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This month's cover comes to us from Katie Alexander, a Keeper II at the Chattanooga Zoo. The photo features a female Greater One-Horned Rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) at the Mesker Park Zoo.

"Greater one-horned rhino numbers have recovered from fewer than 200 earlier in the 20th century to as many as 3,550 today, thanks to strict protection from Indian and Nepalese wildlife authorities. The greater one-horned rhino is one of the two greatest success stories in rhino conservation. However, poaching pressure remains high. The species' recovery is still precarious and depends on effective conservation efforts throughout its range (rhinos.org)."

One of the best ways to support this species is through Bowling for Rhinos, AAZK's flagship conservation program. Go to Page 85 of this month's issue of the AKF to learn more about how you and your local AAZK Chapter can participate in Bowling for Rhinos and help us achieve our goal of raising \$700,000 in 2018 for rhino conservation.

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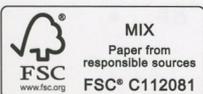
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