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**WILDLIGHTS AT THE LIVING DESERT TO SHINE NIGHTLY
BEGINNING TONIGHT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

PALM DESERT/INDIAN WELLS, CA – (December 20, 2019) – WildLights at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens will be open nightly beginning tonight Friday, December 20 through Saturday, December 28 (closed Christmas Day), from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with last admission at 8:30 p.m.

At WildLights the zoo and gardens turns into a twinkling winter wonderland of more than a million lights. Guests will be amazed at the festive tunnel of lights synchronized to holiday music, the life-sized herd of illuminated animal lanterns, and the holiday-themed edition of the G-scale model train display. New this year, a giant 15-foot dazzling gift made of lights will serve as the perfect backdrop for photos.

Guests can explore pathways and brilliant light displays throughout the African section of the park and meet many of the Zoo's African animals including cheetah, zebra, and giraffe. Visits with Santa, animal encounters, keeper chats, and entertainment also take place nightly.

For an additional fee, attendees can take a spin on the carousel, make s'mores, and ride the Polar Express train ride that transports them through a snowy, sparkling wonderland. Seasonal refreshments, holiday spirits, WildLights souvenirs, and zoo-themed holiday gifts will be available for purchase.

WildLights is presented by the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation, and is sponsored by HiTech Lights.

Admission is \$14 per person; \$12 for members, military (with ID); \$10 for children ages 3-12 and free for those under 3. Some attractions require additional fees. Tickets can be purchased online at www.LivingDesert.org or at the main admissions gate. For more information, visit www.LivingDesert.org or call (760) 346-5694.

About the Living Desert:

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit, accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, ensuring the highest standards of all aspects of animal care, education, conservation, public service, and operations. The Zoo is active in conservation research, habitat protection, breeding programs and education initiatives around the world, as well as in its own community. The Zoo has been a top destination in the Palm Springs area for nearly 50 years. The Living Desert is located at 47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260. For more information: (760) 346-5694 or visit livingdesert.org.

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