

YOUR SUPPORT ENSURES A HOME FOR LIFE



NOSEY

On a sunny day in early 2021, African elephant Nosey was spotted grazing calmly by a pond in her habitat, searching out tasty morsels among the trees and then uprooting sweet grasses at the water's edge.

Caregivers delight in these moments, which are wonderfully common now, but unimaginable for this regal animal even just four years ago. **It is because of YOU, our supporters, that Nosey's life is drastically different in her Sanctuary home**, where she roams freely in her expansive habitat and expresses natural elephant behaviors, illustrating the transformative powers of rest and refuge. **It is only with your help that we stay prepared to grow our herd and provide safe haven to any elephant in need of lifetime care, while constantly caring for Nosey and our nine other residents in Middle Tennessee.**

Immediately after being taken from her native Zimbabwe in 1984 and transported to Florida at age two — with dozens of other calves sold to an individual in the U.S. after a culling of native herds — Nosey was sold and put to work in performance. She was the lone elephant in a small family circus from age four until the courts approved of her emergency transfer to The Elephant Sanctuary in November 2017, at age 35. Traveling, providing rides, and performing tricks was all Nosey knew, and these decades had taken a toll on her physical, social, and psychological well-being.

After Lawrence County Animal Control seized Nosey in Moulton, Alabama — where the elephant was reportedly chained by her legs in a horse trailer, without adequate food or water — she was transported to safety a couple hours' drive northwest to Hohenwald, Tennessee. There, with less than a day's notice, The Elephant Sanctuary staff took in Nosey and began the long process of her healing, while the legal battles over her custody continued in court. After successful legal battles, Lawrence County transferred custody to The Sanctuary. **And in December 2020, we announced that Nosey was finally, permanently, home for the holidays at The Elephant Sanctuary.**

Your support prepares us for the future

Providing necessary items such as:



\$25

One bag of Mazuri feed specially formulated for elephants



\$50

Fresh, restaurant-grade produce for elephant nutrition



\$100

Plumber's camera used for elephant dental exams



\$500

Two-way radio system for effective staff communication



\$1000

One week's supply of high-quality hay



MINNIE & RONNIE

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

» **Other elephants have come to us** at different times in their lives with different needs and for different reasons than Nosey, and they all receive the best lifetime care from our integrated staff, thanks to the dedication of our donors. We have recently celebrated 15 years with Asian elephants Billie, Ronnie, Debbie, and Minnie — all members of the “Hawthorn herd” with a history of tuberculosis and cramped, lonely living conditions as leased circus elephants up until their transfer to The Sanctuary in 2006. In early 2004, Tange was the first African elephant retired here in Tennessee after the Chehaw Wild Animal Park in Albany, Georgia — where she had lived since 1978, and even survived a record flood — thoughtfully closed its elephant exhibit. Together, Tange and her zoo companion, Zula, who was also imported to the U.S. as a young calf, explored The Elephant Sanctuary’s new Africa Habitat, relishing in mud baths and sleeping under the stars. Retired circus performer, Flora, joined them a short few weeks later.

Providing individualized veterinary and husbandry care for our Sanctuary residents of varied ages and backgrounds requires a constant coordination of resources — healthy foods, medicines, laser therapy, and the ongoing building of trust through Protected Contact management. Also, a full staff effort is **creating the ideal environment, enhancing our expertise, and remaining ready to welcome future elephant arrivals to this refuge.**

Our Facilities team clears trails, digs mud wallows, mends fencing, and expands gates for optimal elephant mobility and exploration of the vast acreage. Generous gifts from individuals and foundations made possible the construction of our state-of-the-art Elephant Health Care Center complex, which boasts an improved vet lab and a two-stall, solar-powered elephant barn with an adjacent 3.6-acre habitat.



This enclosure features reinforced steel fencing that can accommodate a bull elephant, or any of our female elephants who need close observation.

Whether opening our gates (and our hearts) to one elephant or many, The Sanctuary must remain prepared for what is next. Fortunately, as public sentiment evolves and owners of aging elephants seek the best place for their retirement, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee exists for this very purpose.

Please make a gift to support this preparedness for whatever and whoever marks the future of The Sanctuary! We, along with Nosey, Sissy, Tarra, Flora, Sukari, Tange, Billie, Ronnie, Debbie, and Minnie, so appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,

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.

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