



# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

**Tessa & Aariah**  
Living the Chimp Life  
since 2017

## Letter from the President

### Friends and partners,

It's been an incredible year at the sanctuary for more than 300 chimps thanks to your partnership.

Fresh off the heels of the completion of a large-scale sanctuary expansion, Chimp Haven was thrilled to once again welcome new chimps to the sanctuary this year – both from research and an incredible rescue effort that saw 10 chimps hitting the road from Los Angeles to Louisiana. With your support, the Treetop Ten arrived at Chimp Haven just in time to celebrate the holidays; in this report, we take a look back at their incredible journey.

As new arrivals settled in, several of our Golden Oldies moved into a cozy retirement pad – the first of many such transitions to come as Chimp Haven begins to shift to address the changing care needs of a large and aging colony.

Meanwhile, this winter a judge ruled that more than 25 chimpanzees at a research facility in New Mexico who were formerly deemed ineligible to come to sanctuary may have their opportunity to come to Chimp Haven. We eagerly await next steps – after all they have given us, we believe these chimpanzees deserve their chance to come to Chimp Haven and welcome the opportunity to finally bring them home.

As we look toward the future of these sweet chimps, we also pause to celebrate the many special moments happening every day at the sanctuary. This year, our youngsters continued to grow, friendships flourished, incredible strides were made using Positive Reinforcement Training to provide the best healthcare for the chimps, and the sanctuary said goodbye to a beloved member of our chimp family.

The peaceful, enriching life they live today is all thanks to your incredible support. We hope you enjoy a look back at just a few of the countless extraordinary moments you made possible for them this year.

From all of us at Chimp Haven, thank you for partnership. We are honored to work with you to give the chimps their very best life at sanctuary.

With gratitude,



Rana Smith  
President & CEO





## Welcome Home, Treetop Ten!

With the sudden closure of the Wildlife Waystation in Los Angeles, Calif., the future of nearly 40 chimpanzees was left in limbo. Enter the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with several sanctuaries across the U.S., including Chimp Haven, and soon a monumental effort was underway to ensure the chimps' future.

As the chimps moved in groups to their new sanctuaries, in 2022, just in time for the holiday season, it was time for the final 10 chimps – lovingly nicknamed the Treetop Ten – to make their way to Chimp Haven.

Chimp Haven staff led two 1,600+ mile chimp road trips from California to Louisiana. There were pit stops, snack breaks, reassuring pep talks, and soft blankets to cuddle as they made their long journey home. Although the group was calm and stoic as they were being unloaded into their new space, once they discovered their buddies (and snacks) were inside waiting for them, the reunion party began. There were lots of chimp hugs and kisses as everyone celebrated the end of the long road trip!

In the months after their arrival, the Treetop Ten made new friends, moved into new living spaces, hassled their neighbors, enamored their caregivers, and settled into life at sanctuary. We love these sweet chimps already and can't wait to see what the future holds for them at Chimp Haven.



**Amber**



**Mousse**



**Tequila**



**Denise**



**Inky**



**Mocha**



**Connor**



**December**



**Buster**



**Axel**





## A Retirement Pad for the Golden Oldies

One of the sanctuary's best-known chimp families, nicknamed the Golden Oldies, is home to several geriatric chimps, including 54-year-old Julius and 63-year-old Sandy. To provide for their changing care needs as they age, this year the Oldies moved into a cozy "retirement pad" at Chimp Haven, where furniture was retrofitted to make it more accessible for them. Special ramps and hammocks were installed and ladders were added to their structures to aid them in their mobility needs and ensure they are still able to access all the amenities they were accustomed to in their living spaces.

Chimp Haven is currently home to more than 300 chimpanzees, and like the Oldies, more than 52% of them are considered geriatric

[left] Lil Rose and the Oldies are right at home in their cozy new digs, which allow their care team to check in on them much more easily and frequently.

(for a chimp, that means older than 34 years old). Just like humans, as the chimps grow older, the complexities of their care increase, and the sanctuary is hard at work preparing for the transition of caring for a large and aging chimp population.

While these accommodations are incredibly beneficial to our senior chimps, they also help other chimps of all ages who are experiencing mobility challenges or recovering from medical issues. When 32-year-old Kyle suffered a stroke, the team added ramps in his rooms so he could more easily move between them without being encumbered and provided furniture he could easily move around to help himself stand or climb. And, when 37-year-old, Donnie showed weakness in his limbs and back, the team made mobility accommodations to assist in his physical therapy plan get him on the road to recovery. With these tools they are confident he will regain full mobility soon.



Retrofitted structures make it easier for the mobility challenged chimps to continue to climb and socialize.

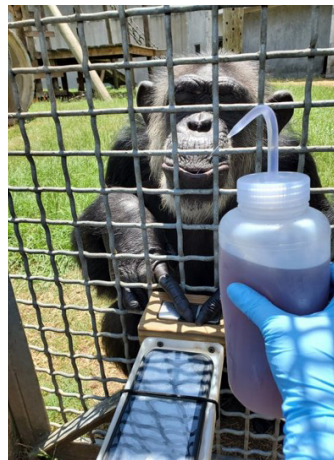
As our population ages, the sanctuary is focused on shifting living spaces and care plans for our elderly and mobility-challenged chimps, ensuring they live a life of freedom, choice, and exploration well into their golden years.





