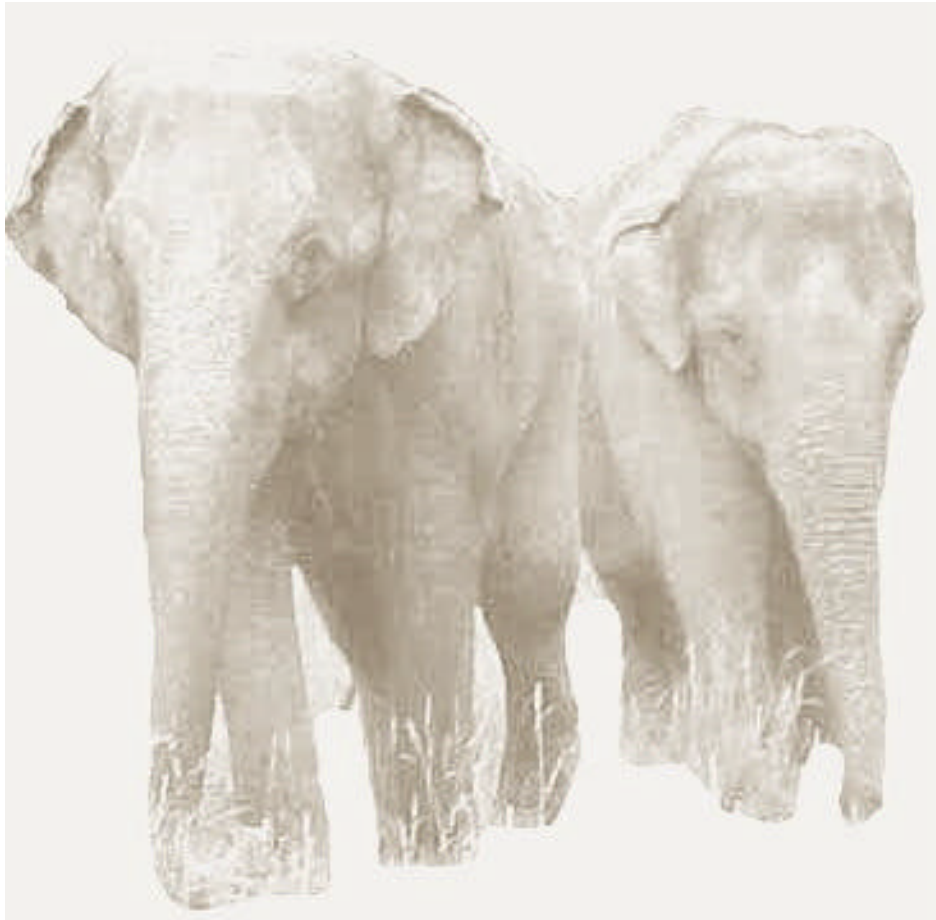


Elephants are the keepers of ancient secrets,  
for they walked the world when it was new.



# The Elephant Sanctuary

in Tennessee

Annual Report 2002

The nation's first natural-habitat refuge for  
endangered Asian elephants



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Expanded to 2,700 total acres in 2002

## Asian Elephant Habitat Expansion

Projected to be fenced by spring 2004, elephant house completion projected for spring 2005

