

FROM THE HEART OF THE FOREST



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A word from our President



The beginning of a new year is an important time to reflect on the past 12 months; to celebrate our achievements and acknowledge the incredible support from our donors, corporate supporters, volunteers and followers. Thanks to your extremely generous support during 2015, OFI Australia has raised close to \$250,000 – an amazing effort!

Here's what you helped us do in 2015:

- ♥ \$40,000 was used to purchase a 50 hectare corridor of land between the Village Protection Forest and Rawa Kuno Forest and to finalise the construction of a moat surrounding Kubu Village Forest.
- ♥ \$40,000 was used to purchase land to expand the OFI Care Centre, to protect forest school areas and stop encroaching housing developments.
- ♥ \$19,800 was used to purchase a vital habitat corridor along the edge of Sekonyer River opposite Tanjung Puting National Park.
- ♥ \$5,000 was used to purchase land to create a wildlife corridor between Rawa Kuno Forest and Mentawa.
- ♥ \$20,000 was donated towards the construction of new orangutan sleeping enclosures at the OFI Care Centre.
- ♥ \$30,000 was contributed for fruit providing essential food and nourishment for orangutans at the OFI Care Centre.
- ♥ \$14,400 was raised to help fund a very successful life-changing surgery for rescued Malayan Sun Bear, Selina, to help improve her quality of life.
- ♥ Funds were raised to ensure additional care and physiotherapy is provided for special needs orangutan Hockey.
- ♥ An ultrasound machine was donated to the OFI Care Centre hospital.
- ♥ Vast amounts of nappies, vitamins and essential medical supplies were donated to the OFI Care Centre by our 2015 Eco Tour participants.

Give a gift from the heart this Valentine's Day!

Spoil someone special by fostering an orangutan in their name! Foster kits include a certificate, information about orangutans, a biography of your chosen foster orangutan and photographs.

[Foster here!](#)



We also have plenty of cute and cuddly orangutan plush toys available at our online store. All proceeds from merchandise sales help us in our fight to save orangutans – so it really is the gift that keeps on giving!

[Shop now!](#)



Fire appeal

In late 2015, Borneo and Sumatra experienced the most severe and devastating fire season in history. Thanks to our supporters we were able to respond quickly and provide essential fire-fighting equipment for the OFI staff who were on the ground fighting the fires for four months to protect orangutans and their habitat.



Here's what you helped us do in 2015:

- ♥ To date, the OFI Australia Fire Appeal has raised \$25,432. Some funds have already been used to purchase fire-fighting equipment; the remaining funds will be used to replant and replenish areas devastated by fires and prepare for the inevitable 2016 fire season.
- ♥ Apart from funds raised in our Fire Appeal, we donated \$45,000 to purchase a "fire truck" (a pick-up truck equipped with water bins and pumps) for fire-fighting.
- ♥ We purchased urgently needed fire-fighting water knapsacks as well as fire-fighting equipment including walkie talkies, hoses and buckets.
- ♥ Our November 2015 Eco Tour participants donated smoke masks, enclosed shoes, medical equipment and electrolytes to protect the OFI staff fighting the fires.

We are so incredibly grateful to all of our supporters who have made donations, fostered orangutans, sponsored land in The Orangutan Legacy Forest, purchased merchandise and attended our fundraising events. While these monetary donations are vital to realise our mission, we could not have achieved any of this without the OFI Australia board, our corporate supporters and the numerous volunteers who have hosted fundraising events to raise money and awareness for our cause.

We simply cannot thank you enough for your support during 2015 - we could not have achieved any of this without you.

