



DEAR FRIENDS,

Over these past months, we have felt the strength of this community in extraordinary ways. The passing of Dr. Jane Goodall brought sorrow to so many of us, yet the compassion you shared carried our teams through this moment. Your memories, reflections, and steady messages of hope reminded us that Jane's spirit lives on in everyone who chooses to care and act.

You showed us that we are not alone. You reminded us how deeply Jane touches your lives and your sense of what is possible. For that, we are profoundly grateful.

Your generosity is what keeps the Jane Goodall Institute USA strong, united, and moving forward with clarity. Across our Africa programming countries and the United States, our teams continue to advance the work Jane believed in so fiercely. You are helping expand scientific

tools that strengthen conservation decisions. You are providing comfort and care to rescued wildlife who rely on us. And you are giving young people the chance to turn their ideas into meaningful action.

You are not only honoring Jane's vision. You are carrying it forward, ensuring that hope grows even in a time of loss.

Thank you for standing with us, trusting us, and continuing to believe in this mission. Together, we will move into the year ahead with purpose, compassion, and the determination that defined Jane's life. 🤝

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Rathmann'.

Anna Rathmann
Executive Director
Jane Goodall Institute USA



Jane's Final Chapter of Hope

Jane's final weeks were filled with the same energy, curiosity, and compassion that shaped her entire life. As Jane traveled from city to city, she met young changemakers, connected with animals, and shared her message of hope with sold-out audiences. These moments reflect the mission that continues through each of us and the future Jane believed we will continue building together.



Inspiring Hope in the Next Generation

JANE SPENT JOYFUL DAYS WITH YOUNG changemakers in Chicago and Detroit. At Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, she helped launch the Roots & Shoots Chicago Basecamp and celebrated youth action with students, educators, and community members. In Detroit, Jane met 4th-6th graders at Pages Bookshop, owned by a Roots & Shoots alumnus. Each child left with a book and new inspiration. Jane often said that the power of young people was her greatest reason for hope, and her smile in these photos says everything. She knew our future is in good hands.



Connecting with Wildlife

JANE'S LOVE FOR ANIMALS was everlasting, and she spent meaningful time with the beings she cared for most. At the Lincoln Park Zoo, Jane shared a quiet moment with rescued chimpanzees, then smiled as giraffes stretched their necks toward her in Texas. Jane's gentle touch and radiant joy offered a powerful reminder of her lifelong bond with animals. This connection remains at the heart of her legacy and continues to inspire our shared responsibility to protect every species.



Spreading Her Message of Hope

RIGHT UP TO THE END of her remarkable life, Jane never stopped speaking out and sharing her message of hope. Jane addressed sold-out audiences in Austin, Chicago, and Detroit, and sat for a heartfelt conversation with Austin PBS, bringing the same passion and clarity that inspired millions for more than six decades. Jane reminded us that hope is not passive. It is something we create through action, compassion, and courage. Wherever Jane went, her message remained steady and true: Every individual has the power to make a difference.



Advocating for Our Planet

JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE HER PASSING, Jane participated in *Climate Week NYC*, speaking at events with *Forbes*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, and *Planetary Guardians*. Between appearances, she climbed into a pedicab to reach her next meeting — a joyful reminder of her unstoppable spirit. Jane never stopped working toward a sustainable future. Her dedication, energy, and optimism inspired all who crossed her path and continue to guide us.



Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Spotlight:

ACO'S FIRST STEPS TOWARD HOPE

WHEN TINY ACO ARRIVED AT JGI'S TCHIMPOUNGA SANCTUARY earlier this year, he clung tightly to JGI's Dr. Rebeca Atencia after facing an uncertain future and a long journey across borders. He found comfort in the person who brought him to safety.

Like too many rescued chimpanzees, Aco's story began with loss. Likely born in March, he was taken from the forest in Equatorial Guinea. A local woman cared for Aco as best she could after receiving him from her employer. But without a family of chimpanzees or proper support, his future was fragile.

With help from partners and donors like you, JGI helped change that future.

Our collaboration with partner organizations and governments ensured Aco's safe arrival to Tchimpounga sanctuary.

