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FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO ANNOUNCES BIRTH OF AFRICAN ELEPHANT CALF

FRESNO, (AUGUST 16, 2024) – Fresno Chaffee Zoo is elated to announce that African elephant, Nolwazi gave birth to a male calf early Friday morning. Both mom and baby are doing great and will continue to receive round-the-clock surveillance from the Zoo’s Animal and Vet teams.

“This is a historic moment for the Zoo,” said CEO and Zoo Director Jon Forrest Dohlin. “We could not be more excited for our teams here at the Zoo and the entire Central Valley Community as this is the first elephant calf born in the Zoo’s 95-year history.”

Mom and calf will continue to be monitored behind the scenes and an official announcement of when they will be out on the savanna for the public to see will be announced on the Zoo’s social media.

The Zoo’s other female African elephant, Amahle, is expected to give birth in the coming weeks.

“This incredible milestone would not be possible if not for the continued dedication from our entire Animal Care and Vet Team here at the Zoo. I am incredibly grateful and in awe of their passion for the animals in our care,” said Dohlin.

The Zoo is currently running a matching gift program and funds collected from the program support the 2024 exhibit preparations for the baby elephants. You can give to the program at the Zoo’s website, fresnochaffeezoo.org.

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