



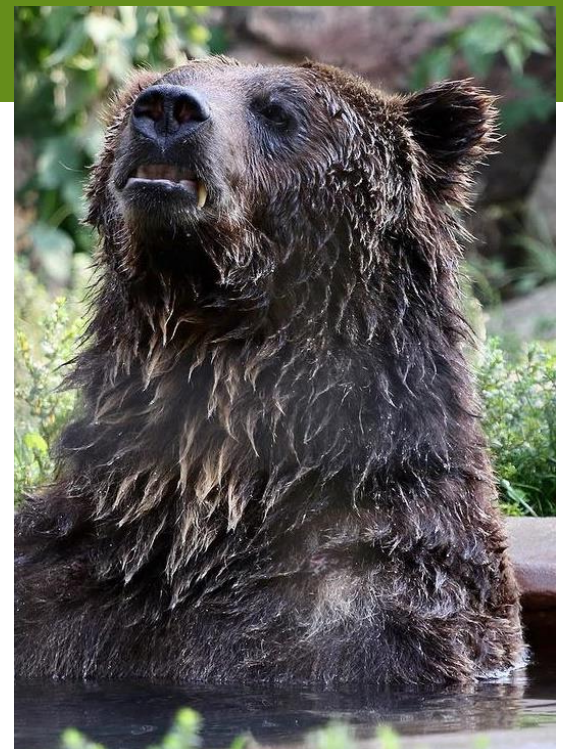
L to R: Spencer Ewen, Christopher Moore, Dawn Woroniuk, David Engdahl, Jill Shumay, Cathy Sarich, Rob Cowan, Rob Hendry

Jerry & Tina Grandey's \$1 million donation will help build the bears a new home!

Join Us in Building Koda & Mistaya a New and Larger Home.

Since arriving in 2008, grizzly bears Mistaya and Koda have called the Kinsmen Bear Exhibit home. It's a wonderful habitat, great when the bears were smaller but too small for two full-grown, 350-kilo grizzlies.

Now, thanks to an amazing \$1 million donation from long-time zoo supporters Jerry and Tina Grandey, plans are officially underway to build the bears a larger, more natural habitat.





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“Tina was also instrumental in the creation of ZOOGALA, our one-of-a-kind annual fundraiser that has raised funds for many zoo projects and improvements over the years,” Dawn says.

Gift Is the Largest Private Donation in Zoo History

“We’re so grateful for the Grandey’s generous gift. This donation gives us an opportunity to further enhance the bear habitat’s features and amenities,” says Jeff Mitchell, Zoo Manager.

“The new habitat will not only provide the best care and quality of life for our grizzly bears, but it will also provide an opportunity for an enhanced visitor experience and a chance to learn more about these majestic animals.”



The Bear Necessities

The Grandey donation brings us a giant step closer to building a new home for Koda and Mistaya. The grizzly brothers (by different mothers) were orphaned as cubs and came to the zoo when they were only a few years old. As you can see, they are thriving—taking dips in their pool, soaking up the sun on their favourite rocks and now taking a long, long winter nap in their dens.

The Zoo is currently working to develop detailed design specifications and construction estimates for the new habitat. It will be significantly larger and feature climbing structures, resting and sleeping locations, foraging opportunities, safe retreats, natural vegetation and soils, water features and more.

Thank You Tina & Jerry Grandey!

The Saskatoon Zoo Foundation announced the Jerry & Tina Grandey donation in front of a sell-out crowd at the 24th annual ZOOGALA last June.

“Tina and Jerry have been amazing, long-time supporters of the Zoo,” says Dawn Woroniuk, Chief Executive Officer of the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation. “Tina served on the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation board for many years and played a key role in building the bears’ current habitat at the Kinsmen Bear Exhibit.”

JOIN US IN BUILDING A NEW HOME FOR THE BEARS.

Go to saskatoonzoofoundation.ca and click on Donate. Every donation counts!



