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Zoo Announces New Pavilions, Sponsored by Parkview Physicians Group

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo today unveiled two new pavilions under construction in the African Journey, funded in part by a generous donation from Parkview Physicians Group.

"The zoo provides an outstanding venue for families to spend time together, something we believe is important as we look to promote health and well-being throughout the community," said Dr. Mitchell Stucky, president, Parkview Physicians Group. "Parkview Physicians Group appreciates the opportunity to invest in and help to promote one of Fort Wayne's most treasured attractions."

Named the Parkview Physicians Group Pavilions, the two structures combined can seat more than 400 people. The pavilions will be used for zoo events and special activities, and will be available for rental when the zoo opens for the 2015 season in April.

"The Parkview Physicians Group Pavilions answer a long-standing need for local businesses and organizations in our community," said Zoo Director Jim Anderson. "We can now host events in the pavilions, and provide rental space, catering, and an amazing zoo experience for zoo guests."

As a non-profit organization receiving no tax support, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo operates on revenue from tickets sales, memberships, and donations. The Parkview Physicians Group Pavilions will provide a new source of revenue, allowing the zoo to remain self-supporting and operate without tax funding.

"By supporting the zoo with this donation, Parkview Physicians Group demonstrates their commitment to the entire Fort Wayne community," said Anderson. "They are an outstanding community partner."

Organizations wishing to rent the Parkview Physicians Group pavilions may contact the zoo office at 260-427-6800 for more information.

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About Parkview Physicians Group: Parkview Physicians Group is a physician-led and physician-governed member of Parkview Health. Parkview Physicians Group is northeast Indiana's largest medical group, with more than 400 providers practicing at more than 100 locations throughout northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio.

About the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo: The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is northeast Indiana's largest tourist attraction, hosting more than 500,000 guests annually. The zoo was voted Indiana's #1 "Gotta-Do Summer Attraction" and is consistently named one of the nation's **Top Ten Zoos for Kids** by national media outlets.

The zoo is a conservation leader, contributing more than \$80,000 annually to local, regional, and international efforts to protect wild animals and habitats, and participating in cooperative management programs for 15 endangered species.

As a self-supporting facility, the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo receives no tax dollars for operations. The zoo's operations are funded entirely by earned revenue and donations.

The zoo is open 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM daily through October 12, 2014. Admission is \$14.00 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors age 60+; and \$9.00 for children ages 2-18. Babies age 1 and under and Zoo Society Members are admitted free.