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**Brevard Zoo receives support from Lockheed Martin to help local environment**

MELBOURNE, Fla., June 21, 2021 — Brevard Zoo’s Restore Our Shores (ROS) program is expanding its work with mangroves thanks to a significant contribution from Lockheed Martin.

The gift, which will be used to help ROS expand hurricane mitigation projects in the Indian River Lagoon, is a new community partnership for Lockheed Martin, which has close to 2,000 employees living and working in the Space Coast region. Lockheed Martin employees will also volunteer with ROS on lagoon projects that support shoreline restoration and promote the protection of the community from the impacts of natural disasters such as strong winds, hurricanes and floods.

“Lockheed Martin’s generosity will benefit the lagoon for years to come,” said Jody Palmer, the Zoo’s director of conservation programs. “We look forward to working with their staff during collaborative mangrove adoption and planting events in the coming months.”

In addition to providing habitat for more than 90% of commercial fishery species in the area, improving water quality and storing carbon dioxide, mangroves provide resilience during natural disasters like hurricanes by stabilizing shorelines from erosion and serving a buffer zone from heavy waves.

Lockheed Martin has a history of giving back to the communities where its employees live and work. Restore Our Shores will use the contribution from Lockheed Martin to continue its mission in Brevard County working on community shorelines, lagoons and rivers to help our community better withstand damaging winds, floods and hurricanes for years to come.

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*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](http://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](http://www.theaquariumproject.org).*