Today, Aco is under the 24-hour care of his surrogate caretaker, Christelle, at Tchimpounga. He is cautious yet curious as he slowly learns to trust and explore his new surroundings. Soon, he will meet other young chimpanzees and begin building the skills and social bonds he will rely on throughout his life. Your support has transformed Aco's story from one of loss to one of hope. He is no longer alone. He is beginning a new chapter surrounded by care and protection. 🤝



Together, we coordinated one of the first recorded chimpanzee rescues in Equatorial Guinea and the first successful cross-border transfer from Equatorial Guinea to the Republic of the Congo.

Tchimpounga Caretaker Spotlight:

ALIE ITOU QUEFAIRE

AT JGI'S TCHIMPOUNGA SANCTUARY, the remarkable care our rescued wildlife receive is made possible by the dedication of caregivers who understand each individual's needs. One of these exceptional team members is Alie Itou Quefaire, based on Ngombe Island, one of the sanctuary's three forested islands.

Alie quickly became known for his steady presence and attention to detail. During daily feedings from the shore, he watches closely to be sure every chimpanzee receives their share. His calm approach and sensitivity help create an environment where chimpanzees feel secure, respected, and supported as they heal from past trauma.

Colleagues often point to Alie's ever-present smile and quiet confidence as qualities that strengthen the environment of care on Ngombe Island. Alie's work reflects the values that define Tchimpounga — compassion and respect for every wild animal entrusted to us. Your support ensures dedicated caregivers like Alie continue to provide rescued wildlife with the safe, nurturing lives they deserve. 🤝



Sometimes an Animal Chooses You

REFLECTIONS FROM JGI USA BOARD MEMBER SCOTT ATKINSON

YOU CAN BELIEVE IN SOMETHING for years and then one moment makes you feel it in your soul. That is what happened to me at Tchimpounga.

A group of us were visiting a young chimpanzee at the sanctuary named Patricia. Recently rescued after a traumatic kidnapping, this was her first time outdoors again. I watched her absorb the sunlight, open sky, and solid ground beneath her feet. With explicit guidance, caregivers invited us to gently approach. Others tried, but she hesitated. Then I knelt and extended my hand. She kissed it.

In that instant, something shifted. I felt my late grandmother, Patricia, with me. The woman who first took me to the Bronx Zoo and sparked my love for animals. I was overcome with emotion. Sometimes an animal chooses you. Sometimes the connection defies explanation.

That experience changed how I see JGI's work. At Tchimpounga, I saw extraordinary compassion. Caregivers tending to a paralyzed chimpanzee, children proudly removing plastic from local beaches, and grey parrots released back into the wild.

What struck me most was the scale of impact. Not just for chimpanzees, but for people, landscapes, and countless species. I left more committed than ever. When you witness the way one small animal can crack your heart wide open, you understand that saving them also saves something within us. 🤝

Note: JGI's Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center is not open to the public. As part of our commitment to the well-being of the animals in our care, access is limited to essential personnel and staff.





“You didn’t just help us protect our forests. You changed my life.”

Hamis Mlondela, Village Forest Monitor

Village Forest Monitor Profile:

HAMIS MLONDELA

TWENTY YEARS AGO, Hamis Mlondela was selected by his village government of Kagunga to patrol and protect the surrounding forests. Back then, he walked the rugged terrain alone, recording threats and his observations with pen and paper.

Today, thanks to your support and the ongoing efforts of the Jane Goodall Institute, Hamis leads a team using cutting-edge mobile and satellite technology to monitor and protect the forests more effectively and efficiently.

“I remember starting in the Village Forest Monitor program in 2005,” Hamis told Dr. Lilian Pintea, JGI USA’s VP of Conservation Science,



Then and now: (Top Image) Dr. Lilian Pintea trains village forest monitors in 2005, including Hamis Mlondela. (Bottom Image) Today, Hamis (left) and Lilian (middle) reunite 20 years later.

who first trained Hamis and 15 others to use GPS tools. “For years, I was the only one in my village doing this work. Now, I have a fellow forest monitor, and we’re part of the new Village Natural Resource Committee, learning new tools we can use to protect our forests.”

