

THE PANT HOOT

A special update for our supporter family.

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Dr. Goodall meeting with Ambassador Jan Sadek, head of the European Union delegation to Uganda and Mrs. Doreen Katusiime, Uganda's permanent secretary Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities.

Dr. Goodall's August visit to Uganda demonstrated the important role of environmental diplomacy in building common ground for people, other animals, and the planet. We are grateful to our many collaborators in Uganda, such as the Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust, which celebrates 25 years of its Ngamba Island sanctuary this year. This sanctuary provides best-in-class care to orphaned chimpanzees, manifesting Dr. Goodall's goals for long-term, innovative, compassionate care for animals.

Longstanding partnerships with NGOs and the government of Uganda are always helping us to pave the way to improved well-being for all living beings and the planet,

including with Uganda's Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife, and Antiquities; Uganda National Forestry Authority; Uganda Wildlife Authority; Uganda Wildlife Education Center; Wildlife Conservation Society, the Uganda Biodiversity Fund, and many more.

The August trip also offered the chance to celebrate the launch of the Uganda National Chimpanzee Conservation strategy. H.E. Jan Sadek, Ambassador of the European Union to Uganda, hosted the event announcement, which also featured JGI USA's Executive Director Anna Rathmann. Both underscored the essential nature of these active, committed partnerships and the rewards they reap in forging pathways toward shared values and unified actions.

JGI AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

At the International Congress for Conservation Biology conference in Rwanda in July, staff across the JGI Africa Programs gathered with friends and colleagues to present on our thought leadership and programs in the landscape. Making a big impact were presentations and conversations on

- composting for conservation social science campaign in Western Tanzania, with partners Impact by Design, Inc.
- our ongoing research in Gombe, including the longest running wild chimpanzee study in the world.
- our conservation action plan in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- using camera trap studies in support of wild chimpanzee observations in the Republic of the Congo.
- our Tacare model of community-led conservation — past, present, and future.
- mediation of human-wildlife conflict in Uganda.

Making it all possible were our partners from Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG) and Esri — whose representatives were lovely to meet, as we continue to grow our vital programs and increase biodiversity protection and human well-being.

Take a deeper dive into JGI's Tacare approach with "Local Voices, Local Choices," published by Esri Press and available at shop.janegoodall.org



Second Chances: Stories from Tchimpounga's Chimpanzees

Over 30 years ago, Dr. Jane Goodall and JGI created Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center — also known as Tchimpounga Sanctuary — in the Republic of the Congo to rescue and rehabilitate those animals who were injured and/or orphaned in the illegal wildlife trade. We are building a tide of support so that over the next 30 years we can turn the tide against these senseless and brutal crimes. We are building a program that we hope will never turn away a chimpanzee in need, while we simultaneously seek to build a future where these intelligent and deeply social animals will not require our protection. Here are a few updates on some of the heroes that we have come to know so well through this initiative.

Peaceful Transition of Power

Recently, longtime alpha male Kefan has had to come to terms with the fact that he is no longer the strongest chimpanzee on the sanctuary Tchindzoulou Island. Originally challenged by male Tchibanga, Kefan



ANZAC



JEJE

was ultimately able to establish a peaceful division of power with his rival last year. Now it looks as though Tchibanga is sharing most of his position with yet another male named Motambo. While Kefan has graciously stepped back from his role as alpha, he continues to enjoy respect and popularity among his friends and allies. As he moves to a more subordinate position, some of the juvenile males have shown what seems to be an interest in challenging the two new leaders, but time will tell how bold these youngsters truly are. For now, there is contentment among the chimpanzees of Tchindzoulou.

“My Babysitter’s a Chimpanzee”

When rare chimpanzee twins Cintaku and Lliure were born to Lucie on the sanctuary Ngombe Island in Tchimpounga, JGI caretakers were careful to give them some time alone with their mother. Now a bit older, the three have integrated into the larger group, where staff members attentively monitor them. Several other chimpanzees have exhibited curiosity around what they perceive as strangely small chimpanzees, including Jeje and Anzac. Anzac bravely but slowly started approaching Lucie and her twins until the three were quite comfortable

around her. Lucie has come to learn that Anzac can be trusted to interact very gently with the babies and has even left them alone with Anzac when she has been called to settle disagreements among other troop members. Through these moments, Anzac is proving to be a highly capable babysitter.

