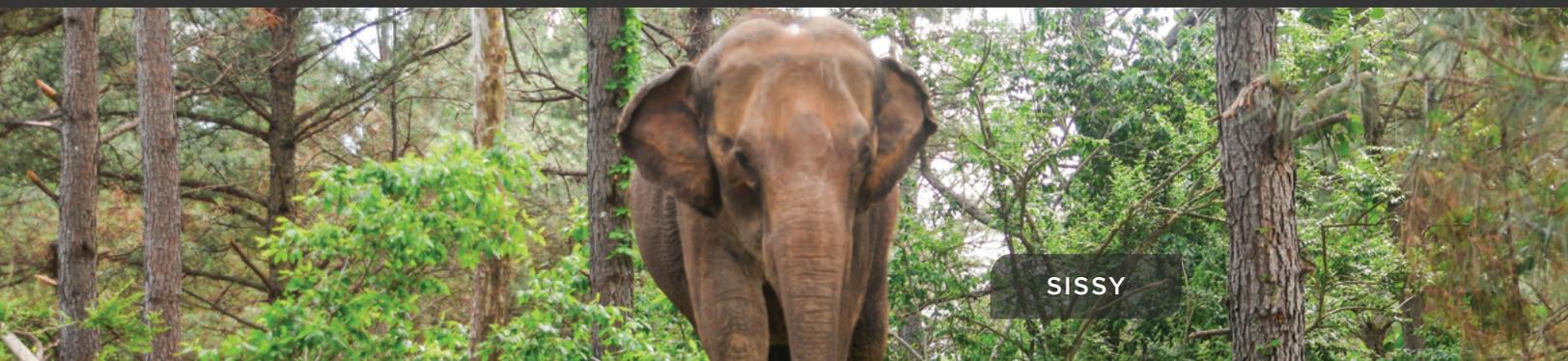
As we look to the future, **we're excited to announce the renaming of our barns and habitats** to better reflect the elephants' social dynamics and honor our mission. Each is now named after a native tree, symbolizing strength and interconnectedness: **Sycamore Barn and Habitat** (formerly Q Barn), **Hickory Barn and Habitat** (formerly Asia Barn), **Redbud Barn and Habitat** (formerly Africa Barn), **Buckeye Barn and Habitat** (formerly Bull Barn), and **Willow Barn and Habitat** at the Elephant Health Care Center. These names help embody our dedication to the elephants who have found refuge here and to preserving the natural world we share with them.

None of this would be possible without you. Your generosity and belief in our mission have helped create a future where elephants can thrive. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are making a difference.

  
Janice Zeitlin, CEO



Thank you for supporting our mission!





## » What Makes Us Sanctuary

For 30 years, The Sanctuary has been dedicated to providing elephants with optimal care, the companionship of a herd, and expansive diverse habitats where they can live out their lives in a safe haven dedicated solely to their well-being.

The Sanctuary’s Caregivers and Veterinary Team work together to ensure whole elephant care by developing plans that address each elephant’s health, behavior, and social needs. The team focuses on physical wellness, emotional enrichment, and social support. The elephants are encouraged to participate through a method called Protected Contact Training, which emphasizes safety and positive reinforcement. In Protected Contact, Caregivers and elephants interact through a barrier, promoting trust and cooperation. This allows the elephants to participate voluntarily in their own care—whether it’s presenting a foot for examination, participating in health checks, or receiving treatments that support their well-being. Protected Contact training reduces stress, builds relationships based on trust, and helps maintain the elephants’ overall health.



The Sanctuary’s elephant habitats are closed to the public. This provides them with the space and autonomy to make their own choices. With more than 3,060 acres of forests, pastures, and ponds, The Sanctuary works to provide an environment where elephants can forage, swim, explore, and build relationships with one another as they choose and at their own pace.

In addition to providing elephants with home, herd, and care, The Sanctuary is committed to educating the public about the complex needs of elephants and the challenges they face in captivity and the wild. The Elephant Discovery Center in downtown Hohenwald, Tennessee, serves as an educational hub where visitors can learn about elephants through interactive exhibits and programs that inspire curiosity and action to help protect elephants around the world. The Sanctuary also offers a robust Distance Learning program, bringing virtual learning experiences to classrooms and communities across the country and around the world, allowing people of all ages to connect with and learn about elephants from wherever they are.

The Sanctuary also supports global efforts to improve the welfare of elephants and protect wild populations. Through partnerships with like-minded organizations, we contribute to projects that promote elephant welfare, community education on human- elephant conflict, and conservation. These efforts are part of a shared vision to create a better world for all elephants.

As we celebrate 30 years, we reflect on the incredible progress made possible by our dedicated Staff, partners, and supporters. Together, we are helping ensure a future where elephants can live with dignity, respect, and the care they deserve.





