



ASIAN ELEPHANT  
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**Greetings from Asian Elephant Support!**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser is a Success!!!**

**Thank you** to all our friends and family for promoting our event, making long drives, sharing our mission, and eating for elephants! The numbers are starting to roll in and it looks like this year's event was an even greater success than last year!

We would like to say a special thanks to all of our local representatives out there!

**Pat and Molly Flora** - Birmingham, AL

**Victoria Girdler and Robbie Clark** - San Diego, CA

**Liz Wilson** - Santa Barbara, CA

**Liz Beem** - Ventura, CA

**Vanessa and Michael Gagne** - Dallas, TX

**Erin Johns** - Richmond, VA

A special "shout out" goes to Whitney Jones, Kim Schaefer, Cynthia Christison, and Barbara Davis for their help and for greeting and thanking our supporters during the event.

For more information on how you can help us make next year's event even better by being a local representative or volunteer, email us at [elephants@asianelephantsupport.org](mailto:elephants@asianelephantsupport.org).



*Our loyal supporters in Richmond*



*and Portland*

## Happy Mother's Day!

Whether with her hands or with her trunk,  
Our mothers provide us with unending love.  
Ever so gently and ever so strong,  
She puts our concerns far above her own,  
Patiently teaching us right from wrong.  
Though different in ways, we're the same in others  
For both of us cherish the love of our mothers.



*This Mother's Day, honor your mother by making a donation in her name and sending a personalized e-card.*

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# Of Elephants and Man: Documenting Indigenous Traditional Knowledge on the Asian Elephant in Captivity

For nearly 3500 years, Asian elephants have lived and worked with humans. Today, approximately 15,000 elephants are housed in zoos, circuses, temples, government camps, orphanages, and with private owners. Traditionally, select men in range countries developed the skills and understanding necessary to become the mahouts (care givers) of these highly esteemed animals. Today, however, the younger generation is drawn to urban areas and the careers they perceive will offer more financial rewards with less physical effort and risk. While many references and texts are available that address current elephant husbandry issues, the traditional knowledge that is transferred verbally from one generation to the next is disappearing.



Nishant Srinivasaiah, of the Asian Nature Conservation Foundation, Indian Institute of Science, has proposed a project to document this traditional mahout-elephant relationship. This would not only record the relationship between the elephant and its keeper for prosperity, but the in-depth knowledge these men have of the species in general may provide valuable insight into the mitigation of human-elephant conflict issues.





Asian Elephant Support is delighted to be assisting with the funding for this project because of the preservation of knowledge it will provide and the potential conservation applications.

## **THANK YOU**

*We at AES wish to extend a very sincere thank you to each donor who has voted their support with a financial gift. We value that confidence and will always do our best for the animals we all care for so deeply.*

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