## Education Center

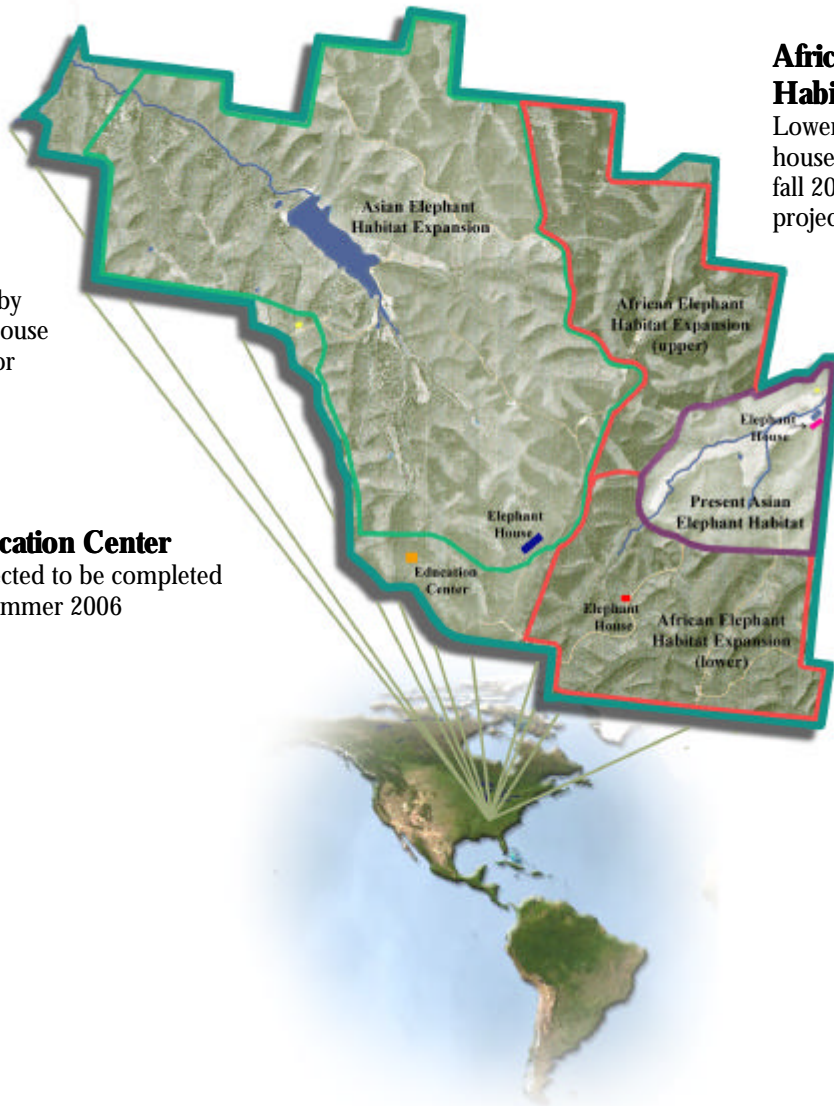
Projected to be completed by summer 2006

## African Elephant Habitat Expansion

Lower section fence and elephant house projected to be completed by fall 2003, upper section fencing projected for winter 2005

## Present Asian Elephant Habitat

Current home of the Sanctuary's six resident elephants



# The Elephant Sanctuary

## Message from the Director

People from all walks of life are fascinated with elephants. We cannot imagine a world without them. This is why we are desperate to make an impact on the current situations that threaten the welfare and existence of this ancient species.

The Sanctuary offers a space for captive elephants to discover their true nature, recover from an existence of neglect, and reconnect to the natural world. Through outreach programs we educate about the needs of captive elephants, provide veterinary care to hundreds of these out of work and neglected giants, and work to reclaim and preserve their wild homelands. Our goal is to empower people to make a difference. We strive to educate the masses as well as identify and act upon solutions to reestablish vital elephant habitat to ensure that this species can once more walk the earth in peace and dignity...free.

Sincerely,

*Carol Buckley*

Carol Buckley  
Co-Founder/Executive Director

*Located in the gently rolling hills of Middle Tennessee, The Elephant Sanctuary is the first natural-habitat refuge in America designed specifically for Asian elephants. A landscape of seeded pastures, dense woodlands, a spring-fed lake and ponds fed by year-round streams is now a haven for sick, old and needy elephants retired from zoos and circuses.*

## 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 and demonstrate progressive methods of management and care with resident elephants.
- Share knowledge about captive elephants through education and consultation.
- Collaborate with organizations working to improve the conditions of all elephants worldwide.

## Need for Sanctuary

In the wild, all elephant species are endangered. They are migratory animals, walking 30 to 50 miles each day. They live in complex social groups. They are remarkably intelligent and are actively engaged with each other and their environment. Currently there are about 600 elephants in the U.S. who have been taken from the wild to perform and live on dirt or concrete in zoos and circuses.

Despite their need for space, community and enrichment, captive elephants are frequently housed in unsuitable social groupings, in small pens, restrained by leg chains up to 18 hours a day. Many have been driven to the brink of madness by their confinement. Many have contracted life-threatening illnesses or sustained physical injuries from which they will never fully recover. A captive elephant's average lifespan is two to three decades shorter than that of its counterparts in the wild.



