

# Kirkpatrick Family Fund



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Oklahoma City Zoo veterinarian Dr. Jennifer D'Agostino and a trainer perform a dental exam on one of the zoo's seals. The Kirkpatrick Family Fund and the Kirkpatrick Foundation made a combined gift of \$1 million to support the construction of the Joan Kirkpatrick Animal Hospital at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick established the Kirkpatrick Foundation, a private foundation, and the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, an Affiliated Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation, to carry out their charitable goals in central Oklahoma. Through their philanthropy they played a significant role in fostering and sustaining many significant social, educational and cultural institutions.



Joan Kirkpatrick

Their daughter Joan Kirkpatrick added to this legacy through her leadership in the area of health and welfare for domestic, wild and exotic animals. Her position was crystal clear; animals deserve the highest level of veterinary care and humane treatment. She chose to focus her resources on three areas: research with the goal to improve animal health,

improved facilities for training veterinary students and raising standards of veterinary care for domestic, wild and exotic animals. Prior to her death in 2009 she also demonstrated her leadership by establishing permanent endowment funds at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation that will continue to benefit her favorite animal welfare organizations well into the future.

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Joan had great respect for wild animals and was committed to the support of high quality hospital facilities and veterinary care for the animals entrusted to the Oklahoma City Zoo. In her honor, her son, Christian K. Keesee, brought together the two Kirkpatrick philanthropies to make a combined gift of \$1 million to support the construction of the new Joan Kirkpatrick Animal Hospital at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

The hospital is part of Phase III of the Zoological Park and Botanical Garden Master Plan established in partnership by the Oklahoma City Zoo and the Oklahoma City Zoological Society. It is envisioned to be a world-class facility dedicated to the total health and well-being of the animals and endangered species which are in the care of the Zoo. The Joan Kirkpatrick Animal Hospital will be fully operational by December of 2013.