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Happy Holidays!

Dear Friends,

2014 has been a year of important opportunities and successes for Lemur Conservation Foundation. Thanks to your support, we have increased our presence in Madagascar, expanded our conservation education programs in the United States, welcomed seven lemur infants in this birthing season, and partnered with another university for our Field Training Program. Your generosity helps us expand our work in conservation education, and to improve our successful managed breeding program. Lemurs remain the most endangered primate species in the world. Our colony, and your support, helps ensure a genetic safety net for their survival, increases conservation literacy, and empathy for struggling animals and communities.



Lee Nesler, LCF's Executive Director & CEO with Tsikey.

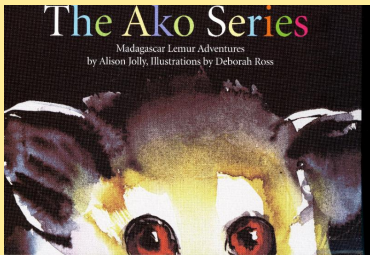
At this time we invite you to join us as we build on the success we achieved this year. For example, according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's 'Lemurs of Madagascar, A strategy for their Conservation 2013-2015, five of the six species of lemurs at LCF's habitats are listed as either endangered or critically endangered. Lemur births at LCF this year include three critically endangered red ruffed and mongoose lemurs, and four endangered ring-tailed lemur infants. Our dedicated and experienced animal care staff made a presentation to professional husbandry colleagues about our success with mongoose lemur infants. *This is why we now ask you to consider a year-end gift to help us expand our success in lemur*

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Adventures written by Dr. Alison Jolly



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propagation, the core of our mission, onsite research opportunities, and education outreach that will help build awareness about lemurs and sustain their populations in the future.



Afo, a red ruffed infant born
at LCF in 2014

In 2014 LCF started partnerships with local schools and organizations like the Manatee County School District to bring the Ako Project, a series of stories about lemurs and their habitats by the late Dr. Alison Jolly, and its lesson plans to young children. We hosted an educators' workshop and brought the Ako Project's conservation message to partners like the Central Florida Zoo, the Ft. Lauderdale Museum of Discovery and Science. In addition, we added a partner to our Field Training Program for university undergraduates, and

began a conservation education partnership with Madagascar's prestigious teachers' college, Ecole Normale Supérieure at the University of Antananarivo.

After my recent visit to Madagascar, I am more inspired and committed to a bright future for lemurs, the communities that share their habitats, and LCF's leadership role in lemur conservation. *Please consider making a gift to the Lemur Conservation Foundation - to help advance lemur science, inspire young conservationists, and continue the success of our lemur colony, which holds some of the most genetically valuable lemurs in the world.*

Sincerely,

Lee Nesler,
Executive Director & CEO

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Meet Leena, our Newest Lemur!

Leena came to LCF from Busch Gardens Tampa in October on a breeding recommendation.



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'ADOPT' A Lemur'

Your symbolic gesture helps provide enrichment and care for our lemur colony.

Adoption Levels

- \$50 - Basic Lemur Adoption Kit: Certificate of adoption, an LCF annual membership card, a lemur power bracelet in your choice of color, and information about the species of lemur you chose for your symbolic adoption. Your gift supports our lemur colony and managed breeding program.
- \$100 - plush lemur key chain made in Madagascar, supporting local, sustainable businesses.
- \$250 - All below + a roomy tote bag designed by artist Kathy Rattenberg. The design features Christina, a mangrove lemur at LCF.
- \$500 - All below + An LCF monogrammed waterbottle for your outdoor adventures.
- \$1000 - All below + 'Saka Ntoto', a CD by Binta Sadi, a talented musician from Madagascar (and LCF board member) whose music brings an inspiring message about Madagascar and its biodiversity treasures.
- \$5000 - Adopt a Family Group of lemurs, and your gift will provide annual care for a family of lemurs for one year. We will thank you with all of the gifts below + a set of organic cinnamon & vanilla from Madagascar, and a chocolate bar from Endangered Species Chocolate featuring ring-tailed lemurs and LCF!

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Just two weeks ago Leena was introduced to her new beau, Merced. It was love at first sight. Leena and Merced and now living happily together and can often be found snuggled up sleeping or grooming.

