

Abandoned chimpanzees receive grant for long-term care : The Humane Society of the United States



Left to right: Andrew E. Pace, Vice President and CEO of the Richardson Center for Global Engagement; Governor Bill Richardson; Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States; and Bill Richardson, founder of the Richardson Center for Global Engagement. The banner reads: "Because they Deserve Better". Photo: Jennifer L. Jackson/ The Humane Society of the United States.

More than 60 chimpanzees abandoned in Liberia by the New York Blood Center are on a path to living at a suitable long-term sanctuary thanks to a new grant.

The Richardson Center for Global Engagement earmarked a welcome grant for The Humane Society of the United States supporting efforts to work alongside the government of Liberia to ensure proper long-term care and well-being of the chimpanzees after the New York Blood Center forced them to suffer in captivity, endure painful research experiments and then left them to die of starvation and dehydration.

In addition to supporting efforts on the ground in Liberia, The HSUS and RCCE are collaborating to increase pressure on the NYBC to reinstate funding and live up to its responsibility and public promise to provide lifetime care of the animals. Gov. Bill Richardson, founder of RCCE and Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The HSUS, sent a joint letter to nearly 90 of the blood center's most significant donors urging them to place pressure on NYBC by condemning its reprehensible actions and withdrawing funding until the blood center takes responsibility.

Pacelle said: "We are grateful to Gov. Richardson and the Richardson Center for Global Engagement for their dedication to this cause and collaboration with The Humane Society of the United States as we work with the government of Liberia on efforts to provide the high-quality care owed to these chimpanzees."

Gov. Richardson said: "I'm glad our organizations – The Humane Society of the United States and the Richardson Center for Global Engagement – can come together in our nation's capital and work to get something done. We look forward to working with the corporate donors to the Blood Center to hold the center accountable for abandoning these chimps. This is the launch of something that will be truly exciting!"