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Sixth consecutive male giraffe born at Brevard Zoo

MELBOURNE, Fla., April 2, 2020 — Brevard Zoo's giraffe tower grew once again on Sunday when 20-year-old Johari gave birth to her ninth calf. The calf's father, 21-year-old Rafiki, has sired all 14 giraffe born at the Zoo.

The Zoo's veterinary staff performed a neonatal exam on the youngster, where he was confirmed to be the institution's sixth consecutive male calf. He weighed 125 pounds and measured six feet tall at the time of birth, and he was found to be in good health and nursing well.

Masai giraffe are endangered due to habitat loss and poaching.

As a not-for-profit organization that receives no recurring public funds, the Zoo has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in what is typically its busiest season of the year, and it stands to lose one third of its annual income. Community members can support the Zoo by visiting www.brevardzoo.org and donating, purchasing a membership or symbolically adopting an animal.

Photos and video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zubehrs61wikywg/AABx2u4DaaEUxUGye71fgG2ua>

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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.