

EXHIBITS

Did You See?

Rhinos on the move!



In late April, we transferred Johari a six-year-old female Eastern Black Rhinoceros to the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, Kansas. Juba, a four-year-old male, made the long trip to Africam Safari in Puebla, Mexico. Transfers such as these are crucial to the continued success of AZA Species Survival Plan® programs.

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Little Rock Zoo Announces Grand Opening of New Arkansas Heritage Farm



The Little Rock Zoo in Little Rock, Ark., announced the grand opening of the Arkansas Heritage Farm. The Zoo has partnered with Heifer International on this interactive and educational exhibit, where the public can pet, groom and feed animals in the farm with assistance of Zoo staff.

The opening featured a Heifer International "Passing on the Gift" ceremony, an event integral to the organization's field work, during which Heifer officially handed off the livestock it donated to the exhibit, which focuses on sustainable farming and how farm animals can provide life-changing benefits to farming families.

The Arkansas Heritage Farm features fun, interactive play graphics that educate the public about Arkansas agriculture. The exhibit includes common farm animals, as well as interesting heritage breed species such as Katahdin sheep, blackbelly sheep and various breeds of heritage chickens and turkeys. The exhibit will also feature geese, African pygmy goats,

miniature donkeys and dwarf miniature horses.

In addition to the animals, Heifer International provided support for the exhibit by donating a chicken tractor, educational graphics and other educational materials for the Farm. The chicken tractor displays a sustainable method of farming where a moveable chicken coop with no hard surface flooring is moved around to provide aeration and manure in specific farm areas. Chicken tractors are now found on large farms, as well as in residential backyards.

Heifer International has also donated graphics to the Zoo that will educate the public about Heifer's mission and the "Seven Ms." The "Seven Ms" explain how an animal can be a catalyst for change: milk, manure, meat, muscle, money, materials and motivation. The "Seven Ms" are used frequently by Heifer to illustrate its core mission and use of animals in international philanthropic endeavors to end hunger and poverty.

Heifer International and the Zoo will also develop educational programs and

materials that can be used in classrooms and as part of Zoo education outreach efforts. This ongoing partnership will provide resources for the Zoo to assist with its conservation education mission.

The new exhibit overhauls the old Children's Farm area of the Zoo and includes a big red barn, smaller barn and chicken coop. Also included is a new playground with equipment suitable for persons with disabilities. A fun feature of the playground is a slide built into the side of a two-story silo.

The new Farm is funded from the 3/8-Cent LRCENT tax for capital projects passed in 2011, along with private donations and a grant from the State of Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grants Program. Sponsors of the exhibit include Hiland Dairy, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Milk Stabilization Board, the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District and several individual donations from the public gifted through the Arkansas Zoological Foundation.