SHIRLEY, JENNY, & TARRA IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE SANCTUARY

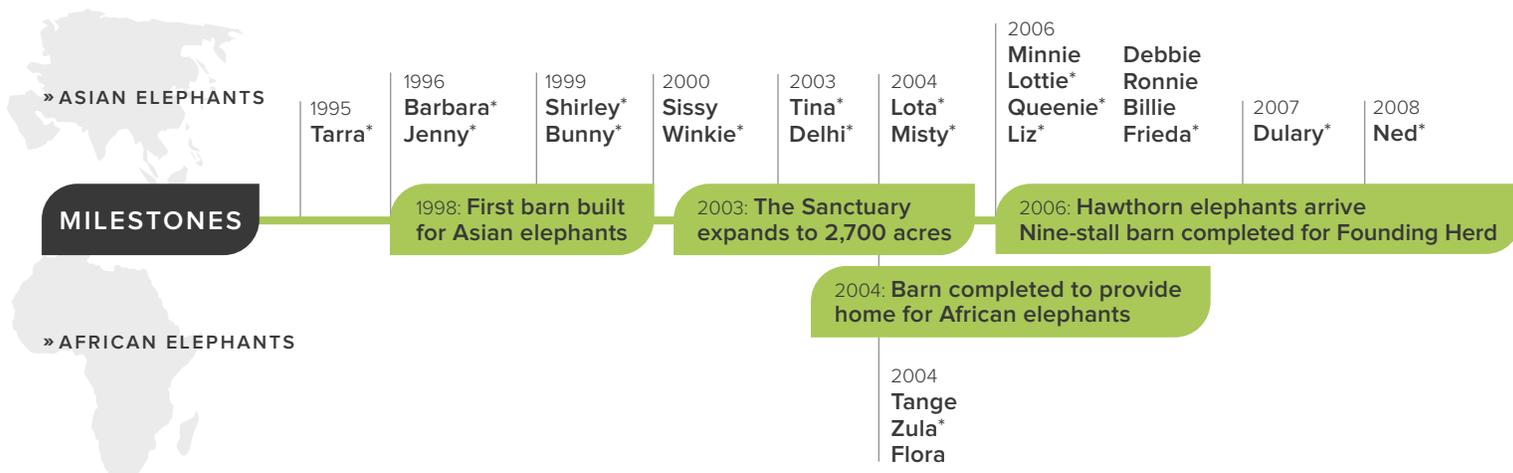
## » Looking Back at 30 Years of The Sanctuary

In 1995, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee was founded on 110 acres with a bold vision: to create a natural, diverse habitat where elephants retired from performance and exhibition could experience freedom of choice. Tarra, an Asian elephant and former performer, was the founders' inspiration and became its first resident. The Sanctuary quickly grew, and soon Asian elephants Barbara and Jenny joined her—each bringing a unique story of resilience to this new haven for elephants in Tennessee.

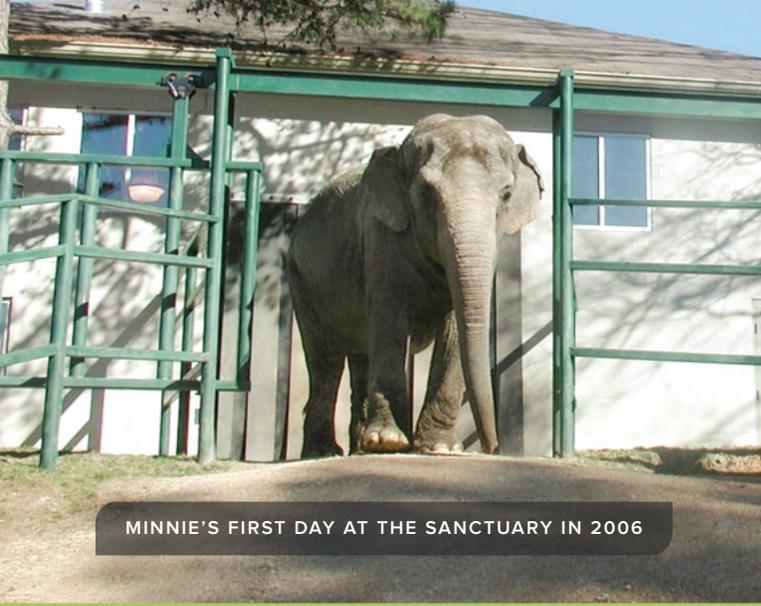
The Elephant Sanctuary expanded both its mission to provide lifetime care to elephants and its facilities as it grew to meet the needs of more elephants. By 1999, a six-stall barn was constructed to accommodate the growing herd. One of The Sanctuary's most memorable moments soon followed with the arrival of Asian elephant Shirley. After over 20 years, Shirley immediately recognized Jenny from their shared circus past. Their heartwarming reunion became the centerpiece of the Emmy-winning PBS documentary *The Urban Elephant*.

