Elephants are the keepers of ancient secrets,
for they walked the world when it was new.

Winkie & Sissy

the Elephant Sanctuary® in Tennessee

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The nation's premier natural-habitat refuge for endangered Asian and African elephants.

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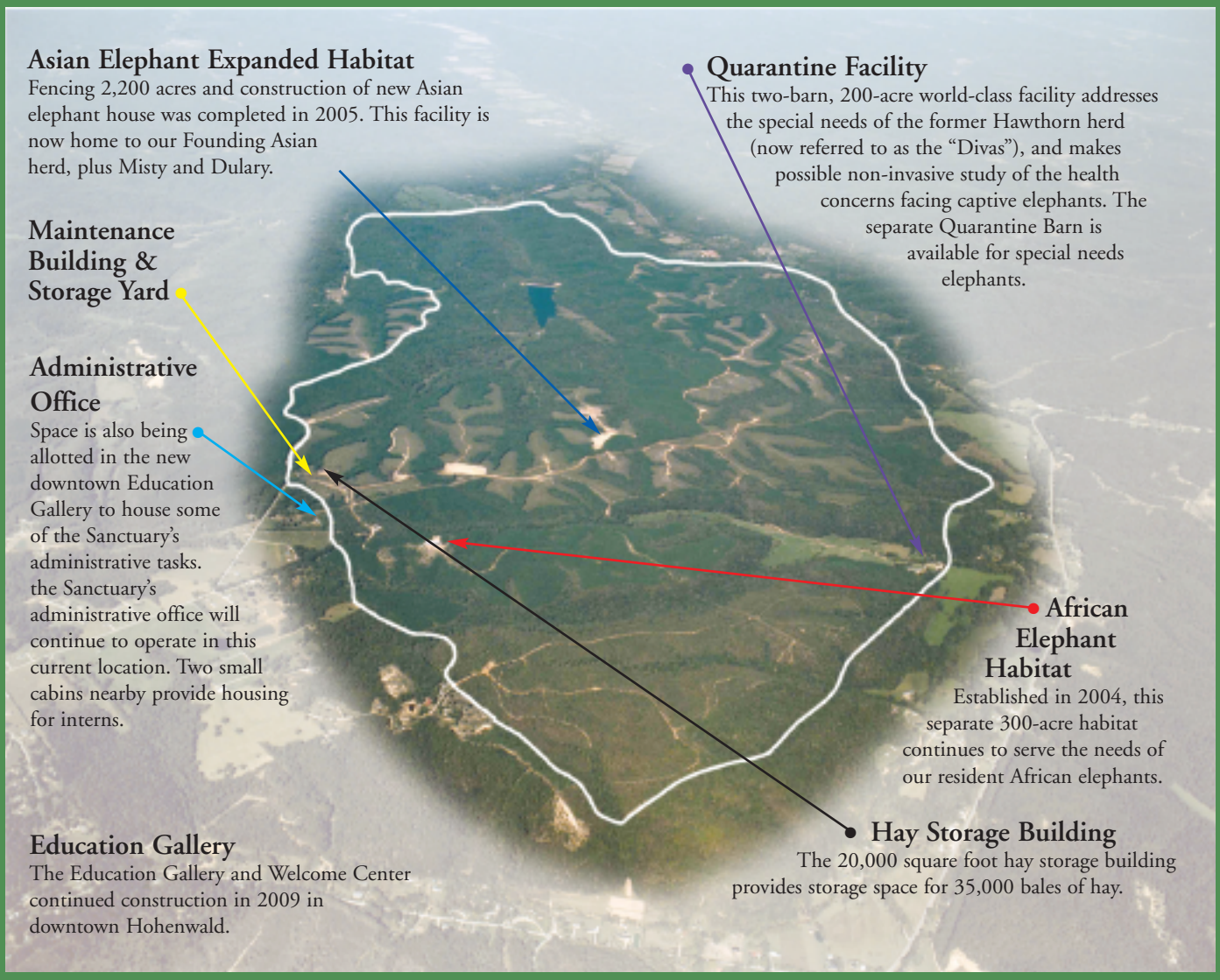
In 2009, The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

continued to focus on natural habitat infrastructure improvements, including additional fencing in the Quarantine Facility, and installation of more wells and automatic waterers throughout the habitats. Also, our downtown buildings for the upcoming Education Gallery received major renovations.



