

PROVIDING STABILITY, SECURITY, & COMMUNITY



FLORA

African elephant Flora has set the rhythm to her days at The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee for more than 16 years. Without the demands of her past life of performance and traveling, she now employs freedom of choice about how and where to spend her time. A strong and confident elephant, Flora is often spotted navigating the rolling hills of her 300-acre habitat and expressing behaviors natural to her species, like pushing down trees and playfully sparring with her habitat mates, Tange and Sukari. **“Flora approaches life head-on and faces every new experience with determination and fire,”** says Africa Barn Caregiver Jessica, who joins fellow Husbandry and Veterinary professionals to use positive reinforcement with Flora, earning her trust and enthusiastic participation in her own care.

» Sanctuary Means Stability

Flora’s story is like many of the 28 elephants who have found safe haven and care at The Sanctuary in its 25-year history. Imported from Africa as a young calf, Flora spent two decades as the star of the namesake Circus Flora, founded by Broadway play producer David Balding in 1985. While Flora performed for audiences in the Midwest and along the East Coast, her owner considered that Flora deserved a different life.

The thoughtful decision made by David Balding to retire Flora to The Sanctuary in March 2004 — joining recent arrivals Tange and Zula — meant a new forever home with stability and the social benefits of a herd. But it is only through the generosity of **YOU** and our thousands of supporters worldwide that this former circus performer continues to live peacefully with the companionship of others of her species.



DEBBIE & RONNIE

» Sanctuary Means Security

The Elephant Sanctuary is a lush, 2,700-acre protected area where every shady spot, every mud wallow, and every trail is made available to the 11 elephants in our care. At The Sanctuary, we celebrate as our retired elephants thrive in this space dedicated to their well-being, including the soon-operational Elephant Health Care Center complex for observation and diagnostics. With immense freedom to explore, play, and also rest without external threats or demands, elephants at The Sanctuary are secure, in some cases for the first time in their lives. This is a place where Asian elephant Billie can lazily reach for a midday snack of branches and leaves while simultaneously splashing around shoulder-deep in a pond. In a nearby pasture, companions Debbie and Ronnie can leisurely stroll through the morning dew and take full advantage of their lifetime home.

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Provide stability, security, and community in the forms of:



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Canned pumpkin for elephant nutrition



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Ongoing fencing upgrades to keep elephants and staff safe

By partnering with 10 elephant welfare conservation organizations on the continents of South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia, we are supporting work to reduce threats to wild elephants and improve the welfare of captive elephants globally. Projects to which The Sanctuary contributes include caring for orphaned elephant calves in Botswana, tracking elephant herds and deploying an early warning system to prevent human-elephant conflict in India, expanding refuge for retired elephants in Brazil, and sponsoring Protected Contact training for zookeepers in Malaysia and China. Your 2020 investment in our work enhances the efforts of amazing organizations working for elephants worldwide.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP ENSURES OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE
FOR OUR CURRENT RESIDENTS AND THOSE TO COME.

» Sanctuary Means Community

Hohenwald, Tennessee may seem remote, but The Elephant Sanctuary founded here in 1995 values its connectedness to the global community. Our elephant residents have hailed from faraway places including Myanmar and Zimbabwe — forming lasting bonds with each other in nonfamilial herds — and supporters of our mission follow us from every state and many countries around the world. Remaining connected through Distance Learning sessions and our live-streaming, solar-powered EleCams, young people learn what they can do to make a better world for this keystone species. In 2019, more than 14,000 students linked up with our Education Team, and 2020 has offered additional opportunities to reach children and adults virtually with a slice of serenity and a call to action.



Despite the uncertainty this year, **YOU** continue providing for elephants and the world these incredibly intelligent and social beings inhabit. The Elephant Sanctuary staff and volunteers are so thankful to partner with you in this noble venture of providing stability, security, and community throughout our 25th anniversary year and beyond. On behalf of Flora, Tange, Sukari, Nosey, Shirley, Sissy, Tarra, Billie, Minnie, Debbie, and Ronnie — and elephants to come — we thank you for your contributions, the well-wishes you send, and your enthusiastic sharing of our work.

Sincerely,

Janice Zeitlin

Janice Zeitlin, CEO



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The Elephant Sanctuary has set aside unrestricted financial operational reserves of five times its budgeted expenses to ensure the lifetime care and safe haven for an undetermined number of elephants. Elephants have an expected life span of 50-70 years and The Sanctuary is committed to providing food, shelter, veterinary care, medicine, caregivers, property maintenance and security. Along with the public’s continuing support, these funds are needed to provide for the elephants currently in our care and those to come.

As a sanctuary accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the elephants’ 2,700-acre habitat is not open to the public.

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