



annual report

January 2018 through February 2019

In just 14 short months, Elephant Havens Wildlife Foundation has accomplished so much—and we couldn't have done it without our donors.

Because of your support and donations, we have made incredible progress toward developing the Elephant Havens orphanage in Botswana. We've acquired the land, built an electric fence, dug wells, started construction on enclosures, helped many local villagers in nearby communities, hired staff, and done much to prepare for our ultimate goal of rescuing and raising orphaned and abandoned baby elephants.

Then, in December, with much excitement, we successfully rescued our first abandoned calf and brought her to Elephant Havens to be cared for by experienced handlers until she is independent enough to one day rejoin a wild herd.

Take a look at the many individual accomplishments that have so quickly led us to where we are now.

Here in the United States

- We established the Foundation and received full U.S. IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status.
- We raised more than \$750,000, a portion of which we received by successfully meeting a \$250,000 matching challenge grant.
- We held successful fundraisers in Carmel, California and in Dallas, Texas where we introduced part of our Botswana team and board to donors and the Dallas Zoo.
- All of this has been accomplished with remarkable administrative efficiency and with maximum impact to the charitable initiatives of the Foundation.
- Over 95% of funds raised have been directed to the charitable outreach of the Foundation or are held as cash balances of the Foundation while facilities are being built in Botswana, at which time Foundation funds will be made available.
- The Foundation has established a first-class website, branded and protected its various marks and established easy and varied fundraising systems and sources.
- The Foundation has scheduled fundraisers in Austin, Texas for April 2019 and Dallas, Texas for November 2019.
- Highlighting the November fundraiser will be author Alexander McCall Smith of "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" series fame who is coordinating his most recent book release with our fundraiser and his love of Botswana.

In Botswana, even more has been accomplished

- The Botswana trust arranged the acquisition of a beautifully wooded site in the Okavango Delta on the banks of the year-round flowing Thamalakane River in the Shorobe District 45 minutes northeast of the airport in Maun, Botswana.
- The site is now fully fenced with an adult elephant-proof solar-powered electric fence as specified by wildlife authorities in Botswana.
- It is no minor feat that we have procured a one-of-a-kind permit that allows our team to rescue, translocate, keep, maintain and reintroduce orphaned elephants to herds.
- After receiving the permit in December 2018, we now have one young elephant in our charge. She is an 18-month-old female named MmaMotse, and she is thoroughly enjoying the team and her new lush habitat, having made her way to us from a much more arid part of the country.
- Since receiving proper permitting and calls to rescue, we have constructed 4 separate bomas (corrals or stable areas) to provide proper shelter for newborns and older orphans that may be weaned. It is a beautiful facility that is fully solar powered.
- In a separate facility, we have nearly completed offices for the orphanage, an elephant formula-prep kitchen, laundry, and storage and refrigeration for elephant medicines and formula.
- We have established relationships with 3 wonderful large-animal veterinarians who are great with young elephants.
- We have a staff led by our founder in Botswana, Boago (Bee) Poloko, who was formerly the lead local elephant handler at Abu Camp in the Okavango Delta.
- His team of elephant handlers includes 5 men, each with at least 10 years of experience with elephants that have been rescued as adults from captivity or culling operations or have been orphaned as youngsters. In addition to Bee and his experienced team, we have 2 new trainees from the local community, as community outreach is an important part of our mission.
- We also have staff to handle maintenance, cooking and other support needs at the orphanage.
- We have 3 four-wheel drive vehicles to handle the trust's transport needs.
- All staff are living in tents on the grounds at this time, and we are feeding the staff from the temporary kitchen in the guardhouse at the main gate. Staffing and elephant care are a 24/7 operation with the staff doing 5-day shifts, then rotating off for 2 days.
- Temporary shower and toilet are in place.
- We have signed the construction contract to build: (i) 9 raised tents with permanent floors for staff, plus a shower and toilet building, (ii) a public reception area with offices and public toilets, (iii) management housing, (iv) main area that will have educational space, a public kitchen, lounge and meeting space, (v) a raised tent for donors and other benefactors who may want to stay at the facility overnight; (vi) full solar array to power these new improvements and all utilities to operate this facility, (vii) full water and sewer facilities. Solar power for the elephant facility, fencing and the current temporary living accommodations is in place. Estimated completion date is May-June, 2019.
- The operation will have a very small environmental footprint, unless you count the prints of the elephants.

