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Lincoln Park Zoo's Rhinos Explore New Digs

Chicago, IL (Sept. 1, 2009) -- Lincoln Park Zoo's eastern black rhinoceros habitat recently underwent a million dollar makeover, courtesy of the Harris Family Foundation, providing the animals more expansive and improved digs, while offering zoo guests an eye-level viewpoint of the massive animals to provide a better perception of their enormous size and meticulous behaviors.

For the past week, the young female rhino has been getting acclimated to the Harris Family Foundation Black Rhinoceros Exhibit, and the male rhino will be introduced soon.



Eastern black rhinos are elusive creatures that were nearly driven to extinction in the 1990's. Their population is slowly increasing thanks to science and conservation measures. Scientists at Lincoln Park Zoo are conducting important non-invasive behavioral and hormonal research on the rhinos here at the zoo as well as in the wild to learn more about the species and better understand how to help conserve them.



Lincoln Park Zoo's goal is to one day hear the pitter patter of baby rhino feet. The zoo currently houses a male and a female rhino which are recommended to breed by the Black Rhino Species Survival Plan, a cooperative science-based program among accredited North American zoos which coordinates conservation education and field conservation efforts.

Zoo visitors are encouraged to check out “New Digs for Rhinos” an interactive educational presentation, delivered twice daily at 10am and 3 pm now through mid-October.



ABOUT LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic Chicago landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation’s only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call 312 -742-2000 or visit www.lpzoo.org.