Happening Now

BHP ENCHANTED FOREST CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

One of Canada's longest-running holiday light shows is on now! Don't miss the 2023-2024 BHP Enchanted Forest at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park.

The 25th anniversary event opened with two nights of walking tours, hosting close to 19,000 walkers. The official drive-thru started November 18th.

There's even more dazzle this year thanks to the addition of three new light displays—a spectacular Globe that weighs over 37,000 pounds, a 75-foot tunnel of 37,000 lights and a series of "prairie portraits" representing iconic Saskatchewan scenes. The display route is longer too, at 2.5 kilometres.

✳ The BHP Enchanted Forest runs through January 7th. Gates are open 5:30-10:00 pm every night, including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

✳ Car passes are available at Saskatoon Shoppers Drug Marts and Saskatoon Co-op Food Stores and Gas Bars plus Warman, Martensville and Watrous or at the gate. Admission at the gate is \$10 per person or \$35 per car (up to 7 people). Proceeds support the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation.

✳ Shout out to Rotary Club of Saskatoon Nutana members for managing the Main Gate on behalf of Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and Saskatoon City Hospital Foundation!

Call for ZOOGALA sponsorship opportunities: 306.975.2250.



Coming Soon

25TH ANNUAL ZOOGALA

With cuisine created by some of Saskatoon's best chefs, ZOOGALA is a food lover's dream. The evening promises amazing entertainment, wonderful prizes and a chance to have the zoo all to yourself as you wander the grounds and visit with the animals. Tickets go on sale in April, but they go fast, so get yours early.





Thank You Donors!

The Saskatoon Zoo Foundation raises funds for capital projects and improvements at the zoo. Thanks to our generous donors, we've seen many exciting developments over the past two years—new habitats, upgraded facilities, more amenities, new donor recognition opportunities, new energy! A big, BIG thank you to our wonderful donors.

Charitable Donors

(in the past 2 years)

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Donors to Specific Projects

(in the past 2 years)

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- Kinsmen Club of Saskatoon



NEW BOBCAT HABITAT

- Bobcat of Saskatoon
- Earthworks Equipment
- UltraVision Construction
- Brunner's Construction
- Aim Electric
- Nordic Fence
- Black & McDonald
- MetalShapes

PIER UPGRADE

- PIC Investment Group
- Rempel Engineering & Management Ltd.

GOAT HABITAT REFURBISH

- Heather Ryan & David Dube Foundation
- Richter Fencing
- The Custom Carpenter
- MG Decks
- RNC Concrete
- Pioneer Landscaping

NEW BEAR HABITAT

- Tina and Jerry Grandey
- WalMart

NEW BENCHES

- John Moran Memorial Bench
- Nicky and Rita Boyle Memorial Bench
- Crystal Smits Memorial Bench
- Dries Vandenheuvell Memorial Bench
- Randy Moore Memorial Bench
- Friends of the Forestry Farm (2 benches to be installed next year)

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Winter News

GOT YOUR 50/50 TICKETS?

The Saskatoon Zoo Foundation Holiday 50/50 Draw is back by popular demand. Get one for \$10, 5 for \$20 or 25 for \$50. Proceeds go towards helping build the bears a new home at the zoo. Buy tickets online at saskatoonzoofoundation.ca



NEED A REASON TO GET OUTSIDE THIS WINTER?

The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park & Zoo is open all winter long—10:00am to 4:00pm every day (except Christmas Day).

**ADMISSION BY DONATION
NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31**

While the grizzly bears will be enjoying a restful sleep, many of our other animals thrive in cooler weather. Winter is the perfect season to visit our Arctic wolves, snow leopard and lynx.

Want to see the dingoes? You might catch Maple and Euci playing in the snow, but you're more likely to find them enjoying their warm & cozy indoor Dingo Den inside the barn.

You'll also find a warm welcome in the newly renovated Small Mammal House, where you can visit the meerkats, Goeldi's monkeys, African crested porcupine, naked mole rats, sugar gliders and African soft fur rats.

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