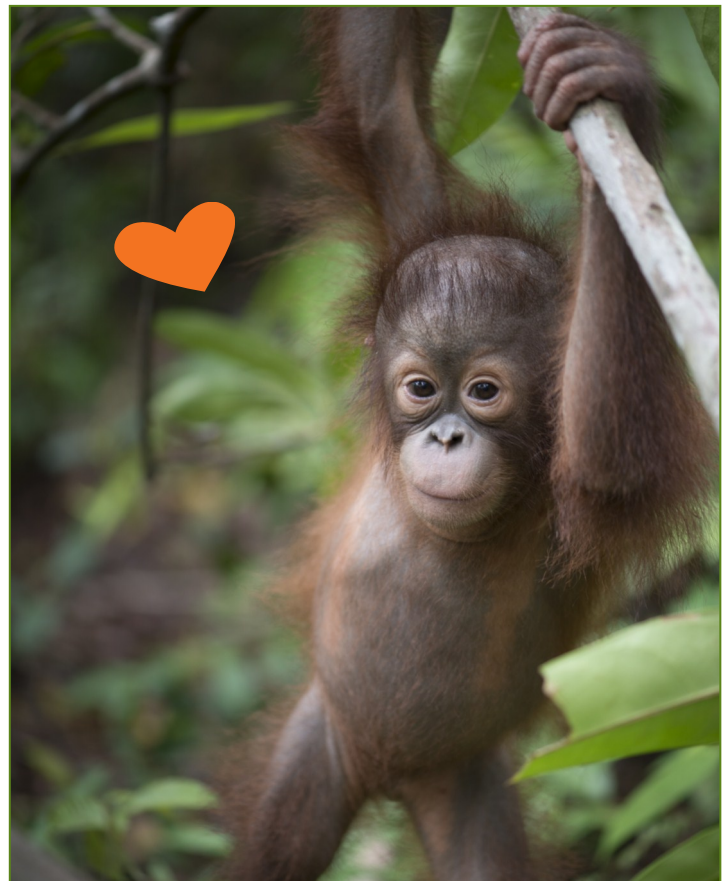
So on behalf of the orangutans of Borneo and all at OFI Australia, we extend our huge appreciation and sincere gratitude.

We wish you all the best for a happy and healthy 2016 – and a better future for our orangutan friends.

Your love makes the difference.

Kobe ♥

Kobe Steele, President OFI Australia



Have you met our special foster orangutan Hockey?



We don't think of Hockey as our 'special needs' orangutan; we just think of her as special!

Hockey came to the OFI Care Centre as an infant after suffering a stroke that left her completely paralysed down the left side of her body.

Hockey has now grown into an adolescent, and is one of the sweetest and most loving orangutans you could ever hope to meet. Sadly, due to her paralysis, Hockey can never be released back into the wild. OFI Australia has therefore made a concerted effort to support Hockey to ensure her life is as fulfilling as possible.

In 2014 OFI Australia raised funds to build Hockey a new large enclosure, providing her with more space and comfortable surrounds. Then last year, thanks to OFI Australia supporters Denise Turra and Clare Michell, we were able to raise funds for a full time carer or "Hockey helper". They provide Hockey with physical therapy which involves stretching her limbs to build strength in her arms and legs.

Hockey is already showing great progress as a result of this physical therapy; she can now lift herself off the ground, sit up and almost stand on her own without any support! An amazing result!



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Hockey has also been able to expand her diet and now consumes whole peanuts, in addition to bananas and various leaves and plants. Her new independence means she can also spend more time in the forest on daily release. Hockey even has her own set of wheels to help her get around! Her purpose built "gerobak" (Indonesian word for cart) helps transport Hockey around the Care Centre and out to her forest visits.



Thanks to OFI Australia's wonderful supporters Hockey will continue to get the love and regular physical therapy she needs to continue to gain strength and become more independent.

Hockey touches the hearts of all those who are lucky enough to meet her. You can show your love by fostering Hockey today - for yourself, or someone special.

OFI Australia's foster program plays an essential role in ensuring orphaned orangutans like Hockey have a future. By becoming a foster parent to Hockey, you are helping to provide her with food, shelter, love and affection, and the ongoing physical therapy she needs to live a fulfilling life.

Become a foster
parent to Hockey today.



Fundraising friends

Huge love and thanks to our OFI Australia orangu-raisers who have held events and fundraising activities to raise much needed funds for OFI Australia. We truly appreciate your support!



OFI Australia is registered with [MyCause](#) and [Everyday Hero](#) to make it easy to set up your own event or join an existing community event. Please contact us if you need fundraising ideas!

Fundraise for OFI Australia today!

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News from the field

Mr. Tumin Luther is the Manager of OFI's Care Center and Quarantine but he is so much more than that! Mr. Tumin's dedication and spirit are the cornerstone of much of Orangutan Foundation International's fieldwork in Indonesia. His influence and decision making are critical in all rescue and release operations. Read more about Mr Tumin [here](#).



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