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## JMF embarks on 20<sup>th</sup> year of supporting educational programs for San Diego's disadvantaged youth

For Little Zookeeper Jarrett Meeker, visiting the Zoo and interacting with the animals was something he cherished. Fortunately, Jarrett's sensitivity for animals and concern for underprivileged children paved the way for other children to receive similar educational experiences through the work of his foundation. This year, the foundation that was created in his memory celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year of supporting educational programs for San Diego's disadvantaged youth.



Jarrett Meeker, nicknamed the Little Zookeeper, loved animals and people.

Since 1987, JMF has provided once-in-a-lifetime educational experiences to more than 100,000 children representing over 50 schools throughout San Diego County, with overall contributions to these programs totaling more than \$450,000. Now with two decades of support and a prestigious Leadership Award from KGTV 10 News under its belt, JMF is looking ahead to the next 20 years.

Critical among JMF's goals for the future is to develop more creative educational programs that give even more kids the opportunity to learn how to take care of planet Earth. JMF board members have already started toward this goal with plans for a new educational program benefiting the children and families at Camp Pendleton military base in spring. In addition, JMF plans to honor those who have supported the Foundation over the years with an exciting 1920s-themed Sunset Safari fundraiser in the fall.



The 2007 JMF Board Members wearing their traditional khaki-colored shirts.