

The world is really a mess, but we have a chance to turn it around. Every single day that every single one of us lives we make a difference, and it's up to us to choose what kind of impact we will have on the world.

~ Dr. Jane Goodall

Happy Earth Day! What kind of impact will you have on the world today?



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Dr. Goodall Spreads Hope on Her Spring Tour

Dr. Jane Goodall was recently in Canada for a whirl-wind spring tour promoting her unwavering message of hope in Toronto and Halifax.

In Toronto, we gave our senior Roots & Shoots Champions the opportunity to share their ideas, inspiration, and projects with Dr. Jane, and with our new Roots & Shoots recruits, through song, video, and even rap, at the University of Toronto. This was followed by the inaugural Jane Goodall scholarship, awarded by our partners, the Centre for Environment at the University of Toronto. We also held a special environment and development seminar with a presentation by Dr. Zinta Zommers, examining recent controversies in conservation such as population growth around protected areas and the role of the researcher.

An audience of almost 800 joined Dr. Goodall in an exclusive engagement at the ROM, co-presented by the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, as we wrapped up the 50th anniversary celebrations of her pioneering research. Then it was off to Halifax - for the first time ever - where Dr. Goodall spoke at the Halifax Chamber of Commerce Spring Dinner and also swung by the Discovery Centre to connect with local youth and inspire participation in the Roots & Shoots program. Check our website, JaneGoodall.ca, for more photos from the tour.



Two of our fabulous (and thrilled!) volunteers in Halifax.

Photo Credit: Dean Casavechia

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Growing Hope (and Connections!) in Uganda

Africa Programs Coordinator, Sara Hsiao, has just returned from her trip to Uganda where JGI Canada has been supporting an integrated conservation and development project with support from our donors and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). She returned with a great progress report and feedback from the people we're working with on the ground. The project is working to help improve the lives of people in local villages, to reverse environmental deterioration caused by unsustainable farming practices, and ultimately to reforest a riverine corridor between two forest reserves that are home to populations of chimpanzees, offering better odds for their long-term survival. Some aspects of the project – particularly the introduction of better breeds and goats and pigs, have been delayed due to an extended dry season, but tremendous progress has been made on providing fresh water sources, training farmers on sustainable agriculture, and planting trees. To date, a total of seven new wells have been built, which means women in these villages no longer have to walk long distances to collect water for their families. Tree nurseries are flourishing in nine villages and more than 140 farmers have been trained in sustainable agriculture. The ongoing success of the project is due to the participation of the local community in designing and managing it, and to the support of Canadians like you. Find out how you can help support this program and have your contribution matched three times by the Canadian government! Donate online: <http://jgi.blackbaudondemand.com/page.aspx?pid=363>



Local school children and our partners in Uganda.



Our partners in Uganda.

Roots & Shoots is Reaching Out!

In December of 2010, the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots initiated a Southern Ontario-wide outreach and education program with the goal of engaging more Canadian youth than ever before. Over the past three months, our outreach staff has been hitting the road daily to speak to thousands of young Canadians. Sharing a message of hope from the Jane Goodall Institute, we've visited schools in Toronto, Halton Region, Simcoe County and York Region. The team has already presented to over 2,000 students and that is just the start! We share Dr. Jane's incredible story, introduce young people to our closest animal relative, the chimpanzee, and educate students about the plight of endangered species. We look forward to expanding the program to reach and inspire youth from all over the country. Want our outreach team to come to your area? Contact us today, email roots_shoots@janegoodall.ca



the University of Toronto



Exciting News from Tchimpounga Sanctuary...

The bad news is that the chimpanzees of Tchimpounga Sanctuary in the Republic of Congo are running out of room. Over the years, we have been forced to take in more and more chimpanzees that have been orphaned by the illegal bushmeat trade. The sanctuary, designed to hold no more than 40 chimpanzees, is now home to more than 140 and there are increasing conflicts with wild chimpanzees in the area around the sanctuary. But there is good news too. JGI has recently secured three islands in the nearby Kouilou river which are being developed as a new sanctuary site. Since chimps can't swim, the islands offer a controlled situation where the chimpanzees can have access to more natural habitat, but can also be closely monitored and receive provisional food and vet care if needed. The islands are also free of existing wild chimpanzees that would compete with our sanctuary chimps, making them the perfect place for a new home! Stay tuned for more information on this much-needed initiative...

The Solution

The establishment of supplementary sanctuary sites on 3 islands on the Kouilou River



Young Filmmakers Explore their Roots with Roots & Shoots for Aboriginal Youth

Over the past 15 months we have been working to introduce Roots & Shoots to Aboriginal youth across the country with the support of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Most recently we launched, "*Wisdom Keepers & Storytellers*," a filmmaking project for First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. The aim of this exciting new project is to encourage young people to come together, identify an issue of importance to them and then create a short video project that gets the word out. We had tremendous response from communities across the country, and 20 groups were selected to participate and receive a free Flip video camera. If the communities are now hard at work, and finished videos are starting to come in. Check out the very first entry by Aurora Finkle from Ottawa,

<http://www.janegoodall.ca/StoriesatWork.php>, and check back for more results!





