



JUNGLE FRIENDS PRIMATE SANCTUARY

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Dear Friend of Jungle Friends,

Twenty years ago I chose Florida to be the home of Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary due to its subtropical climate. Believe me — the Las Vegas desert is not an ideal home for monkeys who are built for humid temperatures.

However, living in Florida comes with the looming threat of tropical storms and hurricanes! Each year we live with the fear that a hurricane or tropical storm will chose Gainesville as its target. We have experienced this devastation first-hand, many times.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma caused significant damage to the sanctuary — downed trees on habitats and runways, sinkholes, and damage to several buildings.



Fallen Tree on a Runway



Fallen Tree on Building

Everyone is busy days before the hurricane makes landfall, preparing for the worst and hoping for the best. All staff members work tirelessly to move the monkeys who lack buildings into lab cages, which are relocated to whatever space we can find!

Many of our dedicated staff stay onsite during the terrifying storm — feeding, cleaning and consoling the monkeys during this stressful time.

The protection, care, and safety of our monkey residents is our primary mission at Jungle Friends. When severe weather hits, we face challenges in securing and protecting your monkey friends from the physical and psychological effects of frightening storms.

What do we do when we encounter extreme weather?

While 200 monkeys have access to buildings, the remaining 125 need to be moved to safe quarters.



Caregivers Moving Monkeys



Moving Lab Cages Inside

Due to the lack of a permanent, dedicated shelter for extreme weather, we are forced to house the monkeys in The Bob Barker Medical Clinic, the Van Clan Conference Center, and anywhere else we can find that is safe from the storm.



Lab Cages Inside Medical Clinic

While these buildings are safe and secure, they are not intended for this use, and pose significant challenges.

We launched a campaign to purchase land and permanent hurricane shelters. The total cost of this project is \$240,000. **We are almost there!** We are happy to report that because of the generosity of three foundations, we have received \$210,000!

Will you join us as we reach the final stage of this vital project? This project is more important than ever and we are asking for your help. The National Hurricane Center has predicted up to 15 named storms this year —Yikes!

We have the land and two hurricane shelters, - ***we only need \$30,000 more to purchase the third hurricane shelter.***

Please make a donation today and make this happen!



Safe Inside During the Storm



Hurricane Shelter Delivery

We remain steadfast in our commitment to the monkeys who call Jungle Friends their forever home. **Will you help us to protect them during tropical storms and hurricanes – the MOST violent storms on the planet?**

Thank you for continuing to be a super-hero for our monkey residents! We are so grateful that you are standing with us as we work to prepare for dangerous weather. With your help, we can be better prepared for the next big storm. I hope I can count on your gift! ***Thank you in advance for your contribution to our Hurricane Fund!***



*Lots of Monkey Love,
Kari & the Monks*



P.S. All donors for the Hurricane Shelter Project will be acknowledged on a plaque!