Unrequited Love in the Trees of Tchimpounga

While Jeje’s curiosity hasn’t yet inspired him to play with the new chimpanzee babies Cintaku and Lliure, he has been pursuing other interests. Lately, females Nzounzou and Zimbana have been staying out of the dormitory at night, preferring to set up nest in a nearby tree. Jeje has decided that he wants to do the same, attempting to build his nest in the same tree, to flirt with the two females. However, Nzounzou and Zimbana are decidedly uninterested and had to give Jeje a harsh warning when he got too close. Such rejections, though painful, are also an important aspect of the experience of growing up.

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World Chimpanzee Day 2023

World Chimpanzee Day, July 14, marks the anniversary of when, in 1960, Jane first set foot in what is now Gombe, Tanzania, to begin her research on wild chimpanzees. Today it's a wonderful opportunity to highlight our closest living relatives in the animal kingdom and the innate value of each individual as well as the species as a whole. For this fifth annual celebration of World Chimpanzee Day our theme was #ChimpanzeeConnection, demonstrating all the ways we are connected, whether through our many similarities — as Jane's initial research demonstrated — or through the complex web of life that makes up our global ecosystem. Our Chimpanzee Connection inspires us to continue to evolve our understanding of — and take action to protect — these essential keystone species.

With this year's social media campaign, we not only advocated for respectful and ethical ape content online but also introduced our audience to the many chimpanzees of JGI's Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center and Gombe Stream National Park. What is more, we provided avenues for action, including our Roots & Shoots initiatives and Chimp Guardian symbolic adoption program. Jane also appeared in a touching social media post that has been viewed by thousands of people worldwide — and counting.

Rediscover your #ChimpanzeeConnection on our social media pages @janegoodallinst and at worldchimpanzeeday.org

Jane and her “Reasons For Hope” Hit the Big Screen: A New IMAX Movie Is Larger than Life

An uplifting journey with Dr. Goodall around the globe, the IMAX film “Jane Goodall: Reasons for Hope” — sponsored by Rivian — draws on decades of her work and highlights how people are taking action to conserve and change the natural world. Since the premiere in May, the film has inspired audiences nationwide with stories of people like Dr. Goodall, who build movements and create positive change at the local level that also have a global impact. It showcases her tireless work and other conservation stories such as the migration of the Northern Bald Ibis over the Alps, the Blackfeet Nation’s reintroduction of the American Bison, and the renowned reclaiming and regreening of the landscape at a former



mine site in Sudbury, Ontario. The youth-led initiatives of the Institute’s R&S program are among the film’s most compelling and optimistic examples about how we can change the future of our planet.

“Reasons for Hope” reinforces Dr. Goodall’s

four pillars by signaling the tremendous opportunity inherent to our intellect, the resilience of nature, the power and dedication of young people, and the indomitable human spirit. The film — now showing at museums across North America — brings to life hopeful stories with the power to activate a new cadre of loyal, engaged global citizens, inspiring each of us to seek out places to transform the world in a way that is good for all.

Find a showing of “Jane Goodall’s Reasons for Hope” at reasonsforhope-movie.com

STREAMING NOW: SEASON TWO OF “RESCUED CHIMPANZEES OF THE CONGO WITH JANE GOODALL”



This popular show tells the story of one of the most ambitious and scientifically rigorous efforts to support a potential wild reintroduction. Interwoven with this fascinating journey are interviews with experts, including Dr. Goodall, against the backdrop of everyday life at JGI’s Tchimpounga Sanctuary in the RoC. The second season presents heartwarming stories of chimpanzees and dedicated staff preparing them for possible freedom in the wild. Watch now on Curiosity Stream.