2,700-acre natural-habitat refuge for needy Asian and African elephants

Our mission is to:

- Provide a spacious and rich environment in which captive elephants can freely exercise their true nature, a place where they are treated with respect and minimal intrusion.
- Support non-invasive research; practice progressive methods of management and care of resident elephants.
- Share knowledge about captive elephants through education and consultation.
- Collaborate with organizations working to improve the conditions of all elephants worldwide.

To our Supporters and Friends, from the Board of Directors

The primary purpose of our message to you is to say a heartfelt "thank you" for your continuing faithful support. Your actions of support—whether in financial or other ways—speak loudly to your dedication to the elephants in the Sanctuary, and to captive elephants everywhere. You make it possible for the Sanctuary staff to provide care to the animals we all love. We are deeply grateful.

As 2009 ended and 2010 began, the Sanctuary reached the end of one era and the beginning of another, with co-founder Carol Buckley's departure from her role as President and Chief Executive Officer, and the launch of a search for a new CEO. Though no longer associated with the Sanctuary, Carol is continuing her work on behalf of captive elephants on a worldwide basis.

Co-founder Scott Blais continues as Vice President, with the responsibilities for the care of the Asian and African elephants as well as facilities development and upkeep within the Sanctuary's borders. We salute Scott for his tireless work to assure our elephants can be "just elephants" and enjoy the sanctuary they deserve.

We express our deep appreciation to two members whose service on the board ended in early 2010—Charles Trost, a prominent Nashville attorney who has worked in the Sanctuary's behalf for many years; and Leslie Pon Tell Schreiber, the former Co-Director of Ontario's Bowmanville Zoo who served as Secretary of the Corporation as part of her board duties.

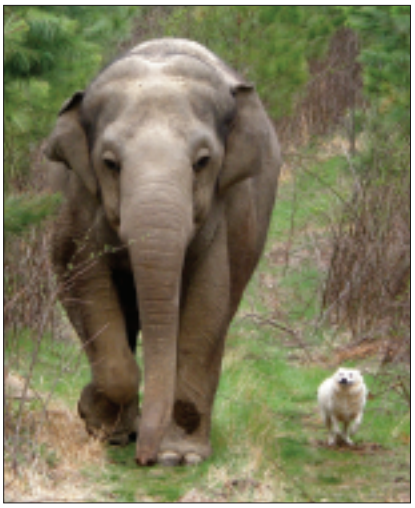
Also, since the beginning of 2010, we have been pleased to welcome two new board members—Richard G. Rhoda and Phillip R. Snyder. Richard is executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the coordinating body for the state's Board of Regents universities and the University of Tennessee system. Phillip has more than 35 years' experience in the animal care field, including director of two regional offices of The Humane Society of the United States. He currently is executive director of the Sun Coast Humane Society.

We are grateful as well for the many contributions of our interim CEO, Mary Baker, who was engaged through the Center for Non-Profit Management in Nashville, and who has a long history of volunteering at the Sanctuary in addition to her skill at leading us through a time of transition.

As we continue into 2010, we are absolutely dedicated to the mission of the Sanctuary and Our Girls, and remain inspired by the devotion that you have shown through your interest and support.

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee

Located in the gently rolling hills of middle Tennessee, The Elephant Sanctuary is the largest natural-habitat refuge of its kind designed specifically for Asian and African elephants. A landscape of seeded pastures, dense woodlands, a spring-fed lake, ponds and streams is now a haven for sick and needy elephants retired from zoos and circuses.



Thanks to CBS News, Tarra and Bella became overnight celebrities this year.

The Year In Review

In early January, *CBS News* aired a story about the unique friendship of Tarra and Bella, the mixed breed stray dog she adopted back in 2004. the Sanctuary and its supporters had grown accustomed to seeing our pachyderm/canine pair together for years in habitat photos, Ele-diary updates and on the ele-cam.

Shortly after the *CBS* broadcast of Tarra & Bella's story, our phones rang and emails started pouring in. It soon became the #1 watched video on the CBS News website. Simultaneously, the video went viral on YouTube, amplifying into millions of hits. We were completely taken aback by the public response to the newly discovered "Animal Odd Couple." By years end, Carol Buckley had written a children's book about Tarra and Bella, and their story appeared on the *Oprah* show, *National Geographic*, and was also featured in *People Magazine,* among others.

