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Brevard Zoo members save six sea turtles in one day

MELBOURNE, Fla., December 4, 2019 — Yesterday 201 Brevard Zoo members and other animal lovers pitched in $12,815 for the Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center, which exists to rehabilitate and release sick and injured sea turtles from Brevard County and beyond. The social media fundraiser was part of #GivingZOOday, an international GivingTuesday campaign that aims to engage communities in local zoo and aquarium philanthropy.

The average releasable patient costs $2,000 to treat, which means the funds will cover rehabilitation expenses for six sea turtles.

“Brevard County is home to some of the world's most critical sea turtle habitat, and our community takes great pride in that fact,” said Shanon Gann, the Zoo's sea turtle program manager. “Yesterday they turned their passion into action, and we could not be more grateful for their support.”

The Zoo is still accepting donations at www.brevardzoo.org/givingzooday.

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_Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at www.brevardzoo.org._

_ Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at www.treetoptrek.com._

_The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at www.theaquariumproject.org._