

## Greetings from Asian Elephant Support!

# Thank You!

While we are still waiting for some of the numbers to come in, we all agree the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser was a big success. We want to thank everyone who came out to help support us! It was wonderful to hear about all the people across the country that took time out of their busy schedules to help Asian elephants.

A special thanks to Liz Wilson in Santa Barbara, CA and Vanessa Gagne in Dallas, TX, for hosting CPK fundraisers in their area. We would also like to thank Bruce Upchurch in Seattle WA, Whitney Jones, Kim Schaefer and Cynthia Christison in St. Louis, MO, Patti Villareal in Portland, OR, Erin Johns in Richmond, VA and all those who promoted this event to make it such a success.

This will be an annual spring event and we are hoping that next year it will be even bigger. However, if you are interested in hosting a fundraiser for Asian Elephant Support, you don't have to wait until next year. You can host a California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser at any time. Email us at [info@asianelephantsupport.org](mailto:info@asianelephantsupport.org) for more information.



*CPK in Virginia: Director April Yoder with a friend and her family (left) and an intern from Riddles Elephant Sanctuary (right)*



*CPK in Oregon: Director Sharon Glaeser with friends from graduate school*

## Update from India

We first introduced Dr. Kushal Sarma in our February 2012 newsletter as the veterinarian who organized the one-day veterinary workshop in the city of Ahmedabad, India. At the Regional Asian Elephant Veterinary Workshop in March, our president and Dr. Sarma discussed a follow up visit to this location. Recently Dr. Sarma advised that he had made an observational visit to Ahmedabad. While the health of the elephants appeared a bit better, another health clinic is definitely warranted and will be held as soon as possible. At the workshop they also discussed a second group of elephants he thought could use some assistance. This is a group of elephants he encountered while working on a rhino relocation project in Kaziranga. Dr. Sarma has already organized a veterinary visit at Kaziranga and will be returning

to operate on an elephant with an abscess on its back.

AES will be kept updated on the work done at these clinics, as well as further opportunities for us to help these and other elephant populations. Many elephants reside in areas where their numbers are small and capable veterinarian assistance is not available. In addition, many of the mahouts caring for elephants in these locations lead a very difficult life. We are looking into ways we can also help the people that care for the elephants.

In addition to being a working veterinarian, Dr. Sarma is also a university professor. We feel privileged to have found a man of this talent and dedication to the welfare of Asian elephants. We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with Dr. Sarma and we are grateful he is willing to put these extra clinics into his already very busy schedule.

We will keep you updated as this work progresses and thank you, Dr. Sarma!



*Dr. Sarma explaining footcare procedures to participants at the veterinary workshop in Ahmedabad, India*



*Dr. Sarma teaching at the veterinary workshop*

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*We appreciate your support. Please consider a [donation](#) to help Asian elephants and those who care for them.*

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