By 2003, The Sanctuary had expanded to 2,700 acres, providing even more natural space for elephants to explore. The first African elephants—Tange, Zula, and Flora—arrived the following year, bringing new diversity and unique challenges to the elephant care program. Between 2006 and 2007, The Sanctuary welcomed a group of Asian elephants from the Hawthorn Corporation, which owned and leased elephants to various organizations. Delhi, Lota, Misty, Lottie, Queenie, Liz, Minnie, Debbie, Ronnie, Frieda, and Billie joined The Sanctuary in what became at that time the largest government-sanctioned rescue of circus elephants in U.S. history.

The Sanctuary's commitment to education and outreach grew alongside its care programs. In 2010, doors opened to a sustainably renovated building on Main Street to serve as a Welcome Center for visitors wanting to learn about elephants. This was followed by the launch of a new and improved EleCam system and The Sanctuary's Distance Learning programs, which connected with and educated students about elephants virtually, around the world.



\* PAST RESIDENTS/IN MEMORIAM



MINNIE'S FIRST DAY AT THE SANCTUARY IN 2006



TANGE & ZULA, THE SANCTUARY'S FIRST AFRICAN ELEPHANTS

In 2016, The Elephant Sanctuary expanded its conservation efforts with the launch of its international programs, working with global partners to support improved elephant welfare and the protection of elephants living in the wild.

2017 marked the opening of the newly designed Elephant Discovery Center, providing an educational hub for the public to learn about elephants, conservation, and biology through interactive exhibits. That same year, after public outcry over her mistreatment, Nosey, an African female elephant, found refuge at The Sanctuary.

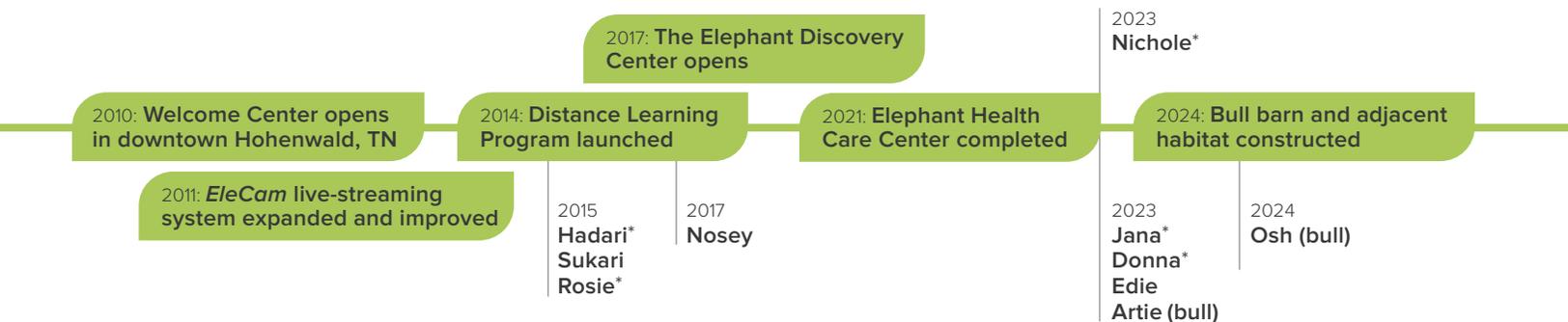
In 2021, the Elephant Health Care Center was completed, providing state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment facilities and adjacent barn. This cutting-edge center has expanded The Sanctuary's ability to care for aging elephants, those with chronic health conditions, and opened the doors to bulls.

The arrival of five elephants in 2023—Nichole, Jana, Donna, Edie, and Artie, The Sanctuary's first African bull—marked a period of new growth. Artie's arrival highlighted the need for specialized male elephant care. To meet this demand, The

Sanctuary launched its largest construction project: the creation of expansive bull barns and habitats. Completed in 2024, these facilities feature reinforced structures, larger spaces, and specialized design elements that cater to the unique needs of bulls. The arrival of Osh, The Sanctuary's second African bull who joined Artie in the new barn, launched another new chapter in The Sanctuary's history.

Through these milestones and the individual stories of each elephant, The Elephant Sanctuary has grown into North America's largest natural-habitat refuge for both African and Asian elephants, spanning over 3,060 acres of protected land. The Sanctuary has cared for 34 elephants over its 30-year history. It is the only facility in the U.S. accredited by both the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Today, The Sanctuary honors the 34 elephants that found refuge and care at The Sanctuary and each of their stories. It is with them in our hearts that we continue our work to create a better world for all elephants.

