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Two Miracle Moms

First Steps To Saving The Northern White Rhino

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Victoria and Amani spend their days nibbling on hay, hanging with their friends, and being spoiled with behind-the-ear scratches from their favorite keepers. They might seem like ordinary rhinos, but these two gentle giants are our superheroes—and they’re helping to bring their cousins back from the brink of extinction.



A few years ago, on a crisp Thursday night in November, several trucks pulled up to a nondescript building at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. They had a special delivery. Six female southern white rhinos, including Victoria and Amani, had been rescued from Africa, where three rhinos are killed every day. One of the “girls,” Wallis, even arrived with a bullet lodged in her side—the result of a failed poaching attempt. Fortunately, Wallis made a full recovery. But

Edward, the 186th rhino born at the Safari Park, and the first by artificial insemination in North America.

the scar left behind is a constant reminder of the lives that are at stake.

Rhino populations have been devastated by decades of rampant poaching. They’re killed for their horn because of its supposed medical benefits. But rhino horn has no healing powers. It’s made of keratin, the same as your hair and fingernails. While all rhino species are in trouble because of this poaching crisis, the northern white rhino has suffered worst of all. Only two remain on Earth, and neither is able to breed. Now, the best hope for saving the northern white rhino is our surrogacy program at the Nikita Kahn

Rhino Rescue Center at the Safari Park. That’s where you and our supermoms come in.

Thanks to generous donations from friends like you, Victoria was the first rhino in San Diego Zoo Global’s 103-year history to become pregnant by artificial insemination. Amani soon followed. Their landmark pregnancies mean the science is working, and hope for the northern white rhino is at our fingertips.

We are thrilled to share that on July 28, 2019, Victoria gave birth to a male calf. Named Edward, this little boy is living proof that friends like you make hope possible. **Z**

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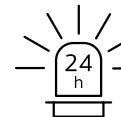
As we celebrate Edward’s birth and eagerly await the arrival of Amani’s calf, we could not be more grateful for friends like you. You can truly make miracles happen. Will you join us today to keep these lifesaving efforts going?



Your gift of \$50 could fund the Rhino Rescue Center for one hour, allowing these critical conservation efforts to continue.



Your gift of \$250 could provide prenatal care like ultrasounds for our moms-to-be.



Your gift of \$1,200 could run the Rhino Rescue Center for an entire day.

For gifts of \$1,200 or more, your name (or that of a loved one) will be listed on the San Diego Zoo Global Annual Conservation Recognition Plaque, displayed at the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park from Spring 2020 to Spring 2021.

To join us, visit endextinction.org/rhinos.



Victoria and Amani, two of our miracle moms at the Nikita Kahn Rhino Rescue Center.