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JACKSONVILLE ZOO AND GARDENS HOSTS ITS 8TH ANNUAL DREAMNIGHT, AN EVENING OF CAREFREE EXCITEMENT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

Jacksonville, FL – June 5, 2015 – For the eighth year, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) hosts Dreamnight at the Zoo, a free evening of fun for children with special healthcare needs and their immediate families, today, Friday, June 5.

This event is an annual tradition that began in 1996 at the Rotterdam Zoo in The Netherlands, and has quickly spread to zoos around the world, growing each year. The Zoo works closely with local care providers and distributes 3,500 complimentary tickets for the children and their families. The event is sponsored by Chase and Southeast Toyota Distributors and JM Family Enterprises. Other corporate partnerships that contribute items and volunteers include Pepsi, Bubba Burger, Medtronic, Sysco, Janpak, Knights of Columbus and Flowers Bakery.

At the event, the families have complimentary access to the Zoo including free giraffe feedings, carousel rides, Stingray Bay access in addition to all other animals and gardens at the Zoo. Guests are provided dinner and snacks throughout the evening including popcorn and popsicles.

About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit JacksonvilleZoo.org.

