

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to giraffe Hasani!

SEATTLE—One year ago, Woodland Park Zoo celebrated the birth of a male giraffe, *Hasani* (huh-SAW-nee), with the community. Congenital abnormalities were immediately diagnosed in his rear legs.

Thanks to the dedicated care by the zoo's veterinary and giraffe care teams, including consultation with a Kentucky-based equine veterinarian, Hasani was successfully outfitted with a series of customized therapeutic shoes which corrected his condition over several weeks.

Hasani's story of hope and triumph reached far and wide across the country and around the world. The zoo heard from thousands of individuals whose hearts, minds and spirits were touched and inspired by this remarkable giraffe.

### Happy Birthday, Hasani! You are loved by the zoo family and community.

Hasani was born May 2 to mom Olivia and dad Dave, and is the first offspring between the parents. At birth, he weighed 150 pounds and was 6 feet tall. Today, Hasani weighs nearly 1,000 pounds and stands at an impressive 11 feet tall!

Please visit [www.zoo.org/relief](http://www.zoo.org/relief) to help support the animals at Woodland Park Zoo. While the zoo is temporarily closed to the public, the exceptional animal care and veterinary teams, and other staff continue to work to provide dedicated care to more than 900 animals. As a non-profit organization, the zoo is relying on the community now more than ever to help these wonderful animals continue to thrive. Contributions, both big and small, will help creatures of all sizes.

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