

FACT SHEET WHIRL 2025

AND NOW, LET THE WILD WHIRL RUMPUS START!



WHAT: Brookfield Zoo Chicago celebrates the 44th anniversary of its annual black-tie gala, the *Whirl*, on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Co-hosted by the Board of Trustees and the Women's Board, this celebration highlights the impactful work of the Zoo's education, animal care, animal welfare, and conservation programs.

WHEN: Saturday, April 26, 2025 | 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

WHERE: Hilton Chicago
720 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605

AUDIENCE: Various civic, business, and philanthropic leaders from the Chicagoland area, who are passionate about conservation, nature, and wildlife.

TABLE LEVELS: Host Committee Tables are available at \$75,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000. A table of ten is available for \$10,000. A half-table of five is available for \$5,000. Individual tickets are available at \$1,000 each. Corporate sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are available. To learn more, visit brookfieldzoo.org/whirl. Seating for the event is limited.

PROCEEDS: Brookfield Zoo Chicago is recognized as a collaborative, science-based leader, protecting animals both in the wild and under professional care. We reach out to our surrounding communities to engage people of all ages and abilities in nature-inspired science learning, leading the way as an inclusive conservation movement. Proceeds from the Whirl will benefit animal care and welfare initiatives, as well as conservation and education programs at Brookfield Zoo Chicago.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: To learn more, contact Kerri Doherty, Director of Development Boards & Events
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WHIRL 2025 REPLY FORM

Saturday April 26, 2025 | Hilton Chicago | 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. | Black Tie/Formal or Wild Whirl Attire

I/We are delighted to accept your invitation to *Whirl 2025* and pledge support at the following level:

THE WILD RUMPUS PATRON LEVEL | \$75,000

- One premier table on the dance floor, with two adjacent tables (for a total of 36 guests)
- Special recognition in event materials as a Host Committee member
- Invitation to attend the Host Committee Reception
- Opportunity for lunch and special behind-the-scenes tour for the table hosts and four guests with Zoo President & CEO Dr. Michael J. Adkesson
- Enjoy hosted table service, complimentary table card placement, premier wine at your table, and VIP check-in for you and your guests
- Table hosts enjoy one room for a complimentary overnight stay at the Hilton Chicago
- A special animal-naming opportunity – to be unveiled the night of the *Whirl*

THE ROYAL WILD THINGS PATRON LEVEL | \$50,000

- One premier table on the dance floor, with one adjacent table (for a total of 24 guests)
- Special recognition in event materials as a Host Committee member
- Invitation to attend the Host Committee Reception
- Opportunity for lunch and special behind-the-scenes tour for the table hosts with Zoo President & CEO Dr. Michael J. Adkesson
- Enjoy hosted table service, complimentary table card placement, premier wine at your table, and VIP check-in for you and your guests

THE WILD WANDERER PATRON LEVEL | \$25,000

- Premier table for 12 guests
- Special recognition in event materials as a Host Committee member
- Invitation to attend the Host Committee Reception
- Invitation for behind-the-scenes tour for table hosts and four guests at the Zoo.
- Enjoy hosted table service, complimentary table card placement, premier wine at your table, and VIP check-in for you and your guests

THE WILD JUNGLE PATRON LEVEL | \$10,000

- One table for 10 guests
- Special recognition in the event materials
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo for table host and four guests

THE WILD WOLF PATRON LEVEL | \$5,000

- Seating for up to 5 guests
- Special recognition in event materials

INDIVIDUAL TICKET(S) | \$1,000 EACH

I/We cannot attend, but wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____

For recognition purposes, please list my/our names in printed materials as:

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ made payable to Brookfield Zoo Chicago.

Please charge \$ _____ to my: AmEx Discover MC Visa

Name on Credit Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Holder Signature _____

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