



Our Hands Change Causes

Every environmentally-conscious Our Hands purchase supports one of the following causes that matter. Each organization has been carefully selected and utilizes their donations to help with various programs from medical bills for rescue animals to educational outreach. You can read more about the current Our Hands Change causes below.

California's State Parks



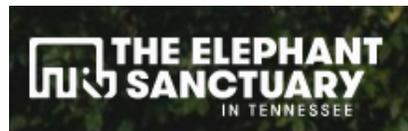
California State Parks contains the largest and most diverse natural and cultural heritage holdings of any state agency in the nation. Their mission is to provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation. California Department of Parks and Recreation manages 280 park units, which contain the finest and most diverse collection of natural, cultural, and recreational resources to be found within California. Together, State Park System lands protect and preserve an unparalleled collection of culturally and environmentally sensitive structures and habitats, threatened plant and animal species, ancient Native American sites, historic structures and artifacts ... the best of California's natural and cultural history.

American Pit Bull Foundation

Based in Charlotte, NC, the American Pit Bull Foundation (APBF) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that focuses on promoting responsible breed ownership through education, programming, and assistance. They provide medical and financial assistance for dogs with responsible owners as well as aid in the adoption of pit bulls to responsible individuals and families. APBF recognizes the importance of building strong community relationships and without the team-effort mentality, no one organization can succeed to its full potential. They recognize the great importance in combining efforts with other groups and businesses who share similar goals and ethics.



The Elephant Sanctuary



Since 1995, The Sanctuary has provided refuge for 27 elephants who are retired from zoos and circuses. The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee provides elephants retired from entertainment and exhibition with herd, home, and individualized veterinary and husbandry care for life. Elephants who have lived their lives in captivity have an opportunity to live in an expansive habitat that allows for a range of natural behaviors. Many of the elephants suffer long-term health and complex behavioral issues common to elephants that have spent their lives in captivity, such as tuberculosis, osteomyelitis, obesity, arthritis, and aggression. Education is a very important part of The Sanctuary's mission. Through Distance Learning, The Sanctuary has taught thousands of school children across the country a respect for wildlife while learning about the crisis facing Asian and African elephants in captivity and in the wild.



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