

# EXHIBITS

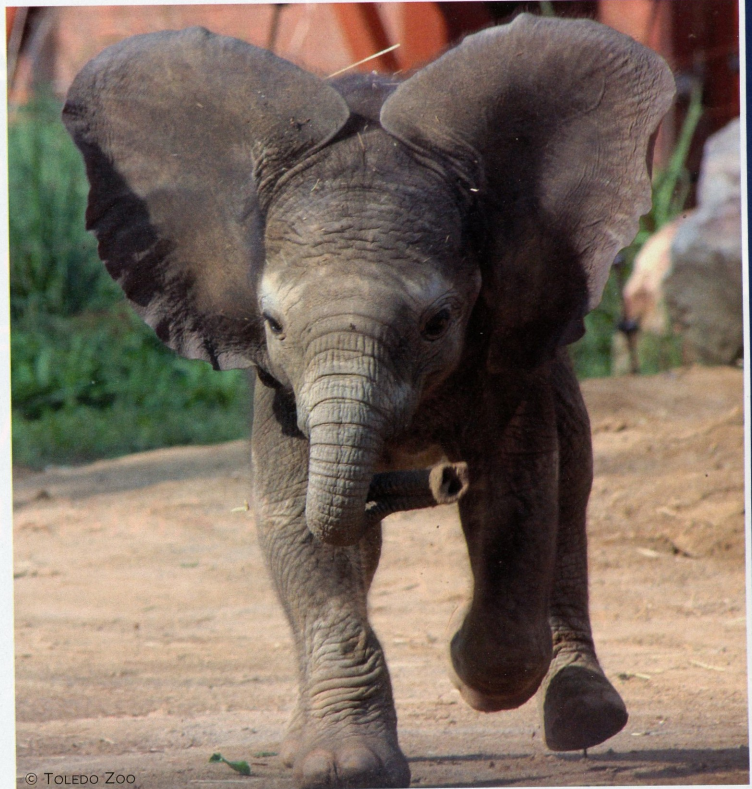
## TEMBO TRAIL OPENS AT TOLEDO ZOO

On 18 May, the Toledo Zoo in Toledo, Ohio, opened *Tembo Trail*. The new exhibit houses four African elephants in over 45,000 square feet of space. The new exhibit also features lions, meerkats, hippos, white rhinos, and a colony of naked mole rats

*Tembo Trail* is notable for its innovative use of vertical space for the elephants which includes 25 plus overhead feeders and enrichment objects that encourage the elephants to move, stretch and explore while staying mentally and physically fit.

The outdoor exhibit area has slopes and ridges that offer the elephants plenty of opportunity to exercise. All through the outdoor yards, deep sand provides a soft but firm foundation that encourages the elephants to move while providing a firm foundation for their feet and joints. The indoor enclosure makes extensive use of natural lighting and includes three elephant bedrooms and a heated porch.

The construction of *Tembo Trail* also provided an economic boon to the community. The construction of the exhibit generated business for over 100 companies and resulted in 70,000 plus worker hours (not including Zoo staff). The Toledo Zoo has an overall economic impact in its community of \$38 million (2010). ■



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A wide-angle photograph of a large, multi-tiered artificial rock wall. The wall is constructed from grey and brown concrete blocks, creating a naturalistic cliffside. In the foreground, a calm pond reflects the sky and the surrounding greenery. A small boat is visible on the water. The scene is set in a lush, wooded area.

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