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Meet Enzi the Baby Giraffe!

Toledo, Ohio—Enzi, the baby giraffe born at The Toledo Zoo on December 26, has been doing very well under his mother Elvira's care (and under the care of his keepers), and he's now out exploring his new warm weather home in *Africa!* You can come see Enzi, the other giraffes and all the animals that make The Toledo Zoo's *Africa!* exhibit such an amazing adventure.

Enzi stood six feet tall and weighed about 150 pounds at birth—he's now over 8 feet tall and over 325 pounds! Enzi is the offspring of 5-year-old mother Elvira and 9-year-old father Mowgli, and his birth came about through a recommendation by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA) as part of a Population Management Program (PMP). Through these PMPs, the AZA is able to help ensure the long-term survival of the giraffe population in zoos.

Enzi arrived two or three weeks earlier than expected, and initially Elvira was not producing milk to feed him. He was supplemented with the early milk from a cow, called colostrum, which helped supply Enzi with needed antibodies. Over the next several days Elvira began producing milk, and within a few days Enzi was able to begin nursing on his own. A first-time mother, Elvira has demonstrated excellent maternal skills, and Enzi has thrived. The Toledo Zoo's *Africa!* exhibit is sponsored by Pepsi, the Ohio Lottery and AT&T. Zoo Babies are sponsored by Fisher-Price.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends in May) and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit www.toledozoo.org or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

The Toledo Zoo is committed to inspiring others to join in caring for animals and conserving the natural world. As part of that mission, The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation. AZA member institutions are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.

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