

Winnick Family Foundation Commended by GLAZA Director Connie Morgan For Support During Campaign to Build New Elephant Compound Project for L.A. Zoo

Foundation support was instrumental in campaign to advance new Pachyderm Forest habitat for Asian Elephants at Los Angeles Zoo. Foundation's First Quarter 2009 recipients include Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, TreePeople, Jane Goodall Institute, Simon Wiesenthal Center, and Hillel Centers at Syracuse and Quinnipiac Universities.

LOS ANGELES, CA – April 6, 2009 – [The Winnick Family Foundation](#) was commended recently by Connie Morgan, president of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA), for the foundation's financial backing during GLAZA's successful campaign to build for the zoo's new elephant compound, Pachyderm Forest.

Said Morgan: "Karen and Gary Winnick have supported the good work of the Los Angeles Zoo for a number of years. They are informed, knowledgeable people and saw that the public needed to know they know about the Los Angeles Zoo—that it is a great conservation and educational institution that provides outstanding care for all its animals, including Billy, our very famous Asian elephant."

Said [Karen Winnick](#), WFF chairman: "Connie is a careful and considerate leader and she was able to bring the needs of the zoo for a new elephant enclosure to public attention and to rally broad-based community support for this vital new facility. The Winnick Family Foundation has been a consistent supporter of the Zoo and Connie's leadership has been a major motivation in sustaining that relationship."

Karen Winnick is chairman of the Winnick Family Foundation and a member of the Board of Commissioners at the Los Angeles Zoo. She is also a published author and illustrator. Her husband, [Gary Winnick](#), is a member of the Foundation board and chairman of iCrete and of Pacific Capital Group.

Added Morgan: "The Winnicks' leadership was particularly instrumental in our ability to persuade City Council that the best place for Billy was here in his home

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at the Los Angeles Zoo and that the new Pachyderm Forest would be an extraordinary, nurturing habitat for Asian elephants.”

The Winnick Family Foundation also announced selected recipients of foundation grants for the first quarter of 2009, including:

- Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association
- TreePeople
- Jane Goodall Institute
- Hillel Centers at Syracuse University and Quinnipiac University
- Simon Wiesenthal Center

About the Winnick Family Foundation

The Foundation encourages project-specific programs but also selectively supports capital campaigns and unrestricted gifts to grantee organizations. There is a preference for projects in Los Angeles and New York – or those having an international component.

Foundation naming grants include:

- Winnick Family Clinical Research Institute at Cedars Sinai Hospital
- Winnick House and Arnold S. Winnick Student Center at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University
- Winnick International Conference Center at the Simon Wiesenthal Center / Jerusalem
- Winnick Children’s Zoo in Los Angeles
- Winnick Faculty Scholar at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University
- Winnick Hall at the Skirball Cultural Center
- Arnold & Blanche Winnick Popular Library and Karen Winnick Children’s Gallery at the Los Angeles Central Library
- Winnick Hillel House at Syracuse University
- Winnick Board Room at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City
- Winnick Winners Mentoring Program for the Los Angeles Unified School District
- Winnick Fellows at UCLA School of Medicine

Gary and Karen Winnick and the Foundation have endowed university and high school literacy and scholarship programs at Brown University, at Mrs. Winnick’s

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alma mater Syracuse University, and at Mr. Winnick's alma mater Long Island University.

They have also funded the transformation of the on-campus Post mansion administrative center – renamed Winnick House – as well as the main cafeteria which is now named in honor of Mr. Winnick's late father.

In California, the Foundation has supported educational programs at the California Science Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, KOREH L.A., the Los Angeles Zoo, L.A.'s Best Afterschool Program, the Wonder of Reading, the Fulfillment Fund and Noah's Ark at the Skirball Center.

Among the many other Foundation grantees are the Special Olympics, The Center for Jewish History, Children's Scholarship Fund, Partnership for Better Schools, Teach for America, The Gettysburg Foundation, The National Parks Foundation, Best Friends Animal Society, The Los Angeles Police Foundation, Shoah Foundation, and the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University.

The Foundation also supports charities operating outside the United States, including the International Medical Corps, Flora and Fauna, World Wildlife Fund, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, the Israel Museum, the Israel Philharmonic, the Jerusalem Zoo, Heifer International and the Bloomfield Science Museum at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. For more information on the Foundation and its work, visit <http://www.winnickfamilyfoundation.com> on the Web.