



# BEARDSLEY

## Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 5:30 PM | INN AT LONGSHORE



Dear Friend,

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo will celebrate over 100 years of educating guests about the importance of wild animals and wild places while providing the community with a wonderful place for families to enjoy time together. Join us at The Inn at Longshore in Westport for dinner, cocktails, musical entertainment, animal encounters, and silent & live auctions at a spectacular venue. All funds raised this evening directly support the Zoo's mission of conserving critically endangered species and educating the public about their plight.

As conservation becomes more important with every passing year, the Zoo has risen to meet the challenge of preserving wild animals and wild places for future generations. We have been the birthplace of endangered animals like Amur tigers, Amur leopards and red wolves, and we have created new habitats that provide space for animals to engage in free choice and natural behaviors. Every renovation, re-imagination and new exhibit seeks first to make a safe and appropriate home for animals, and then to open a window to a strange new world where we can learn from observing the playful spider monkeys, the sleek river otters, or the heritage breeds in the New England Farmyard.

We hope you will consider donating a unique item for our silent or live auctions. We expect 250 guests to join us and help raise funds by bidding on items including vacation rentals, art, gift baskets, gift certificates, event tickets, and more. Your support will be clearly identified in our event program and prominently displayed at the event. Because we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all donations are tax-deductible.

Enclosed is our auction donation form. If you would like to donate an item or service, please contact us to coordinate receipt or pick-up of your gift.

If you have any questions regarding the event or donation, please contact Amanda Webster-Rizzo, Development & Marketing Manager, at 203.394.5522 or [awebsterrizzo@beardsleyzoo.org](mailto:awebsterrizzo@beardsleyzoo.org). We look forward to speaking with you and thank you for your support consideration.

Warm Regards,

Gregg Dancho  
Zoo Director  
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo

*Thank you for  
your support!*

*Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization owned and operated by the Connecticut Zoological Society.*

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[beardsleyzoo.org](http://beardsleyzoo.org)*



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## Silent Auction Donation Form

Item or Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

We will mail/deliver  
items to the address below.

Please contact us to arrange  
pick-up.

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donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*