Completely oblivious to their rock stardom, Tarra and Bella continue to live their tranquil sanctuary life. While their seemingly mythical story continues to reach people around the world, there is no doubt that this friendship has a far more lasting legacy—raising awareness in those unfamiliar with the species that elephants have indeed an amazing capacity to love.

In the midst of this media frenzy, on January 11, we received some bad news. Zula had suddenly gone down in the African barn after returning from dinner and was struggling to rise. At only 34-years old, and by all appearances in excellent health, this was completely unexpected. Surrounded by her

Zula passed away on January 11, 2009. Nothing could have prepared us for her loss.

primary caregivers and veterinarians, every effort was made to relieve Zula's anxiety and encourage her relax so that she might regain her strength. Just as we were preparing the hydraulic lift to help assist her to her feet, Zula suddenly took her last breath. We were completely stunned.

Upon her necropsy we learned it was Zula's heart—a preexisting condition that resulted in acute circulatory collapse. Lovely, gentle and nurturing Zula; her loss left us all speechless. Zula was buried alongside a pine forest she used to visit frequently. For Tange, her best friend and lifetime comrade, our hearts broke all over again. It is never easy to witness an elephant grieve. We do what we can as caregivers to comfort them, but it's a process that ultimately they must bear alone. For Tange, thanks to the passage of time, Flora's companionship and a little daily encouragement from her caregivers, she came through it fine. Before long she was back to her mischievous self, some days heading out into the habitat in search of individual adventure, at other times choosing to spend the day wallowing in the mud with Flora.

This past year Flora has made some amazing personal progress. She has become more adventuresome in her habitat explorations and

exhibits more play behavior. Although Flora still has a tendency to request some time alone every now and then—which is always honored—she has worked through some of her past behavioral issues in very positive ways. She can still be more aggressive than Tange likes, but we give them time in separate areas when that's the case; then give them the option of joining back up later if they want.

In early May, a tired 57-year old Bunny lay down in one of her favorite areas of her habitat for a nap. We soon realized it would be for the last time.

Bunny had entertained several generations of adoring fans at the Meskar Park Zoo in Evansville, Indiana before she retired to the Sanctuary in 1999. Here, she had become fast friends with Shirley, Jenny and Tarra and was our first elephant to sleep out under the stars. Bunny's first days and weeks at the Sanctuary were accented by her constant and joyful trumpeting. You honestly could not have found a happier elephant on the planet. As Bunny explored all four corners of her habitat, she earned the nickname "Outdoor Girl." For nearly 10 years, Bunny truly enjoyed her independence and thrived on her sanctuary freedom.

Beautiful Bunny was our first elephant to die of old age. We will forever miss her joyful trumpets.

So it was fitting that Bunny chose her final resting spot in the midst of nature next to a rolling brook. Shirley and Tarra kept vigil nearby as we monitored Bunny's vitals to make sure she was not experiencing any pain or discomfort.

With a tarp constructed over her, we stayed with Bunny 24/7 for 12 days. With constant visits from her vet team to monitor her condition, the final moment of her passing was on the afternoon of May 14th. It was a very peaceful and a profoundly touching experience. Bunny, who became our first elephant to simply die of old age left us, immersed in nature and free.

In Bunny's final hours, we received another dreaded emergency call—this time, Ned had gone down. At only 22 years old, Ned's health had been touch and go since his arrival in late 2008. Soon after the USDA confiscated Ned from his previous owner, we placed him in our Phase 1 Quarantine barn and yard. Our hope was to help Ned regain his health and strength, so he could become one of the very first residents at a special bull sanctuary facility under construction in California.

We conducted countless tests to determine the cause for Ned's emaciated appearance and digestive issues, but our efforts proved inconclusive. Just when his vet team and caregivers thought they were running out of options, Ned would have a really good day again, offering us new hope. From the moment he arrived he captured our hearts, and supporters from all over the world would follow his online diary to leave messages of encouragement.

In the beginning, Ned's passing was nothing like Bunny's. He was evidently distraught and

in pain, and the energy he sent us caused us to take serious preliminary steps to end his suffering. But just as we came to that decision, suddenly Ned relaxed and let go of his anxieties. At the Sanctuary, as long as they are not experiencing pain, we strive to honor these dignified and magnificent creatures and support the natural dying process on their own terms, never at our convenience. We allow the elephants to guide us.