## Program Areas



## The Sanctuary

The Elephant Sanctuary currently occupies 222 fenced acres of woodlands and pasture in Tennessee. Six resident female Asian elephants are thriving on the property. To make room for up to 100 more, a significant expansion is underway that will increase the Sanctuary to 2,700 acres. Plans include fencing the entire perimeter, building support facilities throughout the new habitat and carving out a space to extend refuge to African elephants as well as Asians. Indigenous wildlife will benefit alongside the elephants since the woods will remain as they have been, except for the unlikely presence of silent giants.

**Education** about elephants and the crisis they face is a daily event at The Elephant Sanctuary.

We reach millions of people annually through the internet, videoconferencing, the media, and documentaries about our work. Sanctuary staff also conducts outreach education in the U.S. and overseas.

[www.elephants.com](http://www.elephants.com) offers program descriptions and updates, downloadable educational materials, access to *Our Girls* online store, and links to other important elephant welfare sites. A 24-hour live-feed via *Ele-Cam* is a window into the Sanctuary where visitors can observe without disturbing the elephants.



### **An All-Girls Club**

A matriarchal species, Asian elephants live in a female society. The females live their entire lives with their mothers and other female relatives. Young males remain with their mothers until they are weaned, at which time they are driven from the matriarchal herd. As males mature they become strictly solitary. In an effort to replicate a wild elephant's lifestyle, the Sanctuary limits refuge to female elephants. This reflection of the natural order aids the rescued elephants to recover from the debilitating effects of life in captivity.

**Live videoconferences** with schools, libraries and community centers around the world allow visitors to engage in interactive learning without disturbing the resident elephants. Carol Buckley, founder and Executive Director, leads each 45-minute conference. Participants learn a lot about elephants, including the fact that conditions in captivity rarely meet even their most basic needs. Questions are encouraged and each session concludes with an electronic field trip around the Sanctuary to observe elephants.

Participant schools are encouraged to use the Sanctuary's K-8<sup>th</sup> grade curricula, *Discover Elephants*, prior to their conferences to broaden their understanding of elephants and enrich their visit.





In 2001, Katy Payne and a team of scientists from Cornell University collected data at the Sanctuary on our elephants' auditory signals and footfalls to further her pioneering work on elephant communication.



Increasing **public awareness** of the plight of elephants in the world is at the core of The Elephant Sanctuary's education program. Our aim is to inform and connect people with opportunities to take action that will improve conditions for elephants in captivity and the wild.

## Non-invasive research

intended to contribute to the conservation of elephants is encouraged at the Sanctuary.

As the first of its kind, the Sanctuary offers a unique opportunity to explore and demonstrate alternative humane approaches for captive elephant care and management. *Passive Control*, a non-dominance management style, was developed here at the Sanctuary. The method allows people to care for elephants safely without the domination practices traditionally used in elephant management.

Documenting and sharing our discoveries with others involved in captive elephant care is an important objective for the Sanctuary.

## Consultation

 with other elephant

managers is a powerful tool bridging the Sanctuary's education and research programs.



# International Elephant Assistance

The Elephant Sanctuary supports several efforts benefiting captive and wild elephants in Asia.

## Asian Elephant Habitat Program

addresses the number one cause of the decline in elephant populations—loss of habitat. The goal is to slow habitat degradation and free available habitats from human disturbance so that elephants can lead normal lives. Strategies include teaching alternative job skills and helping people find housing other than in designated elephant habitat.

## Anti-poaching rangers

patrol Northern India's Corbett National Park to protect resident bull elephants from ivory poachers. The Sanctuary provides wages and supplies to support patrols.

**Helping People Help Wildlife** is our newest effort to understand the full complexity of habitat and explore the possibility of providing sanctuary for captive elephants overseas.

**Medical assistance** for elephants under human control is provided through Sanctuary support of two collaborative projects. ▼



- The Millennium Foundations' *Mobile Veterinary Unit* diagnoses and treats tuberculosis in captive elephants living in Sri Lanka.
- EcoSystems-India's *Captive Elephant Health Care Program* is a grassroots project offering free mobile medical care for out of work elephants affected by the logging industry shut-down in Northern India.

