



SUKARI, TANGE, & FLORA

OUR HERD IS GROWING!

As 2022 comes to a close, the eyes and hearts of the staff at The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee are cast to 2023, with the anticipation of welcoming **THREE** new elephants. In making the extremely important decisions regarding the next stage of life care plans for their three senior African elephants — **Jana**, **Edie**, and **Tonka** — our East Tennessee neighbors and Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) colleagues at Zoo Knoxville decided to transfer them to The Sanctuary, where they are ensured continued care and the companionship of additional elephants for the remainder of their lives.

Your gifts to the 2022 Year End Campaign will contribute to the continued care and well-being of Sukari, Tange, Flora, Nosey, Sissy, Billie, Minnie, Debbie, and Ronnie plus the preparation to welcome and care for the three new big bodies and personalities of Jana, Edie, and Tonka.

The addition of these new residents at The Sanctuary means detailed and long-range planning, with the move of the female elephants Jana and Edie tentatively scheduled for springtime, and the arrival of Tonka later in the year. Much goes into the preparation for expanding the herd, including facilities modifications and new construction across our 3,060-acre property.

» Introducing...

Jana

African female

Age: 42 years old

Weight: 10,000 pounds

Height: 9 feet

Loves: Sweet potatoes, apples, cantaloupe



Edie

African female

Age: 39 years old

Weight: 9,500 pounds

Height: 8 feet

Loves: Playing games and sharing treats with Tonka



Tonka

African male

Age: 44 years

Weight: 15,500 pounds

Height: 11 feet

Loves: Verbal praise and pumpkins



**Photos courtesy of Zoo Knoxville*



RONNIE & MINNIE

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

Accommodating a bull elephant requires big changes at The Elephant Sanctuary. Established in 1995, the first 28 years of this organization have been dedicated to facilitating home, herd, rest, refuge, and lifetime care for female Asian and African elephants coming from zoos and circuses. **With heartfelt gratitude to you, our dedicated supporters, The Elephant Sanctuary will again expand our facilities in 2023 and our mission to provide sanctuary for any elephant, male or female, that will benefit from our care and commitment.** We are excited to note that many of the necessary changes for growth are already budgeted for and covered through the financial reserves made possible by bequests and gifts from you, our donors, and through the oversight and planning of the board.

As we prepare to roll out the red carpet for **Tonka**, the first bull elephant to be a permanent resident at The Sanctuary, and his companions **Jana** and **Edie**, work has begun. We will construct a new bull barn with larger gates and training walls, a designated habitat, and the raising of nine-foot, reinforced steel bull elephant fencing (taller and stronger than fences for African and Asian female elephants). Inside the barn, we will need more sand for the larger bull stall and more enrichment items and systems that will match a bull's strength and curiosity. Naturally, we anticipate the costs for hay, fresh produce, special feed like Mazuri, and nutritional supplements will expand with more elephants and a bull's bigger appetite. The Elephant Sanctuary's integrated team of Caregivers and Veterinarians look forward to learning more about the care and management of the expanding herd, as they continue modeling best practices for getting to know the complex needs of each resident and caring for them as they age.

Thank you for your continued support and helping pave the way for new elephants to join the herd. **Your gifts to the Year End Appeal will go to providing sanctuary and meeting the needs of Flora, Tange, Sukari, Nosey, Sissy, Minnie, Ronnie, Debbie, Billie, AND Jana, Edie, and Tonka in the new year!**

Accommodating Our Elephants	
 \$25	Foot Care Supplies
 \$50	Fresh Produce
 \$100	Two Bags of Mazuri Feed
 \$300	Sand for Elephant Stall
 \$1000	Three Linear Feet of Bull Elephant Fencing
 \$5000	Protected Contact Training Wall

Sincerely,

Janice Zeitlin

Janice Zeitlin, CEO



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Due to the generosity of our donors, 2021 was an extraordinary year with a record in donations and special bequests. The Elephant Sanctuary has unrestricted reserves of about \$62,170,992, or about 7.7 times the 2022 budgeted expenses. The Elephant Sanctuary has set aside approximately five times its budgeted expenses as operational reserves to prepare for and ensure the lifetime care and safe haven for an undetermined number of elephants.

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