At 3:47 am, less than 12 hours after Bunny passed, Ned took his final breath in the company of his caregiver. He did not struggle. We felt cheated that we had only had the privilege of knowing and loving Ned for 5 months. The immense sorrow of losing two elephants within a 12-hour period was almost unbearable.

Ned's initial necropsy exam revealed he suffered a multitude of problems. The most obvious lay in his intestinal tract, which was seriously diseased with ulcers. Coupled with a diseased pancreas, it was evident that from the moment Ned arrived, his condition was terminal.

We buried Ned near Lota's gravesite, overlooking the Sanctuary valley where the Divas roam today. Bunny was laid to rest in a spot on a hill under one of her favorite trees, where Shirley and Tarra are often seen visiting.

While we are quick to channel our undivided attention to these elephants in their final days, of course we never lose sight of the fifteen treasures who are still dependent on our daily care. At least to the extent they will allow us to pamper them… as they are quite content to plan their own daily excursions into the habitats.

With her best friend Bunny gone, we saw a passive, vulnerable side to Shirley for the very first time. Now at 62 years old, we gave her some space to work through her grief, and finally began to worry less when we saw that Tarra was stepping up to help Shirley in her hour of need. Tarra, who used to enjoy her alone time with Bella and roving visits with others in the habitat, suddenly started giving up her personal adventures to stay with Shirley. It was a big breakthrough for Tarra—the youngest member of her Asian herd—who understands a little more each day what it's like to be an elephant within a family. With genuine compassion for

Ned left us within 12 hours of Bunny, testing our capacity for loss.

her friend and matriarch whom she greatly admires, Tarra now spends a lot more time with Shirley.

The other elephants in her herd are becoming closer to Shirley now, too—a big confidence booster for Winkie and a great thrill for Sissy. They are both doing wonderfully; spending most of their time in their own private paradise we call "Dr. Scott's." Sissy and Winkie remain devoted to one another and continue to go everywhere together.

Dulary and Misty, who usually prefer the adjacent yards and pond near the barn, expanded their habitat a little farther this year. Of course they have nearly 2000 acres and a lake at their disposal, but they seem intent on discovering it one inch a time! It is wonderful to watch them expand their comfort zone, and their friendship is pure bliss.

Even though the Divas have been with us for nearly 4 years, as a herd they are still a "work in progress." Minnie's bullying behavior and desire for dominance has made it difficult for all the other elephants to relax in her proximity except for Lottie. To address this, in 2009 we embarked on an extensive fencing project in the Phase 2 Quarantine habitat. The creation of multiple fields throughout their 200 acres with "Minnie-proof fencing" is certainly not what we had envisioned in the beginning, but we realized that this was going to be necessary for the harmony of this herd.

Finally having a secure space away from Minnie has greatly relieved the stress and worries of Debbie and Ronnie, as well as the Threesome of Billie, Frieda and

Liz. The separate fields and corrals give caregivers the flexibility to rotate the Girls into different areas ranging from 5 to 60 acres. Since time, space and security are vital to a successful transition of any elephant into sanctuary, our job is to not only provide these, but to adapt them if necessary in order for the elephants to feel more secure. We are hopeful that eventually Minnie will soften and be welcomed by the other members of her herd. In the meantime, we owe it to the other Girls to provide them a secure space so that they can enjoy their retirement years without having to worry about Minnie's whereabouts.

Lottie and Minnie continue to be inseparable friends, as are Debbie and Ronnie. They fully engage themselves in the habitat and have put their former circus lives far behind them. Frieda, Billie and Liz are much happier, too. Frieda's osteomyelitis in her front feet is a chronic condition we continue to treat, although we are unable to cure. But much like Delhi, Frieda refuses to let her handicap ruin her enthusiasm for life. Frieda still sings in the close company of her favorite sisters. Billie's breakthroughs are becoming more commonplace, too, as she learns to relax more every day. And spunky Liz is the embodiment of spirit in spite of her testing positive for TB. It is common to find these three friends taking turns watching over one another during nap times.

While the economy in 2009 may go down as the "great recession," we were blessed that so many of our supporters dug deep into their wallets to make sure our Girls were not forgotten. By year's end, although we did not see growth in the numbers of elephant residents in our care, we saw personal growth in every one of our elephants this year. Thanks to your support, we have the space to rescue and the capacity to love many, many more elephants, and we stand ready to accept others in need of sanctuary soon.

