We have many young people who are always eager to help here at the sanctuary.

This year four potential Eagle Scout candidates, from Troop 525 of the Thunderbird District, installed a new watering system for the monkeys. They also built platforms for the primates and a new insulated house for Calvin.

This was a very hard project to do in the summer. The scouts bought the materials, rented the trencher and with the help of their parents, did outstanding improvements to our infrastructure.

We are sincerely grateful to Joseph Humbird, Trystan Butterfield and Andrew Taylor for sacrificing their free time and working so very very hard in the heat and humidity to help the sanctuary.

No Eagle Scout project is ever done without the unselfish giving of the parents. They lead, guide and support their children.

Other scouts from Troop 525, Corbin Eddlemon and Jason Schurr, along with their parents, came to help and lend support to their fellow scouts.

To all the young men mentioned above, Congratulations on attaining Eagle Scout status!

And….thank you!!!

We love volunteers, and one research facility in Houston had a volunteer day and many people showed up. We had veterinarians, behaviorists, research fellows and associates all here to get dirty, organize the equipment and materials in the clinic and water seal our heater boxes. They drove from Houston and Austin to give us this day.

Thank you Caitlin, Leticia, Cynthia, Tammy, Becky and Jane.

An Alternative
Mirror... Mirror

We have a cyno that is fascinated with her mirror. At first we thought she was just enjoying seeing another primate so close, even though she is in a large social group. But one day, while walking by I noticed she had her back towards me, but the mirror was moving / tilting along with me. She was tracking my movements. This is so cool. We have continued to watch this behavior especially regarding the alphas. With her little mirror she can watch just about everyone without overtly gazing at any of them. Clever girl!

2015 was a great year!

We accomplished a lot this year. But this could not have happened without your support. This year we expanded six existing enclosures to give our residents more space. Five new primates retired to our sanctuary and 3 new enclosures were built. But there is also another huge benefit that comes from your donations that our retirees just love......

Along with their chow and fresh produce come the nuts and seeds and pasta they adore.

What is in store for 2016?

Our future goals are a new perimeter fence and a new building for our clinic. Will you help us make the year 2016 just as wonderful? Your tax deductible donations really do make things happen and we continue to move forward and make a difference.

You can make such a gift securely online at www.rsla.org or by regular mail to:

RSLA
P.O. Box 171
Gonzales, Tx., 78629

Please remember that 100% of your donation goes to our retirees. Our sanctuary is run by dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly and give so much in the way of muscle, travel and even giving up social events to give these individuals the retirement they deserve.

There are many of you out there who have helped from the very beginning when this was just a dream. We hope that you feel your donations have been well spent and that we are excellent guardians of your financial sacrifice.

Happy Holidays!!