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Audubon Nature Institute

Raises more than \$35,000 for Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

Audubon donated \$5 from every general admission ticket sold at its properties last weekend to the AZA Harvey Relief Fund

(New Orleans, La.) – To provide aid to fellow Houston-area Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) facilities impacted by Hurricane Harvey flooding, Audubon Nature Institute donated \$5 from every general admission ticket sold at its properties from Thursday, August 31, through Labor Day, September 4 to the AZA Harvey Relief Fund. Audubon employees and volunteers also contributed to the \$36,410 collected to help peer AZA zoos and aquariums and their dedicated staff rebuild after the devastating storm.

"It has been incredible to witness the outpouring of support for staff and their families impacted by Hurricane Harvey from other AZA-accredited facilities. The incredible donation from Audubon to our employee relief fund is the latest example in the long list of AZA members willing to do just about anything to support their colleagues," said Dan Ashe, President and CEO of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

The donation benefits Landry's Houston Aquarium, the International Crane Foundation's whooping crane office, Houston Zoo, Moody Gardens Rainforest and Aquarium and Texas State Aquarium.

"We are grateful to our community pulling together to raise more than \$35,000 to help support our zoo and aquarium colleagues and the animals in their care," said Audubon President and CEO Ron Forman. "The helping hand of others can make a difference when faced with a daunting recovery."

Please click here to donate to the AZA Harvey Relief Fund:

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/azarelief>.

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