Friends and partners,

As I reflect back on the past year at Chimp Haven, I’m so proud of all that we were able to accomplish together for our retirees and for those still waiting their turn to come to sanctuary.

In addition to successfully welcoming 34 new chimps from a research facility in Alamogordo, New Mexico to the sanctuary, the Chimp Haven team embarked on several new partnerships and projects that will change and save lives for years to come.

Chimp Haven’s Attending Veterinarian, Dr. Raven Jackson-Jewett, collaborated with a fellow sanctuary veterinarian and a human urologist on a new vasectomy technique which will more successfully prevent breeding among our chimp population – something that will benefit all organizations that work with captive apes.

We launched a groundbreaking partnership with the Lincoln Park Zoo (the only substantive partnership between an accredited chimpanzee sanctuary and an accredited zoo) to share expertise and strategies that will promote chimpanzee welfare and optimize care worldwide.

We welcomed English TV personality and animal lover Sue Perkins for a touching, behind-the-scenes look the retirees’ lives at sanctuary for BBC’s Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary.

And, we started making big plans for the future. With more than 200 chimps remaining in research facilities, Chimp Haven embarked on a substantial expansion effort in order to make room to welcome them all to sanctuary. The expansion, expected to be completed in 2019, will include new multi-acre forested habitats, state-of-the-art medical facilities, and plenty of space to welcome each and every chimpanzee home.

Most importantly, though, we continued to do what we do every day: providing retirees the kind of life that every chimp deserves. We watched new arrivals develop bonds and friendships, witnessed games of chase through the trees, smiled as they stretched out for naps in the sun, and gave them the best foods, enrichment, and medical care to keep them healthy and thriving.

I am so grateful for the wonderful team we have at Chimp Haven, whose biggest priority every day is doing what is best for the chimps. Whether you are a Chimp Haven supporter, partner, board member, or employee, we all have one thing in common: We believe that every chimp deserves to live their best life, with all of the care and joy that sanctuary can provide them.

We won’t stop until they all get the chance to experience life at Chimp Haven, and we’re proud to partner with you as we continue this important work.

With heartfelt appreciation, thank you for your support and generosity.

Rana Smith
President & CEO
In December 2016, 29-year-old Angelo arrived at Chimp Haven from a research facility in New Mexico. Like many chimps first arriving at the sanctuary, he wasn’t sure what to think of some of his new friends.

Although he showed himself to be socially-savvy during introductions, afterward, Angelo was wary of his group, skulking around in the background to avoid any conflict. Naturally laid-back and a little shy, he wasn’t impressed with groupmate Hamlet’s boisterous displays.

But as time went on, staff began to notice the changes they so often see as a chimp becomes more comfortable in their new life. Little by little, he used his social savvy to create bonds with several males in his group, including high-ranking male Hugo. And soon, he developed a close relationship with Barbet, a 25-year-old female who sweetly reassured him with her friendship.

Day by day, his confidence grew, and today he’s known as a self-assured chimp who has strong relationships with his group mates. You can often find him hanging out and enjoying a grooming session with Barbet, Mikey, and Matthew. Hamlet is still as boisterous as ever, but cool and calm Angelo barely seems to notice.

Staff has also delighted in seeing Angelo share more and more of his personality. He’s a bit of a foodie – you can find him front and center for food toss, performing something staff calls the “juicy dance” when he’s about to receive a treat. They joke that if the sanctuary had a yearbook, Angelo would be Most Likely to Steal Your Girlfriend.

But what makes his trainer, Sabrina, most proud is his courage. “What I really love the most about Angelo is how brave and adaptive he is,” she shared. “He was introduced to a group of chimps with big personalities, and he’d made a place for himself. In training, he’s willing to try things he isn’t completely sure of. It’s been such a joy to work with him and I’m so proud of him and his progress.”
214 Total Residents
2,832 Visitors Welcomed
76,650 Enrichment Activities
229,950 Meals Provided
34 New Arrivals Welcomed
Henry
Jo Ellen
Charity
Lori
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Annual Fund Revenue
Charitable $1,703,415
Federal Contract $3,081,716
Other $180,532
Subtotal $4,965,663
Capital Projects $328,500
Endowment Gifts $9,852
Total $5,304,015

Expenses
Chimp Care $3,951,252
General & Administrative $575,056
Other $654,118
Total $5,180,426

Ending Net Assets $18,967,343
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To provide and promote the best care of sanctuary chimpanzees and inspire action for the species worldwide.

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