To learn more about the individual elephants that found home at The Sanctuary, visit [elephants.com/elephants](https://elephants.com/elephants).





**NOSEY**

## » Looking Ahead

The future of The Elephant Sanctuary is filled with exciting growth and thoughtful changes, all driven by our ongoing commitment to elephant welfare and conservation. As we continue to evolve, we are working to better reflect the changing dynamics of our herds and improve the spaces that these incredible elephants call home.

### Renaming Barns and Habitats

To represent the individuality and ever-evolving relationships among our elephants, The Sanctuary's Staff and Board made the decision to rename the elephant barns and habitats.

- Sycamore Barn and Habitat** (formerly Q Barn)
- Hickory Barn and Habitat** (Asia Barn),
- Redbud Barn and Habitat** (Africa Barn),
- Buckeye Barn and Habitat** (Bull Barn) and
- Willow Barn and Habitat** at the Elephant Health Care Center

These new names better reflect the elephants' social dynamics and our mission to provide them with autonomy and opportunities for connection. In a nod to the land that nurtures Sanctuary, each barn and space is named after a local native tree, symbolizing strength, growth, and the deep, interconnected roots that mirror the elephants' own bonds. This choice honors not only the elephants' unique identities but also our commitment to preserving and protecting the natural world that supports them.





## Habitat Expansions and Shared Spaces

In the wild, elephants live in family herds, learning from generations of related female elephants how to socialize, forage, and what it means to be an elephant. The stories of the elephants who come to The Sanctuary vary. Historically, they have often been separated from their family herds often as calves. Here at The Sanctuary, they have an opportunity to form new and unique bonds—often with elephants they might never have encountered otherwise. These relationships take time, trust, and patience, unfolding at each elephant’s own pace. Here, they have the freedom to find their own “chosen family” and social circles, allowing for interactions that are as meaningful as they are unexpected.

To nurture these connections, The Sanctuary is expanding and enhancing habitats to support the development of additional herd structures and unique social interactions. Our hope is to encourage more movement across the 3,060 acres in the hills of Tennessee, create spaces for elephants to spend time together, and provide opportunities for elephants to explore their autonomy.

One of our exciting projects making great progress this year is a new habitat expansion of 130 acres. Once completed, this space, requiring 8,000 feet of fencing, will feature two ponds, automatic waterers, and 12 acres of open pasture surrounded by a blend of hardwood and pine forests. Designed for both female and male elephants, it will provide even more opportunities for exploration and connection, with Care Staff closely monitoring interactions to ensure each elephant’s comfort and safety.

This expansion will also allow currently occupied lands time to recover and regenerate, such as tree and plant regrowth. The new space provides increased flexibility in land management while offering even more opportunities for the elephants to explore, form connections, and live as they choose.



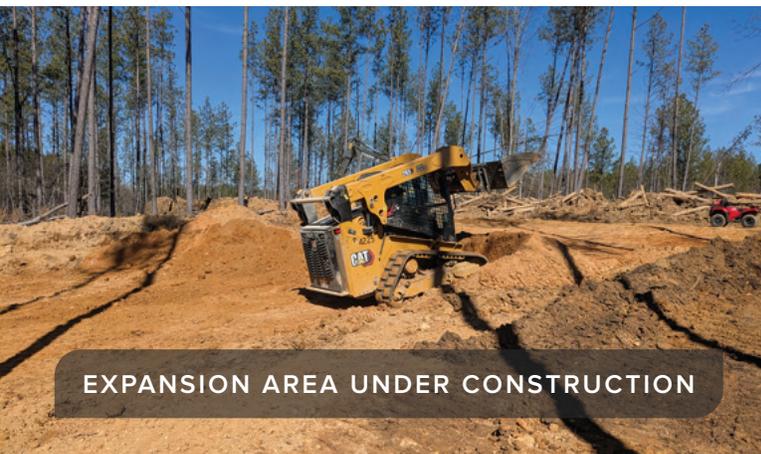
EDIE & OSH

## Planning for the Future

Education lies at the heart of our mission as the future of elephants—and the wild places they depend on—will be in the hands of the next generation. By nurturing curiosity and compassion, we plant the seeds of stewardship.

In 2025, Third Saturday education events will return, inviting families to discover the stories of The Sanctuary’s elephants, learn about conservation, and connect with the natural world through hands-on activities and shared experiences. Our Distance Learning programs will continue to reach students and elephant enthusiasts around the globe, inspiring deeper understanding and a lifelong love for these remarkable animals and the habitats they call home.

