

## Woodland Park Zoo launches relief fund

Donations needed to support animal care as zoo extends temporary closure

Woodland Park Zoo needs your help.



The zoo is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and closed to the public earlier this month to help slow the spread of coronavirus. The zoo initially announced closure through the end of March, but has extended the temporary closure until further notice, following state recommendations. Every day the zoo is closed, critical funding is lost for the nearly 1,000 animals in the zoo's care. In these unprecedented times, the zoo has launched the **Woodland Park Zoo Relief Fund and is asking the community for support and donations.**

With zoo gates closed to guests, the loss of earned revenue is devastating. In March, the zoo lost \$1.9 million, and in April the zoo will lose \$2.2 million in crucial funding. Open or closed, Woodland Park Zoo and its dedicated animal care and veterinary teams care for the largest number of live animals in Washington State. Right now there is an urgent need for resources to continue providing this extraordinary care.

"From our newest baby gorilla to our oldest animal, a 54-year-old parrot, every amazing creature at Woodland Park Zoo deserves the best possible care. Our talented and dedicated team is working hard every day for the continued wellbeing of all of our animals. But the very difficult reality is that our resources are not infinite and we need your support now more than ever," said Woodland Park Zoo President and CEO Alejandro Grajal. "We know these are challenging times for everyone. We are humbled by the generosity of those who are contributing what they can to support what we do best—caring for animals. For more than 100 years, Woodland Park Zoo has been an anchor for our Pacific Northwest community, and our community is stepping up to ensure that we are here for at least 100 more."

### How You Can Help

Your support matters. Visit [zoo.org/relief](https://www.zoo.org/relief) to make a donation to the Woodland Park Zoo Relief Fund.

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