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Zoo raises \$250K for splash pool

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A campaign to raise \$250,000 for a splash pool at the Seneca Park Zoo for African elephants Genny C. and Lilac has succeeded, officials said.

"It is wonderful to have the community show their support for this project, which will enhance the quality of life for Genny C. and Lilac, and be of great enjoyment to zoo visitors," zoo director Lawrence Sorel said in a statement.

A sign was unveiled at a Wednesday morning news conference that read "Future Home of the Elephant Splash Pool and Gabe Dalmath Elephant Overlook," in honor of the late WHEC-TV 10 news anchor and campaign co-chairman, who died in September.

"We are grateful for the leadership of Gabe Dalmath, who along with his wife, Jean, served as chair of the Experience Great Things campaign," Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks said.

Jean Dalmath, her daughter Amanda and mother-in-law Kate attended the news conference.

"Helping make the zoo an even more popular destination for families and a great home for the animals meant a lot to Gabe," Jean Dalmath said in the statement. "This was one of the last public service projects he was involved with. I know he would have been so touched and honored to be remembered for his work on behalf of the elephant exhibit and the Seneca Park Zoo."

Construction is expected to begin in 2007, at the south end of the elephant yard. The pool will hold 50,000 gallons of water up to five feet deep, officials said.

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