



# BEARDSLEY *Gala*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 6:00 PM | INN AT LONGSHORE

Dear Friend,

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, 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.

We hope you will consider donating a unique item for our silent auction. We expect over 200 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 donation will support the critical work that the Zoo does to help preserve wild animals and wild places for future generations.

Your business 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, contact Amanda Webster-Rizzo, Development & Marketing Manager, at 203.394.6573 or [awebsterrizzo@beardsleyzoo.org](mailto:awebsterrizzo@beardsleyzoo.org).

We look forward to speaking with you and thank you for your support consideration.

Warm Regards,

Jim Wharton, PhD  
CEO, 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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## 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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