The 14-acre Chattanooga Zoo (historically referred to as the Chattanooga Zoo at Warner Park) is accredited by the national Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), assuring the highest standards of animal care and husbandry. The Zoo is dedicated to its mission of engaging and inspiring all citizens of the community to better understand and preserve wildlife by creating meaningful connections between people and animals. With its intimate, innovative exhibits, wide-ranging education offerings and commitment to conservation, the Chattanooga Zoo fills a unique niche within the community. The Zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. For more information, visit www.chattzoo.org.

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SOUTH AMERICAN EXPANSION BEGINS AT THE CHATTANOOGA ZOO

Chattanooga, Tennessee - The Chattanooga Zoo has officially begun the construction process for a new exhibit building to be added to the zoo’s current South American Corcovado Jungle area. The new exhibit housing multiple South American species is set to open in Fall 2017. This South American expansion was generously funded by a single private donor. This donation was driven by the donor’s love for tamarins and New World monkeys.

“The addition of new species and a new exhibit building is just another example of how the zoo continues to grow and progress, and the love and support our community has for our zoo is never ending,” says Dardenelle Long, Chattanooga Zoo CEO and President.

This new exhibit building will include six indoor exhibits and six outdoor exhibits, along with a spacious keeper area. The outdoor exhibits will allow our animals’ regular access to natural sunlight and more spacing. The animal spaces are designed to hold multiple groups of the same animal, mix species within the exhibit spaces, and provide sufficient space for breeding in the future. The project is estimated to take 12-16 weeks to complete.

The newly constructed exhibits will feature amazing animals from many countries throughout South America. As this building was funded and designed with small primates in mind, it will feature mostly tamarins and small monkey species including the zoo’s current Cotton Top Tamarins and Pied Tamarins, and new tamarin species to the Chattanooga Zoo including Emperor Tamarins, Golden Lion Tamarins, Geoffroy’s Marmoset, and Callimico. Other species to be mixed with the primates included Macaws, Prehensile Tailed Porcupine, South American reptiles, and other small South American mammals.

More information about the exhibit’s grand opening will be shared closer to date. For more information, please email Hannah Hammon at hhammon@chattzoo.org.