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## **Toledo Zoo Director Honored by YWCA**

Toledo, Ohio— The YWCA Milestones Awards recognize women who, through their leadership, efforts and accomplishments, have opened doors for other women to achieve their own milestones. The Toledo Zoo is proud to announce that Executive Director Dr. Anne Baker will receive this prestigious award for her outstanding work in the sciences. She will receive her award along with six other honorees at the **YWCA Milestones: A Tribute to Women** award ceremony on **Tuesday, March 23 at 11:30 a.m. at the SeaGate Centre.**

Dr. Anne Baker holds an M.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, where her focus was primate ecology and social behavior. Prior to becoming the Zoo's Executive Director in April 2006, Dr. Baker served as Executive Director of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, New York.

During her tenure at The Toledo Zoo, she has further strengthened the Zoo's dedication to conservation. According to her, "our Zoo animals are not only a source of enjoyment for our visitors; in many cases they are also reminders of the need to help save their wild counterparts. We are working throughout the world, using the best science available, to help ensure a future for countless species across the globe and in our own backyard. The mission statement that was adopted in 2008, 'Inspiring others to join us in caring for animals and conserving the natural world,' underscores our commitment as we continue to move forward."

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. 4 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://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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