JGI’s support has transformed more than Hamis’ work. It has shaped his family’s future. His son is now studying ecotourism in Dodoma, inspired by his father’s commitment to conservation. Hamis himself recently purchased land where he plans to restore native trees.

Hamis now stands at the center of a growing movement — one built on local leadership, trust, and hope. 🤝

From Roots & Shoots Student to Conservation Leader

MICHAEL JURUA, CONSERVATION SCIENCE MANAGER, JGI UGANDA + FORMER ROOTS & SHOOTS MEMBER

WHEN MICHAEL JURUA FIRST JOINED ROOTS & SHOOTS IN THIRD GRADE, he could not have imagined that one day he would stand on stage receiving Uganda’s Wildlife Digital Innovations Award. Yet this year, Michael was honored by Uganda’s Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife, and Antiquities for his groundbreaking use of technology in conservation.

Today, Michael serves as JGI Uganda’s Conservation Science Manager, where he integrates geospatial technology and artificial intelligence into efforts to

protect chimpanzees and forests. He has trained more than 165 community conservation monitors in real-time forest monitoring, pioneered new methods for estimating carbon stocks in the Budongo Forest, and applied machine learning to detect deforestation before it spreads. His leadership ensures that communities have the tools and data they need to safeguard habitats in the highly biodiverse Albertine Rift.

Michael credits Roots & Shoots with sparking his passion: “My achievements demonstrate the program’s success in inspiring youth to become active agents of change in conservation and community development.”

Because of donors like you, Roots & Shoots continues to nurture the next generation of leaders — young people who will go on to transform communities, protect wildlife, and shape a more sustainable future. Michael’s journey is proof of what your support makes possible. 🤝



Start the Year with a Plan That Reflects Your Values

A NEW YEAR INVITES REFLECTION ON WHAT MATTERS MOST and how we want to be remembered by people we care about. Many of us intend to create or update our estate plans, yet it’s easy for this important task to slip down the list.

Taking a few minutes now can bring clarity for you and peace of mind for your loved ones. It also creates an opportunity to support the work that inspires you. To make the process simple and free, we encourage you to use JGI USA’s complimentary online tool, Giving Docs, at [GivingDocs.org/JGI](https://givingdocs.org/JGI) to help you create or update your will in just a few steps. Start the year grounded in purpose. Your planning today can help strengthen the future you believe in.

Turning Data into Action at Gombe

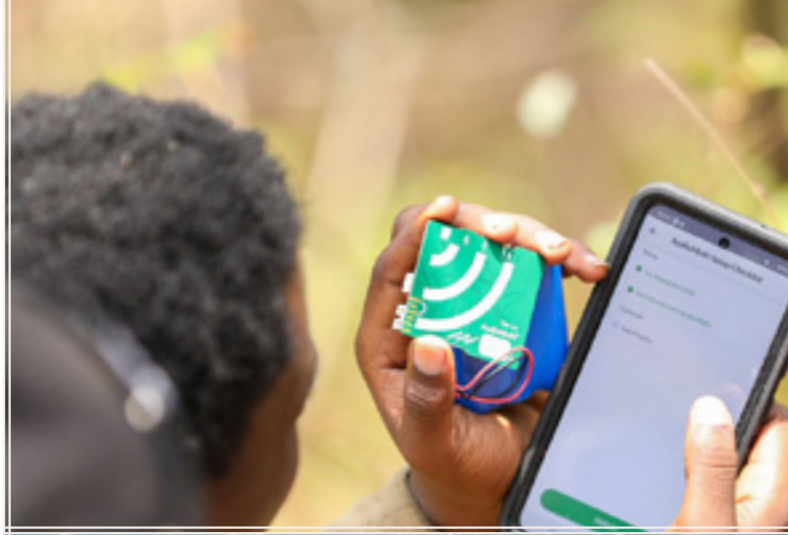
FOR 65 YEARS, GOMBE NATIONAL PARK HAS BEEN A PLACE OF DISCOVERY. This is where Dr. Jane Goodall observed David Greybeard using a tool for the first time and changed how the world understood animals and intelligence. She began this work with handwritten field notes, daily observations, and a commitment to understanding the lives of individual chimpanzees. Today, JGI is taking this research into a new era by integrating artificial intelligence tools that will unlock new insights from the remarkable scientific record created at Gombe Stream Research Center.