LCF Leads a Three Day 'Living Building Challenge' Charette



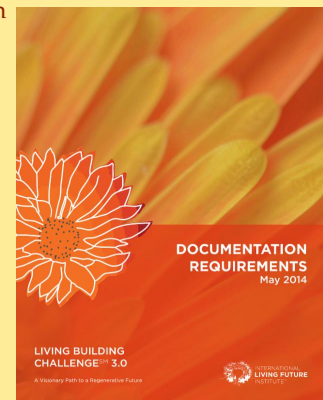
LCF's Team attended a 3 day building charette to learn about the Living Building Challenge as we plan LCF's dormitory. What an amazing way to accomplish concept and

design in a team atmosphere.

Kata Petty, a talented architect and daughter of LCF's late board member, Mopsy Lovejoy, brought a design team and the Living Building Challenge concept to LCF as we work to excel as conservation leaders and achieve the highest green standards possible at our habitats.

"The Living Building Challenge™ is a building certification program, advocacy tool and philosophy that defines the most advanced measure of sustainability in the built environment possible today and acts to rapidly diminish the gap between current limits and the end-game positive solutions we seek.

The Challenge is comprised of seven performance categories called Petals: Place, Water, Energy, Health & Happiness, Materials, Equity and Beauty. Petals are subdivided into a total of twenty Imperatives, each of which focuses on a specific sphere of influence. This compilation of Imperatives can be applied to almost every conceivable building project, of any scale and any location-be it a new building or an existing structure."



[Read more about the Living Building Challenge Here.](#)

Artist Richard Thomas Creates Art For 2015 Calendar

Richard Thomas is a prolific fine artist who is best known currently for his intense and



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Lee Thomas

Executive Director and CFO



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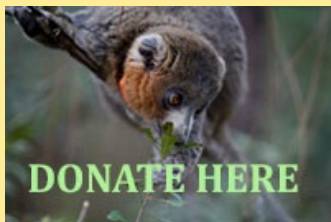
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exquisite nudes and portraits. His work has been exhibited in numerous one and two-man shows in art galleries throughout Florida. His paintings are included in some of the most prestigious private collections in the country, including the Rufus and Bebe Kemper Collection in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mark Ormond, Curator of Exhibits at Ringling College of Art and Design, has written of his work: "...Richard Thomas has distinguished himself with a style and contribution that is his own. His drawings are compelling because they encourage our engagement not only with the appearance of his subjects but also with the nuances of being human he has observed and recorded."

Thomas is a fifth generation Floridian raised in the wilds of central Florida and passionate about its diverse flora and fauna. A born naturalist, he fell

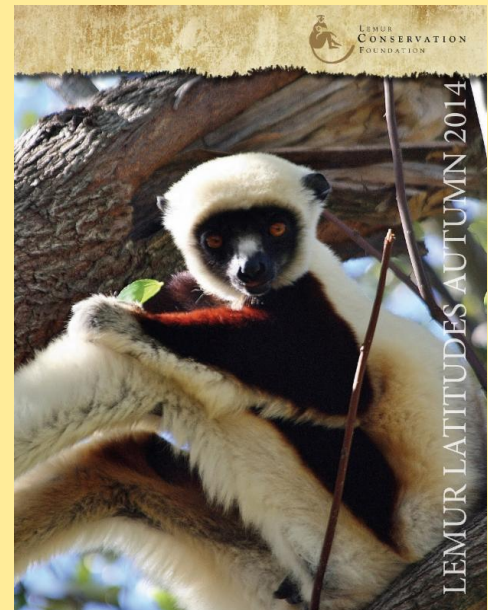
in love with the lemurs and brought his abiding artistic power and grace to his renderings of them for the Lemur Conservation Foundation Art Collection.

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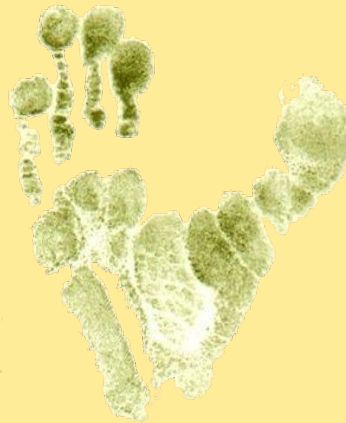
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