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Friends of the Zoo Hires Finance Manager

Syracuse, N.Y. (August 26, 2014) –Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo announces the hiring of Cathy Alburnio of Cicero as finance manager. Alburnio is responsible for accounting and management of all financial transactions for Friends of the Zoo, a 501(c) (3) non-profit support organization to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo.

Alburnio holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the College of Staten Island. She has more than 20 years' experience in public accounting, with specialties in non-profit and government entities.

"I am very pleased to welcome Cathy to the Friends staff. Her wealth of accounting experience, familiarity with not-for-profits and fund accounting positions her nicely to take on the department and to work with me during the next phase of our growth," says Janet Agostini, president, Friends of the Zoo.

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Founded in 1914, 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 dedicated to connecting people to the natural world by providing engaging guest experiences, exceptional animal care, and unparalleled conservation education.

The zoo actively collaborates with Friends of the Zoo to provide its guests "the best day ever," ensuring experiences that excite, memories that endure, and knowledge that inspires worldwide conservation.

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 rosamondgiffordzoo.org.

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