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## **Zoo Chimp Harvey Hits the Big 5-0!**

Toledo, Ohio—It's a big week for The Toledo Zoo as male chimp Harvey turns 50 on Sunday, January 25! To celebrate this auspicious occasion, the Zoo will host a birthday celebration on **Thursday, January 22 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Kingdom of the Apes, followed by another party on **Sunday, January 25 at 11 a.m.!** These parties also celebrate female chimp Fifi, who turned 49 earlier this month.

As part of the festivities, Fifi and Harvey will receive species-appropriate treats and gifts. Events like these are not only fun for visitors; they also offer enrichment for the Zoo's animals, providing the animals with new and interesting ways to interact with their environments. Enrichment also affords them the opportunity to engage in naturalistic behaviors, including foraging and manipulating objects in their habitats.

As he reaches the half-century mark, Harvey is estimated to be the third oldest male chimpanzee in an American zoo. His early years were spent as part of an entertainment act in the Detroit area, where he is believed to have been abused. Except for a brief stint at the Baltimore Zoo, he has been at The Toledo Zoo since the late 1970s. Fifi and Harvey remain in excellent health, a testament to the excellent care they receive at the Zoo. For their wild counterparts, though, the situation is far less positive. Commercial trade in bushmeat, deforestation and progressive habitat loss have caused the chimpanzees to be classified as endangered. They are now extinct in four of the 25 countries they once inhabited.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 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.

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