Every initiative reflects our deep commitment to providing the best possible care while preparing for the future. As The Sanctuary grows, so do the opportunities to give elephants a peaceful home where they can heal, thrive, and form bonds with one another—all while inspiring people to join us in protecting these magnificent creatures for generations to come.



EXPANSION AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

# Meet the Newest Member of the Herd!



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**Born:** May 24, 1994  
**Arrived:** October 18, 2024  
**Birthplace:** Captive born, Howletts Wild Animal Park, UK  
**Height:** 11 feet, 2 inches  
**Habitat:** Buckeye Barn and Habitat  
**Preferred Foods:** Beets, pineapple, watermelon, pumpkins

## » Welcome Osh

Osh was born in captivity at Howletts Wild Animal Park in Littlebourne, England, in 1994. He spent his first nine years there with a herd of 14 elephants before being transferred to Oakland Zoo in California in 2004. At Oakland, Osh lived with African females Donna, M'Dunda, and Lisa. Donna was transferred to The Elephant Sanctuary in 2023 after M'Dunda passed away in 2019 and Lisa passed away in 2023.

In a decision aimed at ensuring Osh's long-term care and companionship, Oakland Zoo chose to relocate him to The Elephant Sanctuary.

On October 18th, 2024, Osh became the 34th resident and The Elephant Sanctuary's second permanent African male elephant.

Weighing 15,000 pounds and standing 11 feet 2 inches tall, Osh is most recognizable by his single tusk and prominent cheekbones. Osh has joined Artie, an African male elephant, at The Sanctuary's Buckeye Barn and Habitat (formerly known as the Bull Barn and Habitat).

Osh can often be seen on The Sanctuary's live EleCams exploring his habitat, pushing over trees and munching on plenty of browse. He participates in his Protected Contact training and is known for making soft "bubble" noises when interacting with his Care Team. Care Staff report that Osh is almost always covered in mud, finding mud wallows everywhere he explores. He has a preference for beet pulp, pineapple, and very large watermelons!



ARTIE



OSH & ARTIE

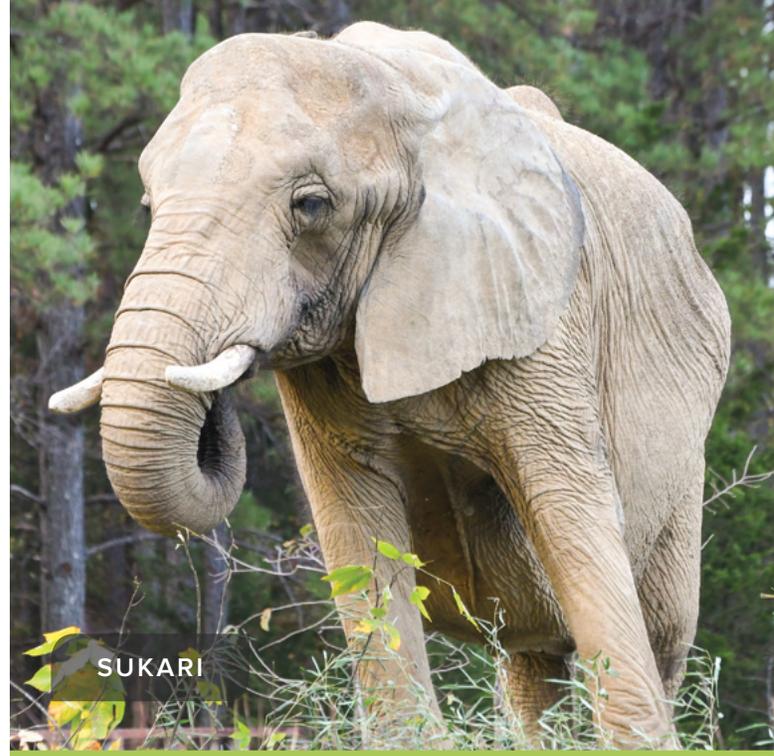
## » Buckeye Barn & Habitat

**Artie** arrived at The Elephant Sanctuary just over two years ago becoming The Sanctuary's first permanent bull elephant. He has impressed Sanctuary Staff and supporters as he has explored every new opportunity, including lots of new social interactions with other elephants, and quickly making a big move across habitats to the newly constructed bull barn (now known as Buckeye Barn).

The transition for Artie from the Elephant Health Care Center where he previously resided to the Buckeye Barn went smoothly, thanks to the preparations of Care Staff. The team guided Artie along familiar routes in his previous habitat, using training behaviors and a carefully laid hay trail lined with preferred treats—cantaloupe, watermelon, sweet potatoes, and alfalfa cubes. On the day of the big move, despite rainy, muddy conditions, Artie made his way to the new bull barns without hesitation, where he was greeted with even more snacks and enrichment items. Once inside, he quickly settled in, explored the habitat, and found a grassy hill for an overnight nap. By the next morning, Artie had already begun knocking down several trees—a preferred activity of his and considered a natural behavior—as he made his mark on his new home.

