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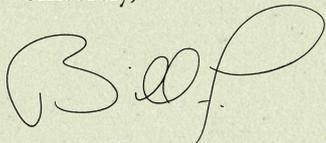
**Dear Friend of the Zoo:**

It was reported in the news this week that the Zoo's beloved African bull elephant, Bulwagi, will need to undergo surgery. **We need your help.** Bulwagi is easily recognized, as he has only one tusk. Unfortunately, his tusk has a long-term crack, which has worsened over time and become infected. Elephants use their tusks for digging, lifting objects, gathering food, stripping bark from trees and for protection. Through these activities, their tusks can be damaged. The veterinary staff at the Zoo has been working to correct this condition for months. If left in place, there is a risk of the infection spreading.

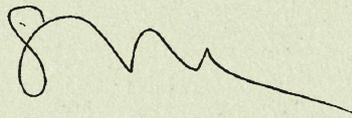
In consultation and collaboration with a team of outside experts, the veterinary staff has determined that it is necessary to remove his tusk. As you might imagine, safely removing an elephant's tusk is no small task. The surgery is a very involved process, requiring months of preparation, the services of specialists from across the country, extra veterinary assistance and advanced training for Bulwagi. As a result, the Zoo needs to raise \$70,000 to cover the cost of his procedure and follow-up care. By making your gift today, you will help the Zoo maintain the health of the community's beloved elephant.

The Birmingham Zoo strives to provide the best care for its animal collection and relies upon generous donors like you for needed assistance. **Help Bulwagi by making a donation today.** Thank you again for being a special friend of the Zoo.

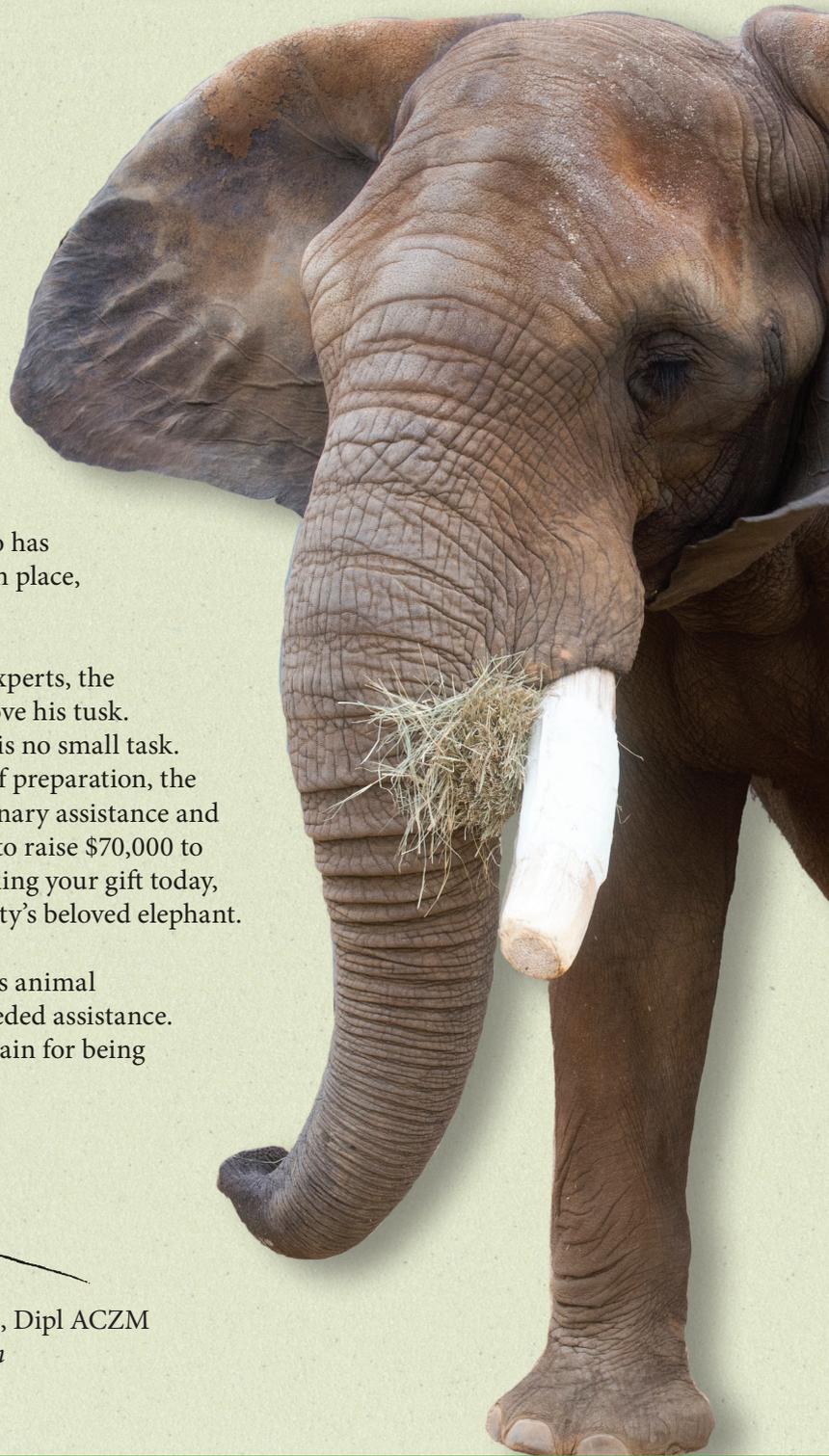
Sincerely,



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Director of Animal Health



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE ZOO!**

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