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**FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO CELEBRATES WORLD ELEPHANT DAY WITH THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT THEIR FEMALE AFRICAN ELEPHANTS,  
NOLWAZI AND AMAHLE, ARE PREGNANT**

*Fresno, CA* - Fresno Chaffee Zoo is elated to announce on World Elephant Day that their African elephants, Nolwazi and Amahle, are pregnant.

“This is incredibly exciting news not just for our teams but for the entire community,” said Fresno Chaffee Zoo General Curator, Nicole Presley. “We cannot wait to see the elephant calves interact with one another and grow our herd here at the Zoo.”

In November of 2022, the Zoo welcomed Mabou, from another AZA facility. Upon his arrival, the Animal Care staff noticed breeding behaviors. In May of 2023, the Zoo received confirmation that both cows are pregnant and are expected to calve between September and October of 2024. These will be the first elephant calves ever born at Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

The Zoo’s Animal Care teams will continue to monitor both elephants and prepare the savannas and elephant barn for their arrival. You can continue to receive updates on their pregnancies through the Zoo’s social media or their member newsletters.

Fresno Chaffee Zoo Conservation Fund donates to over a dozen conservation efforts including the Tanzania Conservation and Research Program which protects migration corridors for African elephants and other wildlife.

**FOR MEDIA:** A Fresno Chaffee Zoo representative will be available for interviews on Saturday, August 12 from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM. Media who would like to attend should RSVP to Emily Valdez at [evaldez@fresnochaffeezoo.org](mailto:evaldez@fresnochaffeezoo.org) and check in at the Zoo’s front entrance.

*"Fresno Chaffee Zoo inspires people to care for animals, create connections, build community, and save wildlife."*

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