Youth Power — Roots & Shoots USA

ROOTS & SHOOTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2023 SUMMER SUMMIT

Each year, the members of the R&S National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) USA come together from across the country for three days to share their projects, collaborate on future efforts, and grow their skills — all while creating bonds that last a lifetime. Entrepreneur and R&S partner Paul Krasinski generously hosted the June summit at The Farmhouse in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In this unique and stunning space — established to connect young people with nature and one another, as well as empower them to use their voices for positive change — the young leaders addressed key issues facing their communities and our world. Hosting the summit in a town with such a complex sociocultural history offered a potent opportunity to explore and address the critical role that place and context must play in our activism. NYLC leaders presented on topics including

- The history (and present) of the region, alongside co-presenter Brad Lopes—a member of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the director of Algonquian exhibits and interpretation at Plimoth Patuxet Museums.
- A service project creating Environmental Enrichment Devices (EEDs) with the National Marine Life Center.

These young leaders also participated in group training sessions with mission-based organizations Mental Health Declassified and Atlanta’s Fruitful Community Foundation, as well as with distinguished NYLC alums Abby Abrahamson and Stewart Massey. NYLC members will inevitably go on to apply all they saw, did, and learned over these highly engaged and deeply fulfilling few days, and we look forward to seeing what these skilled changemakers bring to next year’s summit.

Get to know the NYLC at
rootsandshoots.org/rsnylc



TOYOTA SUPPORTS R&S YOUTH PROGRAM FOCUSED ON SUSTAINABILITY

As reported by *Newsweek* in August, Toyota USA has chosen to manifest its commitment to sustainability by partnering with the Institute to help realize our vast, shared vision for a greener world. This exciting and expansive partnership includes a \$100,000 grant for 2023–2024, designated to drive engagement in local communities around several Toyota manufacturing plants. The partnership will also support rollout of Roots & Shoots youth projects and a series of four sustainability-focused events in the coming year.

“We’re excited about how these activities will catalyze the many R&S changemakers as well as leverage the talents and skills of a number of Toyota company team members,” says Anna Rathmann, Executive Director of JGI USA. “The partnership is a shining example of the impactful leadership of Dr. Goodall and the Institute in establishing meaningful relationships with corporations that actively demonstrate their commitment to sustainability as a bottom line.”

ROOTS & SHOOTS GETS #BACKTOJOY

One part of our fall 2023 R&S Back to School campaign has been to be overt in honoring a central JGI value that grows out of Dr. Goodall’s vast, lifelong efforts: fostering a sense of joy. Often, joy is the factor that reinvigorates and emboldens us, and the healing practice of carrying and safeguarding hope helps us to translate our values into action. To get #BacktoJoy in this school year, we will be sharing ways to infuse this hopeful spirit of positive energy — which Dr. Goodall models so gently and palpably in everything she does — and reflect the many ways that R&S changemakers are using it to fuel their projects and activism. During this fall’s social



campaign, each Monday is a “Day of Joy,” with weekly posts featuring joy in taking action. We also invite R&S groups to share the little (or big) joys they find in their projects and are eager to highlight our joyful youth activists, who are undoubtedly among the most vital JGI changemakers.

Please join us populate the season by sharing your joy and spreading the inspiring words and ideas that bring meaning to all that you do. Tag us @rootsandshoots using the hashtag #BacktoJoy

PROJECT FEATURE: FIGHTING BIAS AT THE JUSTKIDS MULTICULTURAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Through Roots & Shoots USA, young people across the United States learn to grow and harness their compassion and skills to create a world that is better for people, our fellow animals, and the environment we all share. At the heart of this work are the JGI core values of inclusivity and equity, which were heartily on display in the JustKids Multicultural Book Festival project. A group of R&S changemakers in Chicago used the R&S 4-Step Formula to create this powerful learning project. Earlier this year, they

1. **Got inspired** by the many wide-ranging books that shaped them throughout childhood.
2. **Observed and identified the need** for diverse narratives to help connect and inspire people of a wide range of identities, recognizing what it means for young people of all races and ethnicities to see themselves represented in media — in images of both themselves and the world around them.
3. **Took action** by holding a community event featuring local authors and illustrators, and highlighting storytelling by and for people



From Malaysia, to Tanzania, to Republic of the Congo, to the Great Lakes of USA, books are a part of or central to many Roots & Shoots projects."

and communities of color, those who identify as LGBTQIA+, and individuals with disabilities. Many books were on hand in Spanish or bilingual formats.

4. **Celebrated** — thanks in part to funding from a R&S mini-grant — **and reflected** on the diversity of experiences and stories in their own community.

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