# Accomplishments

In 1995, The Elephant Sanctuary embarked on a journey to create a haven suitable for Asian elephants on what was originally a Tennessee cattle ranch and farm. Eight years later, the Sanctuary's 222-acre habitat supports six female Asian elephants who have developed strong social bonds and learned many natural behaviors they would have known in the wild. In addition to providing habitat, the Sanctuary's state-of-the-art facilities provide needed comfort, security and freedom for the elephants while offering an opportunity to demonstrate progressive methods of care and management.

## Land and Facilities

- Acquired 922 acres, complete with a 25-acre lake and caretaker residence, surrounded by an 1,800-acre buffer zone
- Constructed a double fencing system around the 222-acre elephant habitat (the fencing system is an inner steel elephant corral in combination with an outer 7' chain link "people" fence)
- Completed construction of the Phase I, 4-elephant barn
- Completed construction of the Phase II, 12-elephant barn
- Constructed a 6,000-square-foot hay barn
- Completed identification of all vegetation growing on Sanctuary property

## Education

- Joined Project DIANE, a live, interactive educational teleconferencing network: later helped expand its capability
- Provided educational outreach to thousands of schoolchildren on an annual basis nationally and internationally
- Established [www.elephants.com](http://www.elephants.com), an in-depth web site which reaches millions each year
- Provided live streaming video for observing elephants on the web site
- Designed *Discovering Elephants*, an extensive two-part curriculum for children, kindergarten through 8th grade

## Elephant Care

- Rescued seven endangered captive elephants
- Achieved membership in The Association of Sanctuaries
- Became licensed with the United States Department of Agriculture
- Became licensed with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
- Developed Passive Control, a non-dominance elephant management system

## Research

- Acoustical research on elephant communications conducted on site by Cornell University team, led by Katy Payne
- Ongoing research on elephant behavior and alternative medical treatments including chronic pain management and foot care

## Financial

- Established endowments for elephants that ensures their basic care into the future
- Conducted effective campaigns to fund facilities, including Raise the Roof, Acres for Elephants, and Elephant Corral

## Staff

- Implemented a year-round internship program
- Developed a five-member keeper staff

## Awareness/Public Relations

- Became recognized as an expert resource by the animal welfare community and animal regulatory agencies
- Received the 2001 National Genesis Award from The Ark Trust for leadership in improving lives of captive elephants
- Featured in the Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Seattle Times, Atlanta Journal, People, Parade, Redbook, and Southern Living; on Nature, Animal Planet, ABC Evening News, CBS World News Tonight, the BBC and PBS; and featured in the award-winning National Geographic documentary, The Urban Elephant



**Carol Buckley** is co-founder, President, and Executive Director of The Elephant Sanctuary. She helps to care for the six resident elephants, consults on elephant care and management, runs the Sanctuary's business office, organizes elephant acquisitions, and develops and implements educational programs for the public. She is a well-known speaker on elephant care.



**Scott Blais** is co-founder, Vice President, Facilities Director and the primary caretaker for the resident elephants at The Elephant Sanctuary. He directs operation of the natural-habitat refuge. Scott has been instrumental in the design and construction of the Sanctuary's new state-of-the-art elephant house and administrative office, as well as miles of Sanctuary fencing. He also aids in implementing public education.

**Hank Sherwood** serves as Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Council member. He is founder and retired CEO of the advertising agency, Gish, Sherwood & Friends, Inc. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

## Corporate Officers



## Directors



**Sandra Estes, Sr.** Loan Officer and Assistant to the President of Union Planters Bank serves as Director. She lives in Hohenwald, Tennessee.

**Leslie Schreiber**, retired Assistant Director of Ontario's Bowmanville Zoo and Moorpark College's Exotic Animal Management & Training Program serves as director. She lives in Tiburon, California.

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## Summary of Financial Activities 2001

Public Support & Revenues	
Public support	661,987
Other revenues	<u>90,347</u>
Total Public Support and Revenue	<u>752,334</u>
Expenses and Losses	
Program Services	<u>441,327</u>
Supporting Services	
Management and general	36,395
Fundraising	<u>13,215</u>
Total supporting services	<u>49,610</u>
Total Program and Supporting Services	490,937
Realized and Unrealized Gains and Losses on Investments	<u>14,598</u>
Total Expenses and Losses	<u>505,535</u>
Increase in Net Assets	246,799
Net Assets – beginning of year	<u>1,069,557</u>
Net Assets – end of year	<u>\$1,316,356</u>

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