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**SPECIAL NIGHT AT THE ZOO
MAKES DREAMS COME TRUE
FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN**

Note to the Media: We invite you to attend the event; however please do not promote it in advance since this is an exclusive invitation only event.

FRESNO, Ca. – Fresno Chaffee Zoo staff, volunteers and sponsors will be opening the Zoo and their hearts to local children with special health care needs or disabilities during Dreamnight at the Zoo on Friday, June 6 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. These children and their families will enjoy a cost-free evening that includes Stingray Bay, giraffe feeding, behind-the-scene tours, the Winged Wonders Bird Show, animal enrichment activities, keeper chats, face painting and magic. Dinner and beverages are being provided by Pizza Hut and the Pepsi Bottling Group and a variety of desserts will be served compliments of Doug-Out Cookies, Producers Dairy, See's Candies and The Brownie Baker.

Dreamnight at the Zoo is celebrated worldwide on the first Friday in June. The event was initiated at the Rotterdam Zoo in 1996 and in 2008 174 zoos in 34 countries will provide this experience to very special guests. This is Fresno Chaffee Zoo's second annual Dreamnight.

WHERE: Fresno Chaffee Zoo located in Roeding Park at 894 W. Belmont Avenue

WHEN: Friday, June 6, 2008 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

WHY: To offer a fun and free evening at the Zoo exclusively for children with special health care needs and children with disabilities, their parents and brothers and sisters.

Fresno Chaffee Zoo is open every day of the year from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission during regular Zoo hours is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 2-11 and seniors 62+, and children under 2 and Fresno Chaffee Zoo members are free. The mission of Fresno Chaffee Zoo is to provide a fun, unique and up-close experience that strengthens the bond between people and wildlife. The Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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