CHATTANOOGA ZOO’S WILD AT HEART EVENT

Chattanooga, Tennessee- Just in time for Valentine’s Day, the Chattanooga Zoo will be hosting its annual cocktails for conservation event, Wild at Heart, on Friday, February 10, 2017. This event will continue to raise funds specifically for the Zoo’s many conservation initiatives while bringing awareness to the significance of protecting endangered species, but with an emphasis on the importance of mating and breeding.

Guests are invited to spend an evening at the Zoo on **February 10th from 6-8pm** while enjoying our signature cocktail along with beer and wine, light hors d’ oeuvres, keeper chats, animal training demos, behind the scenes tours, and up close animal encounters, all for a good cause. This Valentine’s Day themed event is for sweethearts and singles to come enjoy the Zoo at night while learning about the conservation efforts of the Chattanooga Zoo. Guests will gain knowledge on how we are working to save all animals in wild, why these animals are important, the mating and breeding processes of various animals, and more.

Proceeds from this event will go directly towards the Zoo’s many conservation initiatives including the participation of the Chattanooga Zoo in AZA’s Species Survival Plans (SSP) for endangered species. The Chattanooga Zoo currently participates in 28 separate SSP programs representing Bali Mynahs, Chimpanzees, Komodo Dragons, Red Pandas, Bushmasters, Meerkats, Pied Tamarin, Snow Leopards, and more.

“The funds we raise at this event will allow us to continue our critical conservation efforts so that many of the world’s most fascinating and beautiful animals do not become completely extinct, “says Zoo CEO and President, Darde Long.

Wild at Heart will take place inside the Zoo’s Deserts and Forests of the World exhibits. Advance ticket sales to Wild at Heart are $30 for Zoo Members and $35 for Non-Members. Day of ticket sales are $40 each. All guests must be 21 years of older to attend. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.chattzoo.org](http://www.chattzoo.org).