



"Wildlife Conservation through Education and Participation"

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Mr. Kevan Allaire
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Dear Kevan,

Paws On is up and running and is a huge hit! The reviews have been wonderful, some downright gushing. We hear people tell us about their son spending a full hour lifting and lowering the crab trap. Others say they spent three hours in the exhibit and didn't even get to the Petting Zone. And others rave about the great food and ice cream in The Whale's Tail!

One has only to walk through the exhibit on a warm day to see the dozens of children enjoying the many aspects of the water play area, interacting with the armadillos, or busily constructing a fort or nest, to know that the kids love it! All of it! And you only have to see the parents or grandparents, sitting, relaxing, and watching the kids having fun, to know that the adults love it too.

We expect the new Paws On to serve this generation of kids, and probably another one, in the same wonderful ways that the old Paws On served many of the parents who come to the Zoo with their own kids today.

We are indebted to each of you who worked on the new Paws On. The teamwork and generosity of so many of you helped the project move smoothly and we are grateful for that. To you, our friends at Southern Pine Lumber, we express our special gratitude for your contributions as part of the Paws On Team.

All of us at the Zoo are grateful for your help and support of the new Paws On. I am hopeful that you will get to the Zoo often to admire your work and to see the exhibit being enjoyed by so many people. Thank you.

Most sincerely,

Keith Winsten
Executive Director

Jen Brangan
Deputy Director

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