CHIMP NEWS: Is Releasing Chimps into the Wild Possible?



Kudia and friends chow down at Tchimpounga Sanctuary in Congo. Could she frolic among the wild chimps one day?

Photo Credit: Fernando Turmo

Orphan Chimpanzees Successfully Released Into the Wild Using Advanced GPS Technology

ScienceDaily (Apr. 7, 2011) — The 2008 release of 12 orphan chimpanzees into the wild using sophisticated GPS tracking technology has been deemed a success by the project team.

The release was the first of its kind to use VHF-GPS store-on-board ARGOS tracking collars to monitor the progress of the chimpanzees. The ARGOS system emits GPS points to satellites downloadable via the internet. It is also only the second time that rehabilitated chimpanzees have been released back into the wild in an area where other wild chimpanzees live.

Dr Tatyana Humle from the University of Kent is the scientific advisor to the project, which is being carried out by the Chimpanzee Conservation Centre in the Haut Niger National Park, Guinea, West Africa. This centre is one of 14 Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA)-accredited sanctuaries caring for chimpanzee victims of the pet and bush meat trade.

Six males and six females between eight and 20 years old were released in June 2008. Over two years after the release, nine chimpanzees remain free-living with two males and three females forming a group at the original release site. Two of these females gave birth to healthy offspring and another female successfully integrated into a wild chimpanzee community.

The release presented a number of challenges for researchers including finding a suitable release area, assessing its overlap with the home range of other wild chimpanzees to minimize competition and the risk of aggression, and ensuring the chimpanzees' ability to survive independently of human assistance.

The GPS points stored on the collars allowed researchers to monitor the chimpanzees' behaviour including their habitat use, day travel range and association patterns. The ARGOS system also facilitated several rescue missions to retrieve chimpanzees when they strayed too far from the protected release site.

The release project has brought significant conservation benefits to the local area. Environmental education and awareness raising programs have been established in and around the park, illegal logging activities have stalled and illegal hunting and fishing activities have been reduced.

Other sanctuaries and conservation centres are set to benefit significantly from the project's pioneering use of new technology.

Dr Humle, from the University's School of Anthropology and Conservation, said: 'This release demonstrates that under special circumstances the release of wild-born adult chimpanzees of both sexes is a viable strategy, which can also function as an effective conservation tool.'

'The lessons learnt and the experience gained so far will benefit other sanctuaries that are also considering the option of releasing suitable candidates in the future. We still have much to learn about how rehabilitation, pre- and post-release



procedures, and monitoring protocols impact release success. We can only hope that increased collaboration among academics, conservationists and sanctuaries will help bridge these gaps.'

Stay up-to-date on all of the chimp news: www.janegoodall.ca/news-chimps

Happy Birthday, Dr. Jane!

Our dedicated volunteers were out in full force on April 3rd to help celebrate Dr. Goodall's 77th birthday . She was treated to a fantastic birthday cake scrapbook complete with photos from her past as well as a special serenade performed by our talented Youth Leadership Council.



The amazing birthday cake scrapbook! Donated by **For the Love of Cake** Photo Credit: JGI



Photo Credit: Jo-Anne McArthur

Become a Chimp Guardian!

In honour of Dr. Jane's 77th birthday this past April, why not give her the best birthday present she could hope for by becoming a Chimp Guardian and providing a safe haven for orphaned and injured chimps from habitat loss and the illegal bushmeat trade? Choose a chimp to symbolically adopt online and make Dr. Jane's birthday wishes come true!

Visit <http://jgi.blackbaudondemand.com/ChimpGuardian> to become a chimp guardian.



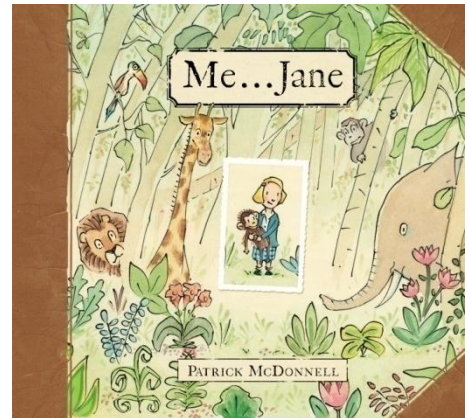
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Me...Jane...

You...Tarzan. It's the classic girl meets chimpanzee story in Patrick McDonnell's newest children's book, *Me... Jane*. Discover the enchanting life of a young Jane Goodall and how she eventually fulfilled her childhood dream of living among the chimpanzees in Africa. Concluding with a message from the real-life Jane, this magical story is sure to not only inspire, but to tug at a few heart strings as well. Get your copy by visiting our E-Store at JaneGoodall.ca. All proceeds benefit the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada and our work.



Check out Dr. Jane's interview about the book on CNN:

<http://www.cnn.com/video/?/video/bestoftv/2011/04/07/exp.am.intv.goodall.cnn>

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