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Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo to Hold Annual Meeting

Syracuse, N.Y. (May 16, 2014) – On Friday, May 30, Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo will host its annual meeting of the membership at 9:00 a.m. in the zoo's banquet room.

A presentation of highlights from 2013 operations, summary of financial reports and a keynote address by Zoo Director Ted Fox on recent green infrastructure and sustainability improvements at the zoo will take place during the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo is a non-profit organization that provides financial support to the zoo through funds dedicated to the welfare of the zoo's animals, educational programs and family-friendly facilities.

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The Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park is **among the top 10 percent of zoos in the country** as an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and is focused on conserving, exhibiting and interpreting a living animal collection in order to promote public recreation, understanding of the relationships between animals and people, and action to sustain the environment we share.

Committed to conservation, the zoo actively collaborates with Friends of the Zoo to save endangered Asian elephants, Amur tigers, golden lion tamarins and amphibians, which are facing a global crisis due to the Chytrid fungus. Other projects include studies on Chittenango ovate amber snails, Turkmenian markhors and Humboldt penguins.

The Rosamond Gifford Zoo is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults (19-61), \$4 for youth (3-18) and \$5 for seniors (62+). Children two and under are free. For more information, call the zoo at (315) 435-8511 or visit the zoo's website at www.RosamondGiffordZoo.org.

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