JGI has spent years digitizing and organizing decades of handwritten notes, photographs, video footage, satellite maps, and bioacoustics recordings. This is the foundation for a new AI-driven system that will analyze these materials in ways that were previously impossible. With the help from our technology partners, we are creating tools that can automatically recognize individual chimpanzees across historic images, detect key behaviors in old footage, and connect this information to habitat data collected through satellites and bioacoustic sensors.

This work will allow researchers to understand long-term patterns in chimpanzee behavior and habitat use, spot potential threats earlier, and make faster, more informed conservation decisions.

It will also help JGI deliver clearer, more accessible data to the field researchers, forest monitors, and community leaders who work every day to protect forests surrounding Gombe.

Your support is making this next stage possible. By helping JGI build systems that will connect decades of research into one powerful platform, you are giving conservation teams the tools they need to protect chimpanzees, strengthen community-led conservation, and carry Jane's vision forward far into the future. 🤝



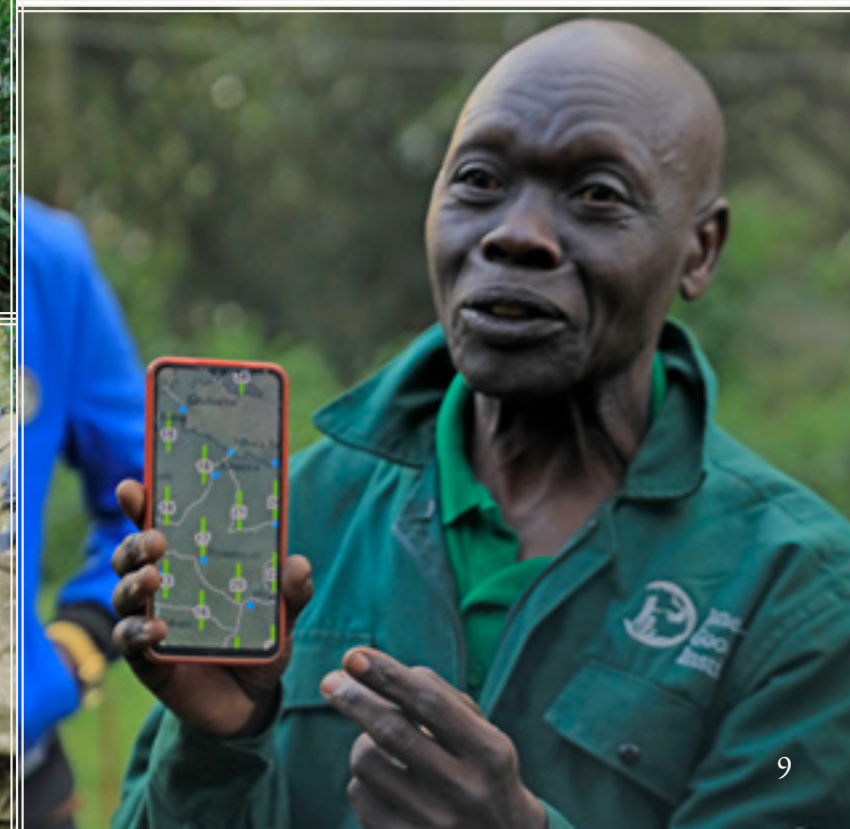
Informing Chimpanzee Conservation in Bwindi

LAST YEAR, THE JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE launched the first-ever comprehensive survey of Eastern Chimpanzees in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. This groundbreaking census brings much-needed attention to a species alongside the conservation needs of Mountain Gorillas, who also inhabit the park. By gathering crucial baseline data, the survey provides invaluable insights that will help shape future conservation strategies.