Shortly after Artie's move, The Sanctuary welcomed **Osh**, a 30-year-old African male elephant from California. Osh's journey across the country went well, and he quickly exited his travel crate and began exploring his barn. Over the next days he explored his new habitats and began participating in training sessions. Artie and Osh have had continued opportunities to interact across the fence line. While they often choose to keep a respectful distance, both elephants show curiosity, exploring each other's scents with their trunks held high and foraging near one another. Staff report positive initial greetings and will continue to provide them with the time and space to build new relationships.

2025 marked Artie's 42nd birthday and his second anniversary at The Sanctuary. Care staff provided Artie with a giant bamboo letter "A" decorated with hay tinsel, orange slices, and donated trees placed inside recycled tire barrels, along with a giant watermelon to help celebrate his big day. He quickly knocked down the bamboo and spent time foraging for tree bark among his enrichment items. We are excited for what lies ahead as he shares his home with Osh and continues to be a pioneer at The Sanctuary.



SUKARI

## » Redbud Barn & Habitat

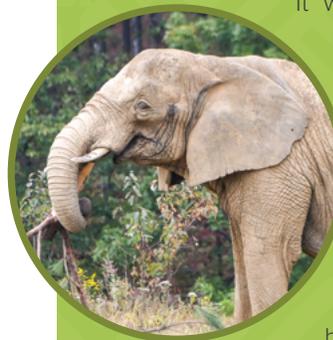
With warmer spring weather settling in, **Flora**, **Tange**, and **Sukari** are spending their time in the sunshine and sampling the fresh tree saplings. The three African elephants of Redbud Barn and Habitat have spent their days napping beneath the stars, foraging across the lush landscape, and covering themselves in layers of mud—one of their preferred pastimes. Care Staff have enjoyed seeing the elephants explore more freely as the season changes, with each elephant exhibiting their unique routines and preferences. Sukari has been especially playful, keeping Caregivers entertained with bursts of energy, while Tange continues to show her preference for a good midday nap on a grassy hill. Flora's independent spirit is ever-present as she meanders the hillsides, often venturing out on her own.

As the elephants venture far from the barns for their springtime adventures, new opportunities are provided for the other resident elephants as well. With Artie's move to Buckeye Barn, the area known as "Sleepy Hollow" opened to the female elephants of Hickory Barn, Sissy, Edie, and Nosey. Nosey wasted no time exploring the 60 acres of this newly accessible territory. She was greeted during her explorations by African elephants Tange and Sukari, who waited at the adjacent fence line. What followed was a heartwarming introduction. Nosey confidently approached her new neighbors, and the three elephants spent the next 30 minutes exchanging trunk touches and gentle rumbles. Tange leaned into the barrier

and bent forward in what appeared to be an invitation to interact, while Sukari took a more dominant stance before settling into curious, playful actions.

The interaction was brief, highlighting for Staff the potential for new connections between the elephants. Staff are excited about look forward to witnessing more spontaneous greetings as the elephants continue to explore.

### Remembering Donna



It was with great sadness that The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee announced the sudden and unexpected passing of African elephant Donna at age 44 on the morning of December 24, 2024. During her time at The Sanctuary, Donna spent time getting to know Flora, Sukari, and Tange, explored her new habitat, and mastered the art of digging wallows, often covering herself in mud with obvious delight. "Donna was deeply loved by her Care Staff and everyone who knew her," said CEO Janice Zeitlin. "Her sudden passing has left us heartbroken, and we remain committed to honoring her memory."



EDIE

## » Hickory Barn & Habitat

As the warmth of spring settles over Middle Tennessee, fresh grasses are sprouting, and the return of lush greenery brings new energy and opportunities for elephant exploration and connection. For **Sissy**, **Nosey**, and **Edie**, that means continued interactions with their newest neighbor, Osh.

Staff will always remember when Nosey, Sissy, and Edie had the opportunity to meet male resident, Osh, at a shared barrier for the first time. Sissy, true to form, maintained her independent nature and chose not to approach Osh. While she kept her distance, Care Staff were glad to see that she was now aware of Osh's presence. Edie, on the other hand, initially appeared uninterested in Osh, giving only a couple of quick, periscope-like sniffs with her trunk before stepping away. Meanwhile, Osh leaned over the fence, stretching his trunk in Edie's direction getting her attention.

