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Outstanding Group of Community Leaders Named to Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Prize

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INDIANAPOLIS --- Some of the most well-known and influential members of the Indianapolis community are lending their support as members of the 2012 Indianapolis Prize Executive Committee. The Indianapolis Prize was developed to reward a conservationist with significant achievements in advancing the knowledge and sustainability of an animal species or group of species and now represents the leading award for animal conservation in the world. The fourth biennial \$100,000 Indianapolis Prize will be awarded Sept. 29, 2012, at the Indianapolis Prize Gala presented by Cummins Inc., at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

“We are honored to have these exceptional community leaders, from both public and private sectors, lend their names, time and commitment to support this internationally significant program. The Prize focuses global attention on Indianapolis and on a cause that is important to everyone involved from an environmental and educational standpoint,” said Indianapolis Prize Chair Myrta Pulliam.

The 2012 Executive Committee includes:

- *Myrta Pulliam (Chair)*, director of special projects, Indianapolis Star;
- *Gregory Ballard*, mayor, City of Indianapolis;
- *Mary Clare Broadbent*, community leader;
- *Brian W. Casey, Ph.D.*, president, DePauw University;
- *Margot L. Eccles*, vice president, LDI, Ltd.;
- *Lori Efroymsen-Aguilera*, philanthropist, The Efroymsen Family Fund;
- *Suzanne M. Fehsenfeld*, founder and chairman, The Globe Foundation;
- *Anton H. George*, owner, Vision Investments, Inc.;
- *Jo Ann M. Gora, Ph.D.*, president, Ball State University;
- *Jim Irsay*, owner and chief executive officer, Indianapolis Colts;
- *Scott A. Jones*, chairman & CEO, ChaCha;
- *Catherine A. Langham*, president and CEO, Langham Logistics, Inc.;
- *Michael A. McRobbie, Ph.D.*, president, Indiana University;
- *Michael S. Maurer, J.D.*, chairman of the board, The National Bank of Indianapolis;
- *Samuel L. Odle, FACHE*, executive vice president & chief operating officer, Indiana University Health;
- *Jeffrey H. Smulyan, J.D.*, chairman of the board, Emmis Communications Corporation.

The Indianapolis Prize and Gala highlight not only the finalists and recipient, but also the vitality and commitment of the Indianapolis community to this unique initiative – a component of the internationally recognized conservation efforts being undertaken by the Indianapolis Zoo. The Eli Lilly and Company Foundation has provided funding for the Indianapolis Prize since its inception in 2006. The recipient also receives the Lilly Medal, an original work of art that signifies the winner’s contributions to conserving some of the world’s most threatened animals.

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Community Leaders & the Prize

The 2010 Indianapolis Prize was awarded to Iain Douglas-Hamilton, founder and CEO of Save the Elephants and legendary conservation figure. Additional Prize predecessors include Dr. George Archibald, the co-founder of the International Crane Foundation, and Dr. George Schaller, the world's pre-eminent field biologist and vice president of science and exploration for the World Conservation Society.

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The Indianapolis Prize was initiated by the Indianapolis Zoo as a significant component of its mission to empower people and communities, both locally and globally, to advance animal conservation. This biennial award brings the world's attention to the cause of animal conservation and the brave, talented and dedicated men and women who spend their lives saving the Earth's endangered animal species. The Indianapolis Prize has received support from the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation since its inception in 2006.