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## MARYLAND ZOO CELEBRATES 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ZOOBOOO!

-- Presented by Chase --

**BALTIMORE, MD** – For the 38<sup>th</sup> year, The Maryland Zoo brings growls and ghouls together at ZooBOOO! presented by Chase. ZooBOOO! will take place October 29<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. ZooBOOO! includes safe Halloween trick-or-treating, visits from our Animal Ambassadors, two costume contests each day sponsored by Mount Washington Pediatrics, carnival games, crafts, the STIFEL "not-so-spooky" hay maze, family entertainment and much more!

The Zoo's African Journey habitats set the stage for one of the most popular Halloween traditions – the Elephant Pumpkin Smash! Watch as the African elephants enjoy their fall treats in a big way at 11:00 am each day of the event weekend.

Guests, especially the young ones, are encouraged to wear costumes to ZooBOOO! And, back by popular demand, trick-or-treat candy chute stations will be located throughout the Zoo! There are still a few COVID-related protocols still in place for this event:

- Timed ticketing reservations are required to enter the Zoo. ZooBOOO! is included with 1 admission. Tickets are on sale beginning Friday, October 1st.
- Per Baltimore City mandate, masks are required indoors for all individuals age 2-years-old and up, regardless of vaccination status. Indoor locations include Wild Things Gift Shop, Chimp Forest, Giraffe House, Penguin Education Center, and the Tundra Buggy; the Cave, the Tree and box turtle tunnel habitats in The Maryland Wilderness, as well as all restrooms.

Thank you to our generous sponsors Chase, Mount Washington Pediatrics, STIFEL and Goetze's Candy Company. This event is rain or shine. For updates on ZooBOOO! presented by Chase and other upcoming Zoo events, please visit <a href="www.marylandzoo.org">www.marylandzoo.org</a> and <a href="www.facebook.com/marylandzoo">www.facebook.com/marylandzoo</a>.

## **About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore**

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as the award-winning Penguin Coast, Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.marylandzoo.org">www.marylandzoo.org</a>.