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Tony Stewart, Jack Hanna headlining Brevard Zoo gala

MELBOURNE, Fla., January 23, 2019 — Start your engines! Famed racecar driver Tony Stewart and legendary wildlife champion Jack Hanna are set to appear at Brevard Zoo's first-ever two-night Safari Under the Stars extravaganza to celebrate the Zoo's 25th anniversary. The fundraising event, which will take place on the evenings of Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, is presented by Flammio Financial Group, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

Stewart is best known for his 12 championships, including three NASCAR Cups, but is equally dedicated to supporting organizations focused on animals and children through his Tony Stewart Foundation. Hanna, who attended Safari Under the Stars in 2014, is an animal expert renowned for connecting children to nature through myriad television programs and personal appearances.

"Both of these iconic men use their fame to communicate the importance of animal wellness, wildlife conservation and education," said Karen Davis, the Zoo's director of development. "Their passions align beautifully with our mission and they are eager to join us as we celebrate the Zoo's 25th anniversary. "

Stewart will be featured during Friday night's celebration, while Hanna will make his appearance on Saturday. The Friday and Saturday night galas are open exclusively to sponsors.

The community will have the opportunity to attend a ticketed presentation featuring Hanna at noon on Saturday; more details about this event will be released in the coming weeks. All members of the public have the chance to win a "once-in-a-lifetime" trip to Belgium by visiting www.brevardzoo.org/raffle.

Organizations and individuals interested in sponsorship should contact Chris Stagman at 321-254-9453, ext. 485 or cstagman@brevardzoo.org.

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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.