



Conservation Ambassadors

It's been an amazing year for Conservation Ambassadors. Our family doubled this year by adding the Wild Things Northern California facility, animals, and educators. This dramatically increases our ability to reach more schools and greatly expand our animal care abilities. We were able to rescue and provide homes for over 50 animals including a young Bear and a Cougar from the devastating wildfires here in California. Our organization was also honored to represent The California Coastal Commission at the 2017 State Exposition with Native Ambassadors including our Bald Eagle and Otters. It was a fantastic year with many honors.

We ended this year with an epic trip to Uganda and Kenya to visit our in country Conservation Partners. I was part of a group of fourteen zoo professionals and conservationists and had an experience that reignited my lifetime passion for wildlife conservation and education.

While in Samburu National Reserve after an intense rain, our group witnessed an abandoned baby elephant on the other side of a flood swollen river pacing and crying. The little girl, only 10 days old, finally plunged in the crocodile infested water to try and cross to find her family. When it became clear she would drown, two Samburu Warriors and members of our team ran into the swift river to save her. It was an amazing moment that felt like it was 'meant to be' happening directly in the spot where we were. We immediately contacted the Elephant Rescue Project while we provided emergency supportive care. Through our network of colleagues we arranged transport to a bush airstrip where she was flown immediately to an elephant rescue Veterinarian. We are so happy to report alive, healthy, and will be reunited with her family.



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Being a part of that rescue and meeting the amazing people in the field saving wildlife has motivated us to **Double Down** on our efforts here in America to create passion for wildlife and wild places through experiential education.

You have been a huge part of our family and the reason we can continue this necessary work right here at home. We ask you to be a part of our **Doubling Down** so we can make 2018 the best year ever for wildlife conservation!

Your support is essential to our mission of Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Education. We count on your tax deductible donation to help animals all year long!

PS: And please save the date for our Annual Take a Walk on the Wild Side Family Event to be held May 12, 2018. Click [here](#) to sign up to receive an invitation.

P.S.S. I'd love to talk to you directly to discuss exactly how your end of year donation will be utilized. We have many amazing new programs and projects to provide ever improving animal care and education opportunities that you can put your name on and be a part of!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