The highlight for Staff came when Nosey decided to approach. She and Osh immediately began sparring—a behavior often seen in social bonding among African elephants. The pair displayed affiliative and playful behaviors, including “bowing” to each other, lying sternally (resting on their chest and abdomen), and bending onto their carpi, indicating a relaxed, playful state. Care Staff were thrilled to see how Nosey matched Osh's energy, showcasing a positive and dynamic connection.

A few days later, Edie decided it was time for a proper introduction. She approached Osh at the barrier, and the two elephants took turns touching trunk to mouth, a notable sign of curiosity. Afterward, they moved into sparring, their playful energy keeping Care Staff captivated. The interaction lasted about 45 minutes, with Osh getting particularly animated—smushing his head over the fence and bending onto his carpi repeatedly.

The beginning of 2025 also marked Sissy's 57th birthday! She received special donated browse adorned with plenty of apples and grapefruit. Care Staff carefully placed hay bales, bamboo, and other produce around the habitat and filled “presents” with Mazuri for Sissy to open and eat. This birthday marked 25 years of Sissy living at The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee—making her our longest-time resident!





DEBBIE



RONNIE & MINNIE

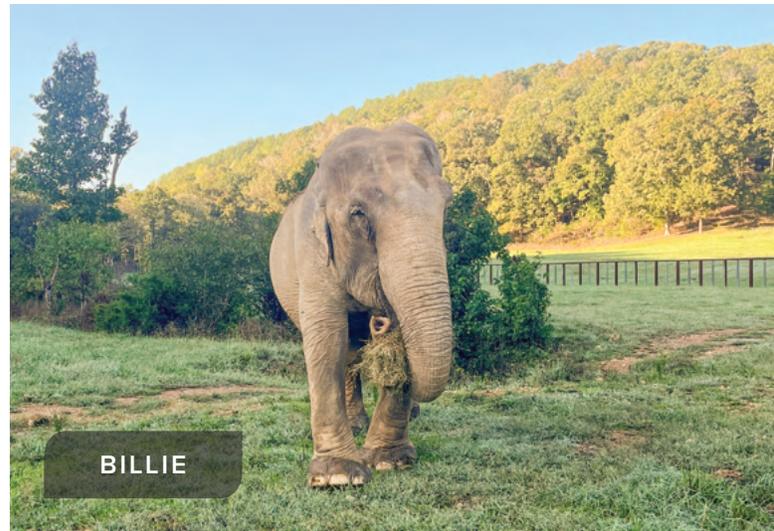
## » Sycamore Barn & Habitat

With the arrival of longer days and warmer nights, the elephants have been spending more time outdoors, taking full advantage of their surroundings. **Minnie** and **Ronnie** were recently seen splashing in the pond and mudding together, while **Debbie** found the perfect napping spot to rest in the sunshine for hours at a time.

In addition to seasonal browse and tree donations from the community, The Elephant Sanctuary finds creative ways to repurpose other donated items—like tires! Thanks to a longstanding partnership with local business Hohenwald Tire, used tires are collected from their shop and transformed into enrichment and practical tools for the elephants. This sustainable collaboration benefits both elephants like Minnie, Ronnie, Billie and Debbie, and the environment, keeping tires out of landfills while enhancing the elephants' daily lives.

These tires serve a variety of purposes. Care Staff have crafted “tire loungers” that provide a cozy resting spot, and Billie often leans on a carefully constructed tire wall inside the barn for support. A motorcycle tire swing was designed as a standing aid for Ronnie should she ever need it, though so far, Minnie and Debbie have taken it over as a playful activity instead.

Tires are also regularly stuffed with hay, browse, or treats to encourage natural foraging behaviors and keep the elephants mentally and physically engaged. This creative use of materials gives the elephants new opportunities for exploration, relaxation, and enrichment while promoting sustainable practices.



BILLIE

**Billie**, the eldest resident at The Sanctuary, turned 63 this year! To mark the occasion, Care Staff created a special birthday spread featuring browse adorned with coconut oil “icing,” sugar-free chocolate pudding, and orange “flowers.” Billie spent her celebration snacking on her treats before heading back up the hill to explore her habitat. Not to be outdone, we also celebrated Minnie’s 59th birthday. She was treated to a cake made from sugar-free orange jello, orange slices, and a vanilla pudding layer. After briefly attending her party, Minnie slurped up her cake, knocked over a few tires, took a few bites of bamboo, and wandered off to find more hay.

# » 2025 Spring Campaign



## A Milestone in Elephant Care: 30 Years of Sanctuary

This year, The Elephant Sanctuary celebrates 30 years of home and herd providing care to 34 elephants since 1995. It is with deep gratitude that we reflect on this milestone and the remarkable elephants that have been impacted by YOU and your commitment and generous giving.

