

Dear Educator,

*I am offering you and your students a program I believe you will find both interesting and educational. The program will also teach the importance of taking action and making a difference.*

*The American Association of Zookeeper members across the United States work to help protect the wildlife we enjoy seeing at zoos so they will always be there for future generations to enjoy. It is amazing how many of the 260 different species of wildlife at the Detroit Zoo are on the Endangered List.*



*Elvis was hand raised at the Lewa Conservancy.*

*I recently had the opportunity to spend two weeks with Anna Merz, founder of the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya, Africa. It was my 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to the conservancy and I have learned a great deal about the wildlife, the people living in the area and spent time visiting the schools.*

*I would appreciate the opportunity to share with you and your students about the conservancy, the wildlife, the people of Kenya and the schools.*

*I am willing to do an individual class or several classes together.*

*I received my BA in education from Michigan State University and I am currently retired after 31 years in the field of education. I have dedicated my retirement years to educating children about endangered wildlife and the importance of taking action and making a difference.*

*I am happy to share my great experience for **free**. Once the students have seen my presentation, they always ask me what they can do to help. I do ask you and your students raise **a donation** I can give to the conservancy so they will be able to continue their wonderful work to save these endangered animals. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.*

*Please feel free to contact me at [raprey@gmail.com](mailto:raprey@gmail.com) or call me at (810) 724-0298 to arrange a visit to your class or answer any questions you might have.*

*I would be happy to provide you with schools I have spoken to recently.*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

*Ruth Ann Prey*

**Extinction** - is forever.

**Endangered** - means there is still time.

*We have gone from over 300 species of rhinos to only 5 and all of them are on the endangered list. The International Rhino Foundation has confirmed that without our help the five remaining species of rhinos will **ALL** be extinct within the next 10 years. There are two being poached every day.*

*African elephants are currently being slaughtered for their ivory at a pace unseen since the ban on ivory trade took effect in 1989. The elephant population is half of what it was in the late 1980's and they are on a course that means they will be extinct by 2020 without our help. They are being poached at the rate of 5 a day.*

*Anna Merz, founded the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. It is by her vision, dedication and desire to save the rhino from extinction that Lewa stands as the proud organization that it is today. Anna proved to us all that one person's dream and love for wildlife can create the most significant impact, far beyond our deepest imagination. Anna Merz passed away on April 4, 2013, leaving us to carry on the work she started 30 years ago.*