## More Sanctuary Happenings

**[left]** The sanctuary's youngest resident, Carlee, is growing feistier by the day. From picking up mischievous tricks from her older cousin, Diane, charming her caregivers for extra carrots, and meeting up with Valentina Rose for games of chase high in the treetops, Carlee's had a busy year. But no matter how independent she acts during the day, you'll still find her cuddled up close to mom, Passion, at bedtime.



This year the sanctuary said farewell to Juan, a longtime resident and much-loved member of our chimp family. Juan was one of the very first chimps to retire to Chimp Haven when the sanctuary opened in 2005, and was beloved for his sweet temperament and friendship with both chimps and humans. Because he was so welcoming, he often became new employees' very first chimp friend when they started work at Chimp Haven. We are so thankful Juan was able to spend more than 17 years at Chimp Haven, where he won the hearts of humans and chimps alike. He will be dearly missed at Chimp Haven, and by all who knew and loved him over the years.



**[right ]** As our closest biological relatives, the chimps experience many of the same health concerns we humans do. When it comes to heart health, Chimp Haven's dedicated care staff is here with plenty of juice, patience, and humor to guide the chimps to participate in their own care. Carlee and Maxi are two training all-stars, leading the way for other chimps as they learn to hold for EKG readings to evaluate heart function.