In 2025, we plan to welcome female African elephant, Mikki, and female Asian elephant, Punch, from Louisville Zoo in Kentucky. These two will join Osh and our other cherished residents—Artie, Edie, Flora, Nosey, Sukari, Tange, Billie, Debbie, Minnie, Ronnie, and Sissy.

The Sanctuary's 30th anniversary is more than a celebration; it is evidence of the commitment to each elephant's lifetime care and our shared dedication to innovation, sustainability, and future planning. And while we make every effort to reduce costs by reducing, reusing, and recycling, our food expenses have surged by 25% due to the increased dietary needs of our bulls and the rising costs of supplies. Expanding habitat spaces, providing food, and ensuring a consistent supply of medical equipment and care resources are essential, and these costs have also increased. These challenges mirror the economic pressures felt across U.S. communities, but they also highlight the resilience and generosity that have fueled our mission for three decades.

As we look ahead, we are inspired by the opportunity to amplify our impact through education, conservation, and collaboration. With your support, we will continue to provide sanctuary to elephants in our care and work to improve the lives of elephants around the world.

**Join us in honoring elephants everywhere by supporting The Elephant Sanctuary's legacy of care and conservation. Together, we work to create a better world for all elephants.**

*Due to the generosity of our donors, The Elephant Sanctuary has unrestricted reserves of about \$64,043,325, or about 7.62 times the 2025 budgeted expenses. The Elephant Sanctuary has designated a portion of these reserves to be set aside to prepare for and ensure the lifetime care and safe haven for an undetermined number of elephants. Your donation is tax deductible as a charitable contribution to a 501(c)(3) organization. Please consult your tax advisor.*



### Support the Herd This Spring



**\$50**

A day of fresh produce and supplements



**\$100**

A week of veterinary diagnostic testing



**\$200**

A month of habitat upkeep (mowing, erosion control, clearing downed trees)



**\$500**

Total daily care costs of one elephant



**\$1,500**

Four linear feet of fencing for habitat expansion



**\$7,500**

Protected Contact training wall

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BILLIE

## » 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.

Visit [shop.elephants.com](http://shop.elephants.com) to learn more.

### 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](mailto: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 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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://shop.elephants.com/products/wishlist) to see an updated list of needs.

**GIVE NOW AT [SHOP.ELEPHANTS.COM](http://SHOP.ELEPHANTS.COM) OR VIA THE ENCLOSED FORM AND ENVELOPE.**

# The Elephant Sanctuary Merchandise



Find all your Elephant Sanctuary merchandise at [elephants.com](http://elephants.com), or place your order using the enclosed order form and envelope.

## Adult T-Shirts

**\$28.95**

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

This super soft T-shirt is made in the USA from 100% ring-spun cotton. The Elephant Sanctuary logo is printed on the back.

*Please note: Elephant T-shirts are only available in the specific color illustrated here and/or online.*



**Osh T-Shirt**  
Bay

**Ronnie T-Shirt**  
Antique Jade Dome

**Tange T-Shirt**  
Royal

**Edie T-Shirt**  
Paprika

**Debbie T-Shirt**  
Violet

**Artie T-Shirt**  
Sand

**Sukari T-Shirt**  
Brown Savanna

**Nosey T-Shirt**  
Tropical Blue

**Flora T-Shirt**  
Coral Silk

**Sissy T-Shirt**  
Sapphire

**Minnie T-Shirt**  
Sunset

**Billie T-Shirt**  
Turf Green



**Logo T-Shirt**  
**\$28.95**

Color: Grey

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

Made from 100% ring-spun cotton, this logo T-Shirt features The Elephant Sanctuary's logo on the left chest in white and the website on the back.



**All Occasion Elephant Notecards**  
**\$20.00**

Set of 8 notecards featuring Artie, Edie, Donna, and Osh. Cards have a blank inside, perfect for writing your own message.



**Logo Zip-Up Hoodie**  
**\$48.00**

Color: Light Grey

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

Ideal for all seasons, this extra-soft lightweight hoodie with pockets features The Elephant Sanctuary logo on the front in black.



**Find Your Herd T-Shirt**  
**\$28.95**

Color: Natural

SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, XXXL

Find your herd in this super soft, 100% ring-spun cotton T-shirt.



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## Connect with us at [elephants.com](https://elephants.com)

Stay current on news from The Sanctuary and support the well-being of elephants through your favorite social networks. You can also sign up to receive our free monthly online newsletter, *EleNews*, which includes information on special events, merchandise, and new stories about our resident elephants.



### Awards and Recognition

Our strong performance as an animal welfare/wildlife conservation 501(c)(3) non-profit is recognized by reputable charity monitoring groups.



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