We are eternally grateful to all of you for taking this journey with us as we embark on our 15th year.

Education Gallery & Welcome Center

In 2009 with your support, we completed much of the work on the buildings in downtown Hohenwald, purchased in 2007 for construction of our Education Gallery. These buildings once slated for demolition are being given a new life as a public space to learn about elephants living in captivity and to provide much needed work space for our administrative staff. The completed facility will eventually feature educational exhibit areas, a multi-media theatre and a small gift shop for visitors to Middle Tennessee to hear the stories the Sanctuary elephants have to tell.

In the Spring, old block walls and rotted floors were demolished, roof deck and brick piers were repaired, the buildings were closed in and steel for roof support was added. Soon after, a new seamless, energy saving, reflective roof was installed; skylights to bring daylight to public and work areas were put in place; and a new brick rear facade replaced the old exterior.

In late summer, work began on the front façade of both buildings: cleaning the brick, replacing windows and doors, adding exterior lighting and painting the trim, working closely with the city's Historical Commission to preserve the character of Main Street. The City of Hohenwald gave us permission to remove and replace sidewalks to give handicap access to both buildings. At the same time, work continued on the interior as new electrical service and water and sewer lines were put in.

Using sustainable practices reflecting the philosophy of the Sanctuary, two wells were drilled on site to provide for geothermal heating and cooling systems for the buildings. When The Elephant Sanctuary's Education Gallery opens its doors, it will be one of the first LEED certified buildings (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) in the area.

Program Areas

Video teleconferencing continues in schools across the country.

Education

about elephants and the crisis they face is a critical component of The Elephant Sanctuary's mission. We reach millions of people annually through the internet, video teleconferencing, live streaming video, the media, and documentaries about our work. Sanctuary staff also conduct outreach education in the U.S. and overseas.

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Our award-winning web site provides a wealth of information about our work and the status of elephants around the world. In 2009, our web site received over a million unique visitors, and nearly 110 million hits. Maintaining a very high visibility on search engines such as Google, our site offers program descriptions and updates, downloadable educational materials, and links to current elephant welfare information. Our Ele-Cam uses live streaming video to provide an around-the-clock window into Sanctuary life, enabling visitors to observe the elephants without disturbing them. In 2009, our web cam received over 1 million hits, averaging 3000 views per day.

Volunteer Day Program

In 2009, hundreds of volunteers participated in our Volunteer Day Program. The Volunteer Day Program allows individuals and groups to be directly involved in the Sanctuary's growth while immersing themselves in an inspiring wilderness setting. Volunteers also assist in the administrative office and in our outreach education booth. the Sanctuary hosts several groups of college students who spend a week each Spring as part of their Alternative Spring Break program. Forgoing vacation time, these groups tackle projects both large and small and participate in a closing day informational session with Scott.

Students from Ohio State University

International Elephant Assistance

The Elephant Sanctuary's international focus continues to support programs that successfully benefit captive and wild elephants in their native lands.

Mobile Elephant Care Program

This year the Sanctuary continued its support of this highly successful Mobile Elephant Care Program in India. This collaborative effort was created by Dr. Christy Williams, elephant researcher, and The Elephant Sanctuary. It provides free medical treatment from a licensed veterinarian for elephants that would otherwise go without, and has proven to be extremely beneficial for captive elephants in need of routine or emergency medical care.

Accomplishments in 2009

During 2009, we were privileged to provide for the health and welfare of eighteen elephants. In addition to the elephant updates you've just read, we also want to share the following accomplishments:

Facilities

- Rebuilt 4000 feet of fencing in the Quarantine habitat, expanding the amount of habitat that is Minnie proof
- Renovated and automated gates inside the Quarantine barn for increased safety and flexibility
- Installed the 3 wells in the habitat
- Installed 6 stainless steel automatic watering troughs throughout the habitat
- Erected a 2400-square-foot workshop where the maintenance crew repairs 4-wheelers, trucks, tractors, general fabrication and services
- Constructed 5 safety watering stations in Asian habitat
- Completed a primary security residence for the main entrance off Darbytown Road