The findings will not only guide efforts to protect chimpanzees but also work to reduce human-wildlife conflict and raise public awareness about the chimpanzee's vital role in maintaining the health of Bwindi's ecosystem. As part of Uganda's National Chimpanzee Conservation Strategy, adopted in 2023 through JGI's leadership, this survey represents a pivotal next step toward ensuring that chimpanzees are prioritized in conservation efforts.

With your support, this essential work will help secure a future where chimpanzees, alongside other endangered species, thrive — ensuring the long-term health of Bwindi's remarkable ecosystem. 🤝

Combining Uganda's park ranger expertise with JGI's modern technology, we are leading the first comprehensive survey of Eastern chimpanzees in Bwindi to guide long-term protection.



Carrying Hope Forward

Across the world, JGI chapters and Roots & Shoots groups came together to celebrate Jane's life and reaffirm the mission she shared with all of us. These gatherings reflect a deep sense of unity, gratitude, and continuity. From tree plantings and school ceremonies to national memorials and community reflections, each tribute honors Jane's spirit and strengthens our shared commitment to carrying her work forward.

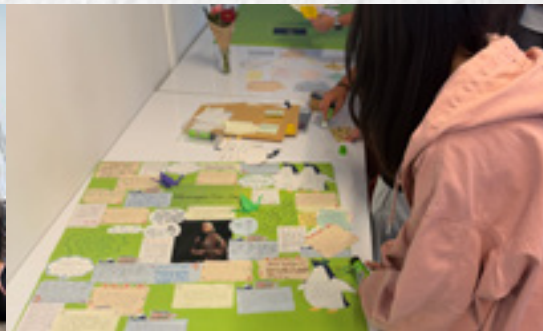


CHICAGO, USA

Our Roots & Shoots USA Chicago Basecamp hosted a reflective gathering filled with storytelling, litter clean-up, and a peaceful walk with families and their dogs. Participants listened to memories of Jane, enjoyed a Native American flute performance, and met local adoptable dogs.

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA

A celebration of life was held at the Washington National Cathedral with Jane's family, supporters, and partners. Her grandchildren, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Dr. Francis Collins shared heartfelt tributes. The service opened with a 20-dog salute and concluded with a youth choir and a soaring peace dove puppet that honored Jane's message of peace and hope.



YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

Students at Yokohama International School held a ceremony focused on writing personal messages to Jane. Many students joined Roots & Shoots for the first time during this gathering and as their first project, they are now planning a tree planting on their campus in Jane's honor.

NYAMATA, RWANDA

Roots & Shoots Rwanda, Dream Village partners, and members of the community gathered at the home of Jane's son, Hugo (fondly known as 'Grub'), for a moving ceremony. The gathering included heartfelt messages from Roots & Shoots leadership, reflections from Hugo, writing of personal notes in a memory book, and the planting of a tree.



BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Community members gathered around an oak tree planted in Városmajor park dedicated to Jane. The ceremony created a peaceful space for reflection beneath the branches of a tree that now stands as a living tribute to Jane's legacy.

KIGOMA, DAR ES SALAAM, AND ARUSHA, TANZANIA

In Kigoma, Dar es Salaam, and Arusha JGI placed condolence books in places of significance to Jane where community members, local leaders, researchers, and friends visited to reflect on their bonds formed and express their gratitude during her decades of work in Tanzania.

Other Ways to Give

At the Jane Goodall Institute USA, planned giving offers a powerful way to leave a lasting legacy while supporting the conservation work you believe in. Your commitment ensures a future where wildlife thrives, communities prosper, and the values we share continue to inspire change for generations to come.

Will or Trust:

You can include a gift to JGI USA in your will or trust, ensuring that your legacy supports our work for years to come.

Beneficiary Designation:

Designating JGI USA as a beneficiary of your retirement accounts or life insurance policy helps fund conservation efforts without affecting your assets today.

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If you're 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA to JGI USA.

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Donating appreciated securities is a tax-efficient way to support JGI USA, allowing you to avoid capital gains taxes while making a significant contribution.

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A CGA allows you to make a gift while receiving fixed payments for life. It's a great way to ensure both your financial security and support for JGI USA's work.

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