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Note: Please contact the Marketing & PR Department for digital images of Tuli.

Tuli the Baby Giraffe is Latest “Zoo-born Newborn” on Exhibit

Toledo, Ohio — The Toledo Zoo’s female giraffe calf born July 23 has been named Tuli, a Swahili word meaning “calm or serene one.” The name matches her shy, quiet demeanor.

Throughout the Labor Day weekend, Tuli and her mother, Elvira, are scheduled to be in the *Africa!* exhibit; after that, visitors may view them either in *Africa!* or through the viewing window at the end of the *Africa!* Overlook.

“Mother and calf continue to do well, and we’re grateful for visitors’ interest in seeing them on exhibit,” said Dr. Randi Meyerson, curator of mammals. “Tuli’s mother, Elvira, is showing strong maternal instinct and being an excellent mother. We’re limiting the time they spend on public exhibit to ensure the well-being of both animals.”

When Tuli was born, she stood six feet tall and weighed about 160 pounds at birth. The fifth member of the Zoo’s giraffe herd, she joins her older brother, Enzi, along with her father, Mowgli, and an unrelated female, Charlotte, on exhibit. All five giraffe are Masai giraffe, the tallest animals on the planet, standing an average of 16 to 18 feet when fully grown. Despite their size, giraffe can run at speeds up to 35 mph. They can be identified by their irregularly shaped spots, which are as unique and identifiable as human fingerprints.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Labor Day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. after Labor Day) and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit www.toledo zoo.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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