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## **HEROIC EFFORT TO RAISE FALLEN AFRICAN ELEPHANT AT SENECA PARK ZOO IS SUCCESSFUL**

**Rochester, NY** — Seneca Park Zoo is sharing an update today regarding 47-year-old African elephant, Genny C. On the afternoon of June 25, while at a feeding station with other members of the herd, Genny C was pushed over by another elephant.

Animal care and animal health staff were immediately alerted and responded to assist. Due to her age and size, a crane was used as part of a carefully coordinated response effort to help her return to her feet. Thanks to the quick and professional actions of Zoo staff, Genny C was successfully lifted and is now back on her feet.

"I'm incredibly proud of the dedicated animal care and animal health teams at the Seneca Park Zoo—led by Zoo Superintendent Bob Lee—whose quick thinking, expert care, and heroic actions literally saved the life of our beloved elephant, Genny C, when she was unable to stand," said County Executive Adam Bello. "Their tireless efforts, teamwork, and deep compassion are a testament to the extraordinary commitment they bring to the animals every single day. This was a moment that called for skill, urgency, and heart—and our Zoo staff delivered on all three. Thankfully, Genny C is on the road to recovery and under the compassionate care of our incredible zoo team."

Genny C is currently under close observation by the Zoo's veterinary and animal care teams. While her condition is stable, staff will continue to monitor her closely in the coming days to ensure her comfort and well-being.

"The Seneca Park Zoo team continues to exemplify the highest standards of animal care, guided by compassion, expertise, and the deep trust they build with the animals," said Zoo Superintendent Bob Lee. "Thanks to that bond, Genny C. responded calmly and confidently, seeking out her caregivers as soon as she was back on her feet to participate in her own follow-up care."

Genny C is one of the oldest African elephants in conservation care. She has lived at Seneca Park Zoo since 1979 and is a beloved ambassador for her species. Her long life and continued health are a testament to the expert care she receives at the Zoo.

Seneca Park Zoo is committed to the highest standards of animal care and continues to work in support of African elephant conservation worldwide.

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*Internationally, and in our own backyard, Seneca Park Zoo plays a key role in species survival. Chartered as an educational institution in 1957 by New York State, the Seneca Park Zoo Society plays an integral role in supporting Monroe County, the owners and operators of the Zoo. Together, we are working to bring animals back from the brink of extinction.*

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