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RE: ZOO CELEBRATES 93-YEAR OLD VOLUNTEER
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Wednesday, January 2, 2008, West Palm Beach – On Friday, January 4 at noon, the Palm Beach Zoo will be celebrating the 93rd birthday of Sidney S. Faber, a zoo volunteer who has been giving his time to the zoo almost every day since 1990. He still puts in 15 to 20 hours each week. He is the Palm Beach Zoo's longest serving volunteer. Zoo staff and volunteers will honor Sidney with a pizza and cake lunch on the administrative office deck. The luncheon is sponsored by Esther Bondareff, a long-time zoo donor and volunteer.

Sidney Faber was born in Brooklyn in 1915 and moved to West Palm Beach after the death of his wife Joan in 1987. Sidney, a lifelong businessman and entrepreneur, decided he needed something to keep him busy. His good friend Esther Bondareff, who was serving on the zoo's board of directors, suggested he help the zoo. Since that time, he has performed a variety of jobs – collecting money from vending machines, data entry, publicity scanning, administrative assistance and much more. Sidney was instrumental in the development of the zoo's Docent Training Class and is one of the first volunteers to receive Docent Certification.

Mr. Faber is also involved with the West Palm Beach Jewish Community Center where he supports the Jewish Teen Initiative, a program that provides after-school programs and activities for 225 young people. He also loves dancing, playing bridge, theater and politics.

The Palm Beach Zoo is a non profit zoological organization located at Dreher Park in West Palm Beach. Its mission is to provide an open-air classroom of living creatures to foster awareness, appreciation and respect for the natural world. The zoo is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Support for the zoo is also provided by the Palm Beach County Tourist Development Council, the Board of County Commissioners and the Palm Beach County Cultural Council.

Palm Beach Zoo is located at 1301 Summit Boulevard, just east of I-95 between Southern and Forest Hill Boulevard. Admission: Regular \$12.95, Seniors 60+ \$9.95, Children 3-12 \$8.95, under 3 years and Zoo Members are free. The zoo is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.) For more information visit www.palmbeachzoo.org.

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