Research

- Added supply equipment for performing cytologies and hematocrits to our veterinary lab; processed blood draws in house while sending 27 samples to the lab for additional testing to closely monitor the health of our aging residents
- Continued with our extra serum banking project, allowing us to contribute samples to 6 research projects
- Collaborated in research for treatment of TB in elephants
- Used microscopic camera to consult with vets, via e-mail, on distinct microscopic findings
- Used digital radiographic equipment for foot examination of both healthy bones and those with osteomyelitis
- Collected behavioral data for comparison of wild and captive elephants
- Plotted GPS points on 4 different elephants, providing scientific evidence for research paper arguing that captive elephants will in fact use space if it is given to them
- Started running in-house urinalysis, using strip testing and microscopic examination
- Consulted with nutritionist to ensure proper dietary management, making some slight adjustments to diets
- Worked with a team of pathologists from the University of Georgia on the necropsies of Zula, Bunny, and Ned.
- Consulted with 3 veterinarians to develop and stock 2 formalized "emergency kits" and outlined a written protocol for downed elephants (these are imperative for fast response to crisis situations, not only bringing peace of mind knowing that they are ready, but providing the essential rapid response care)
- Provided microscopic evaluation of fecal samples; checking for correlation of certain visible features with parasitic presence
- Provided saliva samples for research project on detection of adult carriers of the herpes virus

Financial

- Received Charity Navigator's four star rating for 5th year in a row
- Met all BBB Wise Charity Standards

Staff

- Continued to work with a team of veterinarians to oversee treatment of elephants infected or exposed to tuberculosis
- Trained three caregiver apprentices
- Completed a third year consulting agreement with Susan Mikota, DVM, international expert for treatment of elephants with tuberculosis
- Worked with disease experts and state officials to manage risk posed by elephants with the human strain of tuberculosis

Awareness/Advocacy

- Provided online resource for elephant care and welfare issues
- Distributed two Sanctuary newsletters, 12 monthly electronic newsletters and our fourth year-end appeal
- Began construction on Education Gallery in restored building in Downtown Hohenwald
- Hosted teleconferences reaching over 1000 students during the school year.
- Posted 11 videos on our non-profit YouTube video channel
- Created outreach activities for October Elephant Awareness Month. Included programs in Lewis County Middle School, Lewis County High School and Centerville Elementary School. Also sponsored classes at Lewis County Elementary and Lewis County Intermediate Schools, presenting two programs and engaging students throughout the year
- Awarded two scholarships to Lewis County high school graduates who are pursuing higher education degrees in animal care
- Hosted 2 universities for spring break work weeks
- Supported our mission with over 2000 hours of volunteer labor, mending fences, clearing brush and reorganizing our storage building, while working directly with Sanctuary staff discussing the intricacies of elephant welfare and Sanctuary operation
- Partnered with the City of Hohenwald in drilling the geothermal wells for downtown buildings

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Accomplishments in 2009 (continued)

- Featured in/on *CBS Nightly News, Oprah, Ellen, People Magazine, National Geographic Channel, National Geographic Kids Magazine, Highlights for Children, cnn.com, Scientific American, Publishers Weekly, Scholastic Dynamath Magazine, Scholastic News, Parade.com, Vegetarian Times, NPR "Here and Now," Memphis Commercial Appeal, Evansville Courier Press, Tampa Bay.com, Wilmington News Journal, Columbus Dispatch, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Chattanooga Times Free Press, Wilmington News Journal, Tacoma News-Tribune, Sierra Sun, Seattle Times, Buffalo News, Chicago Parent, Denver Post, Parents Guide, Deseret News, Babble.com, Cover to Coverblogspot, Specktra.net, My Other Countryblogspot, A Distinctive World.net, Eric Zorn Chicago Tribune, Lewis County Herald, Dickson Herald, Second Chance Magazine, The News Tribune.com, Suite 101, Columbia Daily Herald, Dogs Life, Animal World, The Tennessean, American Way Magazine (American Airlines) WSMV, WRKN, WTVF, and WGVU. The Story of Tarra & Bella has been featured in hundreds of media articles and blogs worldwide. To date, "The Animal Odd Couple" has been viewed on YouTube well over five million times.*

With Sincere Thanks

Billie, Frieda & Liz

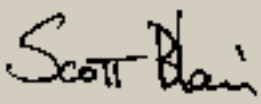
2009 proved to be another year of unprecedented lows and unanticipated highs. The winter was mild and spring rolled in quickly; despite the unexpected loss of Zula in January, after that everything appeared to be on course for a "quiet" year as we took time to catch up from our monumental expansion and growth.

