



Longneck Manor is also currently home to three Southern White rhinos (*Ceratotherium simum simum*), which is a subspecies of the white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*). Justin, Barney, and Fred are our three 6-year-old rhinos!

From the recent data collection in 2023, the International Rhino Foundation released values sourced from the IUCN Red List, that estimated that there are less than 30,000 rhinos left in the world. Southern White rhinos are facing many threats, most of which include poaching for their keratinous horn, as well as habitat loss, disease, civil unrest, and possibly war in some instances.

Why Rhinos? Southern White rhinos are a keystone species, which means they are quite important for the environment's survival! This means that the Southern White rhino's population impacts the local communities. From an environmental perspective, a keystone species is defined as "a species on which other species in an ecosystem largely depend, such that if it were removed the ecosystem would change drastically". The landscapes can change at any given time based on the weather, but over time rhinoceros grazing patterns can also diversify plant life and create grazing opportunities for other species. This can be achieved through their stature and behaviors... as our boys are very tactile, you can imagine how they might impact vegetation! Once classified as "pachyderms" or very large mammals with thick skin, scientists and researchers have found that their closest living relative is usually found on a farm!

What is Longneck Manor doing to help rhinos in their natural habitat? At the forefront, Longneck Manor is a place for connections to take place between people and our animal ambassadors. We will work to inspire our guests to conserve through the relationships they build with our rhinos. From those awe-inspiring moments, we not only hope to create future conservationists, but to create action for rhinos in need. For Longneck Manor Conservation Foundation, we support two main rhino groups through your donations.

Groups that Longneck Manor Conservation Foundation will support:

- International Rhino Foundation: worldwide conservation programs for all five species of rhino.
- Care for Wild:
 - o "a globally recognized conservation organization dedicated to preserving endangered species and safeguarding the precious biodiversity of our planet."
 - o Supporting several facets including rescue, rehabilitation, rewilding and release, security and protection, as well as community projects.

Meet Our Crash

Fred

Fred was named after none other than The Flintstones! He and his half-brother Barney come from White Oak Conservation in Yulee, FL. Born only two weeks apart, both boys share birthdays in February. Fred on February 7th, 2018 and Barney on February 21st, 2018. Fred can be identified by being the taller and leaner of the White Oak boys and weighs around 4,000 pounds. Fred tends to be a bit more timid than his brother but loves scratches, and may even roll over for belly rubs. He'd rather have good scratches over Alfalfa hay any day of the week!



Barney

Barney, just like his brother Fred, is named after The Flintstones! He comes from White Oak Conservation in Yulee, FL, and is the shorter, rounder of the two. Although he is younger than Fred, he is braver and often takes charge to check out new things. Barney can always be counted on to interact with any new stumps, logs, and rocks for scratches. Fred and Barney are inseparable and have spent their entire life together so far, they can always be seen laying next together whenever they are napping!



Justin

Justin is from San Diego, CA and is the largest of the three rhinos we have. He is very food motivated and can always be counted on to volunteer for tours and more alfalfa. Out of the three boys, he tends to be the bravest rhino, exploring whatever we put in front of him. He can usually be seen rolling around in the wallow followed by a good horn shaping session. Surprisingly, Justin and Fred were born on the same day of the exact same year, February 7th, 2018. Justin doesn't always hang out with the brothers but will be seen cuddling up against them on those colder days. We estimate Justin weights around 4,500 pounds!



Meet Our Tower

Kafele

Kafele is our male reticulated giraffe who was born on November 17, 2015 in San Diego, CA. Kafele loves spending time with our girls Betty and Tana, but is usually the first to wander away from tours and explore on his own. Kafele is full grown, standing at an estimated 16ft and weighs about 2,800 pounds. He can be distinguished by his tall stature and his darker spots in comparison to the girls. Kafele may be seen playing with his windchime in the barn, or snacking on his favorite leaves, acacia.



Betty

Betty is the oldest and the matriarch of the herd. Born on January 17, 2015, her full name is Betty White due to her sharing a birthday with the famous actress and zoo advocate. She came from the Dallas Zoo along with her first daughter, Tana, and had her second daughter born here at Longneck Manor, Kili Rose. Betty has been a great mother, however, has been known to steal carrots and leaves right out of her daughters' mouths. She is our most food motivated giraffe, always coming over to staff and guests to see if they have any snacks.



Tana

Tana was born on July 29, 2020, at the Dallas Zoo, where she came from with her mother Betty White. She was named after the longest river in Kenya. She is starting to look very much like her mother but can be distinguished by the darker fur on the bridge of her nose. Tana is the most mischievous giraffe we have, known to reach for sunglasses, hats, and shirts. She is a great big sister to Kili Rose, teaching her how to stomp out any toys the staff give them.



Kili Rose

Kili Rose is our first animal to be born on property, daughter to Betty White and Kafele, born on October 8th, 2022. On the day of her birth our owner was summiting the peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro, so her first name is in honor of him. While her middle name is an ode to her mother's namesake, Betty White the actress' character on the Golden Girls! Kili is growing right on track, reaching 10ft tall by her first birthday.

