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THE NEW GIRAFFE CALF HAS A NAME!

Mona's 2-month-old daughter has been named Lily

ATLANTA – September 8, 2011 — The city's tallest baby officially has a name: Lily. Unveiled at Zoo Atlanta on September 8, 2011, the name of the 2-month-old giraffe calf was supplied by Tami Honeycutt of Ringgold, Ga., winner of the Name the Giraffe Calf Sweepstakes.

"We're delighted that the calf finally has a name, particularly one that has such special meaning to our sweepstakes winner," said Dwight Lawson, PhD, Deputy Director at Zoo Atlanta. "We're already watching Lily grow up right before our eyes, and we hope that as she continues to grow, she'll continue to give our Members and guests one more way to make personal connections with the amazing biodiversity of her species' native Africa, as well as wild places and habitats around the world."

Honeycutt's name was selected in a random drawing. The name Lily is a tribute to her mother, Lillian.

"I wanted to choose a name that really meant something to me," Honeycutt said. "I chose Lily in honor of my mother Lillian, who is a special part of my life and is always there for me."

Born to Mona on July 22, 2011, Lily is just the second surviving giraffe calf born in the Zoo's more than 122 years of operation. The new arrival is now on exhibit daily with her mother; father Abu; aunt Glenda; and half-sister Zuri, born in July 2010.

Giraffe are not currently listed as endangered, but their numbers are declining in the wild, with many populations now existing on national parks and reserves in Africa. The species is primarily threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation.

About Zoo Atlanta

An accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), Zoo Atlanta inspires value and preservation of wildlife through a unique mix of education and outdoor family fun. From well-known native wildlife to critically endangered species on the brink of extinction, the Zoo offers memorable close encounters with more than 1,000 animals from around the world. Complex Carnivores, a new series of exhibits featuring bush dogs, fossa and binturong, opened in April 2011. Zoo Atlanta is also proud to be one of only four zoos in the U.S. that giant pandas call home: Lun Lun's newest cub, born November 3, 2010, made his public debut in spring 2011. Other highlights include the nation's largest collection of western lowland gorillas, the nation's largest zoological collection of orangutans, and a global center of excellence for the care and study of vanishing reptiles and amphibians. The Zoo is open daily with the exceptions of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Keeper talks, interactive wildlife shows, education programs and special events run year-round. For more information, call 404.624.WILD or visit zooatlanta.org.

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