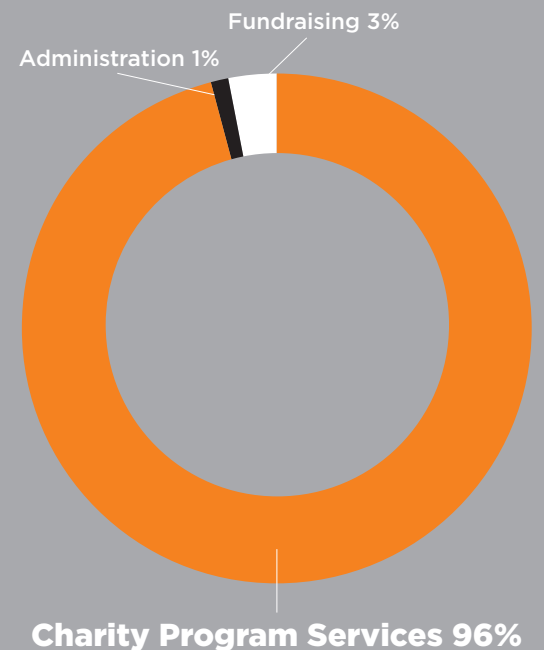
Community engagement is well underway

- We have reached out to 3 local communities with which we share this special part of the world.
- Even though they wage a regular competition with elephants during the short planting season, we have had a very good reception from local leaders and farmers and herders.
- We have just completed toilet facilities for the kgotla meeting place, or community center, for the Gabamochaa community in which Elephant Havens resides.
- The local leaders visited Elephant Havens in late February and had an opportunity to meet young MmaMotse in person. She was a wonderful ambassador for her elephant kind and put a smile on everyone's face.
- Our fencing contractor has begun work on reasonably priced electric fencing that we can install around area fields to persuade the local elephants to stay away.
- Other human-elephant conflict resolution techniques are also under consideration, including motion-activated strobe lights and consolidation of local fields so that elephant deterrence can be effective in a larger location rather than across many small separate plots.
- We are establishing a sort of shuttle for the local folks, most of whom do not have vehicles. Since our team drives back and forth regularly, we are providing rides from the cattle posts and family enclaves nearby to the paved road some 5 miles away. Bus service is then available into town from there.
- We have hired all local Botswana staff from the northern part of the country, and some of the staff comes from the immediate community.
- We have very strong support from local Botswana wildlife officials, as well as our friends in the public and private anti-poaching units across the country.

We are proud to use donors' funds efficiently

During calendar year 2018

Use of Funds as a Percentage of Whole



See the quarterly profit and loss summary for the Foundation attached for calendar year 2018. This reflects the numbers reported above.

Plans for the remainder of 2019

We are actively pursuing various strategies for expansion of the land for the facility. We have substantial community support and have consultants in place who are handling the expansion process with local land boards and local tribal leaders.

We have fundraisers planned here in the United States and are pursuing opportunities in Botswana to open the facility to that portion of the public who will support the mission with appropriate donations. The orphanage and our team are an amenity to the tourist industry in Botswana, and this project is expensive to operate. Accordingly, we are pursuing avenues for fundraising that do not detract from the mission and will provide efficient returns on the Foundation's efforts.

The construction of the orphanage and additional buildings will be largely complete by mid-year; its primary capital outlays have been addressed and funds are in place to pay for all of it. However, day-to-day operations will need to be funded from various sources, and accessing those funds is a primary objective for this year. The only limit on the plans and the mission will be funding. We have many excellent prospects for raising funds that we believe will bear fruit, and we are looking forward to continuing our mission in Botswana.

Debra Stevens, President

Scott Jackson, Vice President

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Accrual Basis

Elephant Havens Wildlife Foundation, Inc.
Quarterly Profit & Loss Summary
 January through December 2018

	Jan - Mar 18	Apr - Jun 18	Jul - Sep 18	Oct - Dec 18	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Direct Public Support	66,010.00	86,890.00	298,742.52	142,871.25	594,513.77
Other Types of Income	0.00	0.00	5,558.25	0.00	5,558.25
Total Income	66,010.00	86,890.00	304,300.77	142,871.25	600,072.02
Expense					
Advertising	1,750.00	11,800.00	2,084.71	2,936.90	18,571.61
Bank Fees	90.00	135.00	225.00	495.00	945.00
Charitable	50,000.00	46,300.00	31,800.00	104,500.00	232,600.00
Contract Services	1,135.79	375.00	0.00	4,866.50	6,377.29
Credit Card Fees	0.00	1,904.69	760.38	243.24	2,908.31
Operations	180.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	430.00
Travel and Meetings	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	53,155.79	60,764.69	35,870.09	113,041.64	262,832.21
Net Ordinary Income	12,854.21	26,125.31	268,430.68	29,829.61	337,239.81
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