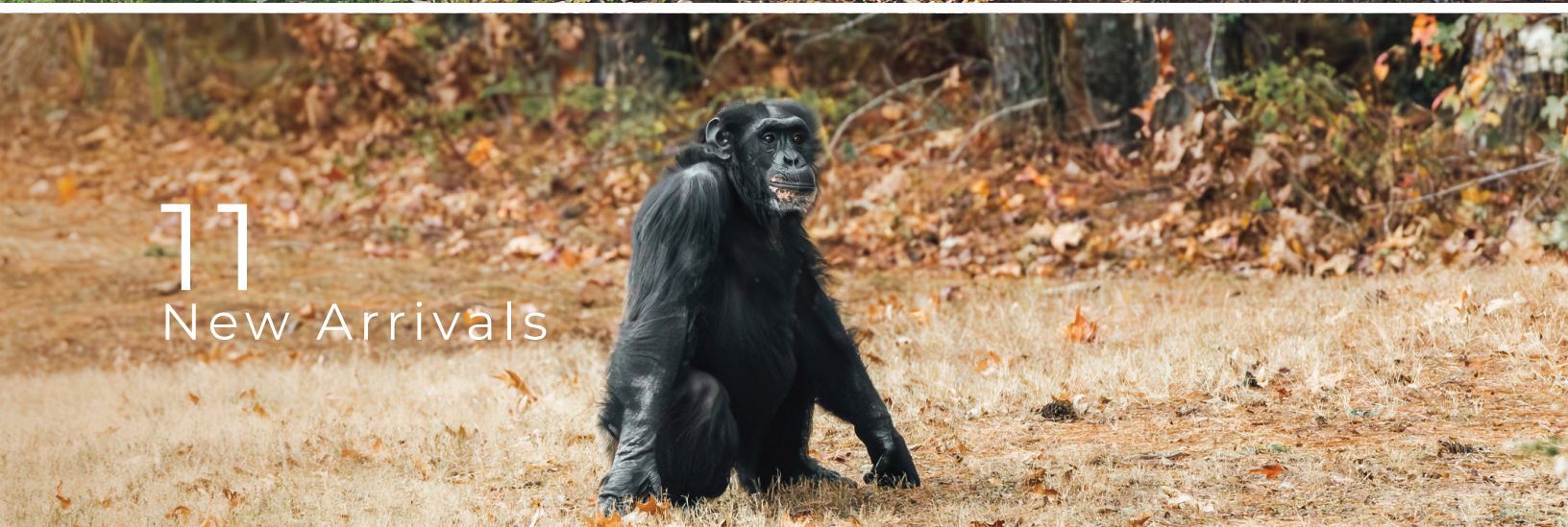




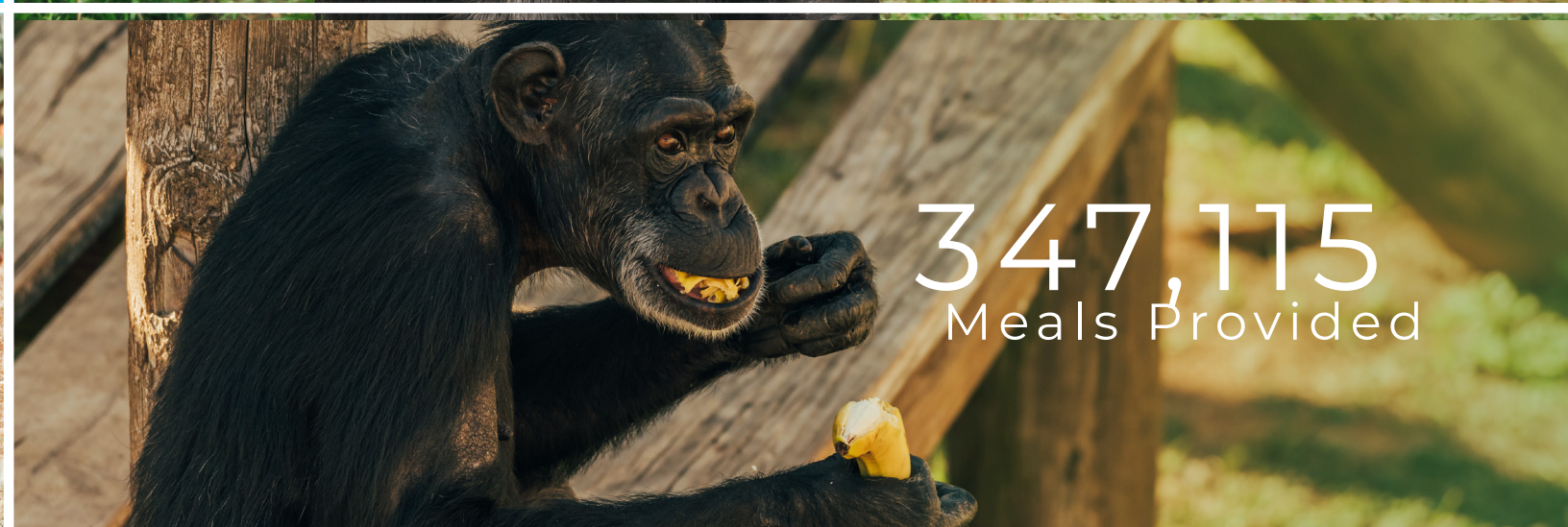
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Total Residents



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Enrichment Activities



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New Arrivals

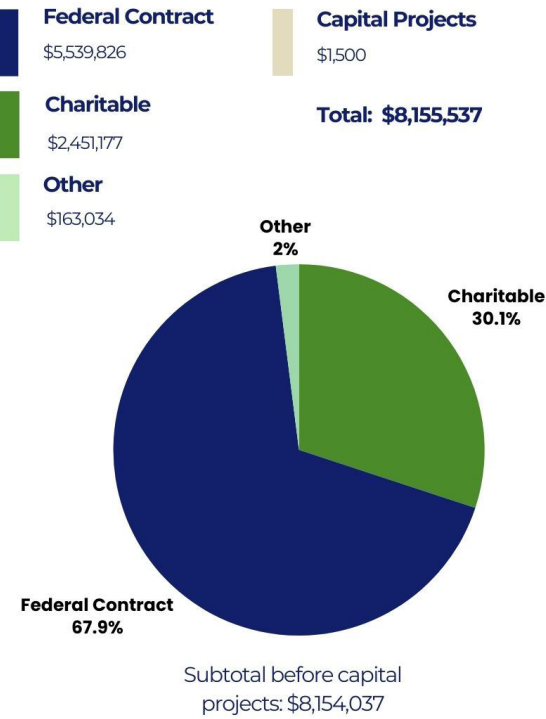


347,115  
Meals Provided

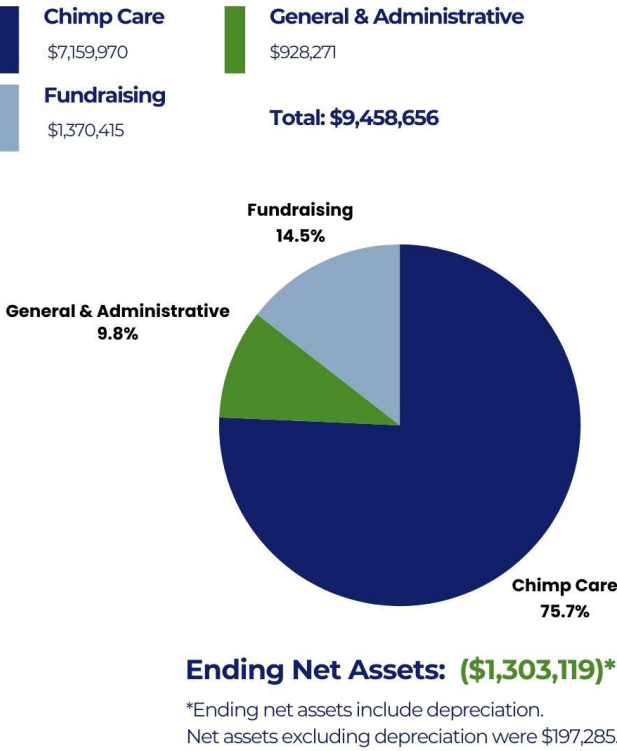


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Expenses



Our Mission

To provide and promote the best care of sanctuary chimpanzees and inspire action for the species worldwide.

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