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Nikita Kahn Rhino Rescue Center

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Our six southern white rhinos are the best hope for saving the northern white rhino.

As a young girl growing up in Ukraine, Nikita Kahn fell in love with animals at an early age. Like many of us, her dogs, cats, and even her grandmother's farm animals were among her best friends. "Animals are innocent and beautiful," she shared. "They bring happiness to our lives every day, and some of my best friends are animals." Today, as an animal advocate, one of her newest friends is a 2,861-pound southern white rhinoceros named after her!

Nikita the rhino, along with five of her gal pals, arrived at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park last November as part of San Diego Zoo Global's efforts to save their cousin, the northern white rhino. A year ago there were five northern white rhinos left on our planet, but with the passing of Nabire last July, and our beloved Nola last November, today only three remain on Earth.



en route from South Africa to join the rescue effort.

The Nikita Kahn Rhino Rescue Center officially opened on May 18, 2016, and Nikita and other top-level donors welcomed the rhino residents to California. Nikita's vision for the Rhino Rescue Center was clear: **"We hope to save the northern white rhino from extinction. I'm so very proud to be a part of this important effort to save these majestic animals."**

At this one-of-a-kind safe haven, San Diego Zoo Global scientists, veterinarians, and animal care staff will partner with others from around the globe to discover alterna-

tive methods of assisted reproduction and create the cutting-edge technology that will be necessary to save the northern white rhino from extinction.

Our battle to save Nola's species will be challenging. In fact, many of the techniques we are developing have never been attempted, much less used successfully! But as an

organization on the forefront of saving species, we know that with the generous support of newfound friends like Nikita, and countless others like you, we can save these iconic animals so that Nola's family will be here to meet your family for generations to come. **■**

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"We all came into this world with a responsibility to protect and preserve the planet that we inherited and pass it on undiminished to future generations."

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Number of rhinos killed every day

Rhinos like Nola and Nikita are disappearing at an alarming rate. San Diego Zoo Global is leading the fight to save these critically endangered species—but we need your help! Become part of this revolutionary effort to save them and learn more about this state-of-the-art center dedicated to rhinos by visiting sandiegozoo.org/rhinos.