Then, at the beginning of May with little warning, Bunny lay down and didn't make an effort to get back up. The next 12 days were dedicated to round-the-clock care, supporting our dear friend Bunny through hospice as she gracefully let herself travel into the next realm. Just a few hours later, sweet Ned, innocent and frail, took his final breath of sanctuary air.

All of these cherished souls left behind many tears of sadness, but there were even more memories of joy. If there is one thing that we have learned from our residents and from the elephant world is that you can't fight reality—the natural cycle of life and death will always reign. We have learned to embrace it, rejoice in life and honor death through our treasured memories and gaining insight from the lessons learned.

This year we owe even a deeper debt of gratitude to our supporters. In a time of economic hardship for our nation and around the globe, our supporters dug deeper into shallow wells, reminding us that you will be there to help support the Sanctuary when we need you most. This brings peace of mind and allows us to continue to focus on more ways to meet the growing needs of our residents and expand our global outreach to help preserve elephants in their native lands. It really does take a village. A sincere thank you!

Many Blessings and eternal gratitude,



2009 Corporate Officers & Directors

Carol Buckley is co-founder of The Elephant Sanctuary, and served as President and Chief Executive Officer from its founding in 1995 through 2009. She managed the care of the elephants in the quarantine facility, consulted internationally on elephant care and management, managed administrative staff, facilitated elephant acquisitions, and assisted in the development and implementation of educational programs and materials for the public. She is also a well-known speaker on elephant care and advocate for elephants in captivity.

Scott Blais is co-founder, Vice President and the primary caregiver for the Founding Herd of Asian elephants in the newly expanded habitat. Scott has been instrumental in the design and construction of the Sanctuary's continually expanding facilities. He also aids in the development and implementation of organizational policy, on-going staff training and public education.

Janice Zeitlin is Chairperson of the Board of Directors and serves as Board liaison for the Friends Council. In addition to her decade-long commitment to the Sanctuary, she is a volunteer for many community and professional organizations. She owns Zeitgeist Gallery and lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Charles Trost serves on the board of Directors. In addition to his multi-year commitment to the Sanctuary, he is a partner at the law firm Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, LLP in Nashville, Tennessee.

Leslie Pon Tell Schreiber is Secretary of the Corporation and serves on the Board of Directors. Before retiring, Leslie served as Co-Director of Ontario's Bowmanville Zoo and was the Instructor's Assistant Director of Moorpark College's Exotic Animal Training & Management Program. She lives in Tiburon, California.

Bunny & Shirley

Sandra Estes serves on the Board of Directors. A Hohenwald, Tennessee native, she is a Financial Service Representative for Regions Bank. In addition to her work on behalf of the Sanctuary, she is involved in many other community organizations including the Lewis County Education Foundation.

William Schaffner is Treasurer of the Corporation and serves on the Board of Directors. Dr. Schaffner is an infectious disease professor at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a notable consultant on public health policy and communicable disease control. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Summary of Financial Activities 2008

Public Support & Revenues		
Public Support		$5,340,214
Other Revenues		324,452
	Total Public Support and Revenue	**5,664,666**
Expenses & Losses		
Program Services		
Shelter and Care		1,583,002
Education		304,795
Research		66,585
Total Program Services		1,954,382
Supporting Services		
Management and General		164,478
Fundraising		88,3535
Total Supporting Services		252,831
	Total Expenses	**2,207,213**
Increase in Net Assets		3,457,453
Net Assets – beginning of year		14,587,732
Net Assets – end of year		**$18,045,185**

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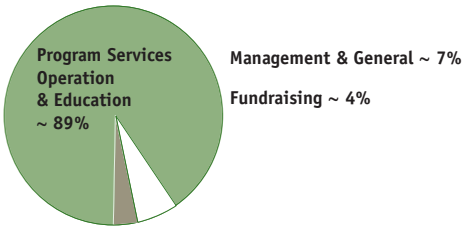
Expenses ~ based on 2008 audited financial records



For the fifth consecutive year, The Elephant Sanctuary has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities. Only 7% of the charities rated by Charity Navigator have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations, differentiating The Elephant Sanctuary from similar non-profit organizations in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. For more information, please visit charitynavigator.org.

Meets all 20 BBB Charity Standards:

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