

CHIMPANZEE Chronicles



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CHIMP HAVEN SEASONS

One of the loveliest times of year at Chimp Haven occurs when the brown leaves of winter change into the green foliage of spring. The cold air gradually becomes warmer, creating a sweet atmosphere for watching chimpanzees sunbathe high on the wooden structures.

Because of you, our donor, each year more and more chimpanzees are able to experience Chimp Haven's seasons. They have the choice to be inside snuggled in a hammock when it's cold or wet, or roam throughout a forested habitat when it is warm and breezy. You are their hero and we thank you.

As seasons change throughout this year, more than 50 new retirees will join the more than 200 chimps who reside at the sanctuary. We have already started planning their cross-country journey and are excited to welcome them to their forever home. Soon they too will watch the seasons change and enjoy their new lives as retired chimpanzees.

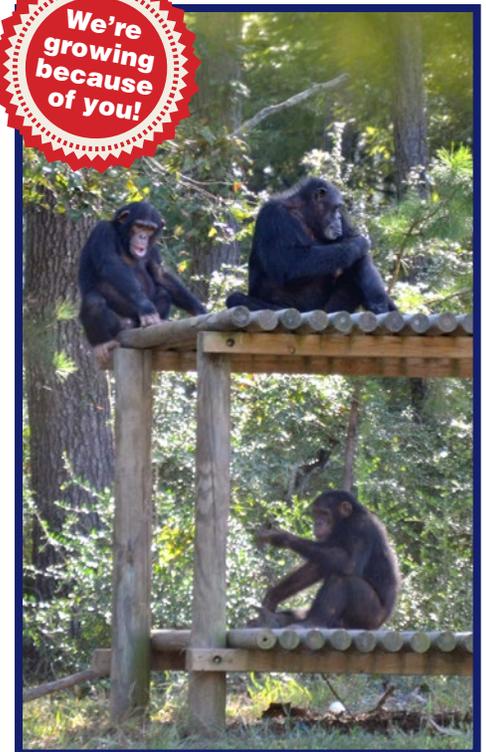
As we say hello to them we will say farewell to the sanctuary's President and Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Willis Spraez, who will retire in the coming months. Cathy has led the sanctuary through a great season of growth and advancement, taking in

the largest group of federally funded retired chimpanzees at Chimp Haven.

"We are thankful for the accomplishments that Cathy has achieved in her time at the sanctuary," Chimp Haven Board of Directors Chair Steve Ross, Ph.D., said. "Her leadership and devotion to the retirement of chimpanzees have positively impacted the organization in unimaginable ways. We are sad to lose such a great and inspiring leader; however, the milestones that have been reached over the last four years will allow hundreds more chimpanzees to call Chimp Haven home."

Fortunately, Willis Spraez will not be leaving Chimp Haven immediately after the new chief executive officer is selected. She will remain with the organization as a consultant to the board of directors to assist in the transition process as well as fundraising activities.

"I never thought I would work with such an incredible species," Willis Spraez said. "The last four years have been a gratifying culmination to a career spanning three decades. I look forward not only to helping my successor transition into this very important role, but also continuing to advocate and raise funds for these wonderful animals who have become



Chimps enjoy the warm weather.

part of my family."

Though seasons inevitably change at the sanctuary, you, our donor, always remain loyal. You have always stepped up to the plate to help ensure each of the sanctuary's residents are cared for in the best ways.

Thank you for faithfully journeying with us through the evolution of the sanctuary. Let's keep up the great momentum as we welcome more chimpanzees home.

Meet some of the new chimps you've helped inside...