

## **Microsoft donates \$1.8 million in cloud services and software to Woodland Park Zoo**

SEATTLE-Woodland Park Zoo will be able to reduce its information technology costs as well as save money on power and HVAC use thanks to a \$1.8 million software donation from Microsoft.



The donation provided the zoo with a significant amount of licensing software to support its overall operations. "The majority of Microsoft's donation was expensive server software and desktop software," said Bill Brown, director of information systems at Woodland Park Zoo. "It's all software we would've had to purchase in the next three years so it provides us a significant amount of savings and functionality."

Among the software products the zoo received is Microsoft Hyper-V., which will allow the zoo to reduce the number of physical servers by virtualizing them, in turn helping the zoo to cut IT costs, cooling costs and power requirements. It also reduces the zoo's carbon footprint. Other software products the zoo received include: Microsoft Server, Microsoft Exchange Server, Microsoft End-Point, Microsoft Sharepoint, Microsoft Remote Desktop Services, Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office.

"This software is the backbone of our operations," said Brown. "We couldn't be more grateful to Microsoft for their generous donation which allows the zoo to continue to perform at the highest level."

Microsoft supports several Seattle-area cultural institutions through cash grants and other support. In addition, it [donates technology](#) to local nonprofits. Woodland Park Zoo receives both general operations support and software from Microsoft. Microsoft employees also volunteer at the zoo, often in board positions.

"Microsoft is proud to support Woodland Park Zoo, a favorite destination for families throughout the region, by donating the latest cloud services and software," said Jane Broom, Washington State Director at Microsoft Philanthropies. "It's our honor to play a role in an institution that means so much to both Microsoft families and to the larger community."

Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, award-winning Woodland Park Zoo is famed for pioneering naturalistic exhibits and setting international standards for zoos in animal care, conservation and education programs. Woodland Park Zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats through more than 40 field projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. By inspiring people to care and act, Woodland Park Zoo is making a difference in our planet's future ecological health and sustainability. For more information, visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org).

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