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Dr. Jane Goodall to Speak at the Mondavi Center

March 10, 2008; Davis, California—**Dr. Jane Goodall** is the world's foremost authority on chimpanzees, a scientist whose work has transformed mankind's understanding of other primates and ourselves, a world-renowned conservationist, and a United Nations Messenger of Peace. In one of the highlights of the 2007-08 **Distinguished Speakers Series**, Goodall will deliver a lecture entitled *A Reason for Hope* at the **Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts**.

The event will begin at 8 pm on April 9 in the Mondavi Center's Jackson Hall on the **UC Davis** campus. There are currently no tickets available, but patrons may call the Mondavi Center Ticket Office at 530-754-2787 to check on the availability of returned tickets.

Dr. Jane Goodall, born in London in 1934, is best known for her groundbreaking studies of the social life of chimpanzees in what is now the Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania, which took place over the course of 45 years and revolutionized scientific understanding of both primate behavior and mankind's relationship to our fellow primates and other animals. She is also increasingly recognized as a leading conservationist, having founded the **Jane Goodall Institute**, which works to continue her studies of chimpanzees and preserve their habitat. She has received countless awards and honors for her scientific, environmental, and humanitarian work, including the French Legion of Honor, the Kyoto Prize, and the Ghandi-King Award for Nonviolence, and she has been named a Dame Commander of the British Empire as well as a United Nations Messenger for Peace.

Goodall's interest in primatology is often said to date back to her childhood, when she was given a chimpanzee toy and dreamed of becoming "Jane of the Jungle." In the summer of 1960, as a 26-year-old, Goodall began to realize that dream, as she arrived on the shore of Lake Tanganyika in East Africa to study the area's chimpanzee population. There, she began her decades-long study that ultimately would redefine the relationship between humans and animals.

One of her earliest and most significant discoveries came when she observed chimpanzees stripping leaves off stems to make the stems useful for fishing termites out of nearby mounds. As Goodall observed this and other examples of the chimps making and using tools, it became clear that science would need to rethink the definition of what it might mean to be human, as previously it had been thought that only man had the capacity to use tools. She also observed chimps hunting, disproving the widely held belief that they were primarily vegetarians. In 1964, she established the **Gombe Stream Research Center**, which continues her field studies to this day.

In 1977, she founded the **Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education, and Conservation** to provide ongoing support for field research on wild chimpanzees and lead efforts to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. The institute is widely recognized for establishing innovative grass-roots conservation programs in Africa, and for establishing its **Roots & Shoots** education program in nearly 100 countries.

Goodall is also an author, with an extensive list of publications that includes nine children's books, a two-volume autobiography, two overviews of her work at Gombe—*In the Shadow of Man* and *Through a Window*—as well as a spiritual autobiography, *Reason for Hope*, and *My Life with the Chimpanzees*. *The Chimpanzees of Gombe: Patterns of Behavior* is recognized as the definitive work on chimpanzees and is the culmination of her scientific career. She has been the subject of numerous television documentaries and is featured in the film *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees* (2002).

In addition to being named an Officer of the French Legion of Honor, a Dame Commander of the British Empire, and a United Nations Messenger of Peace, Goodall's scores of honors include the Medal of Tanzania, the National Geographic Society's Hubbard Medal, Japan's prestigious Kyoto Prize, the Prince of Asturias Award for Technical and Scientific Research, the Benjamin Franklin Medal in Life Science, and the Gandhi/King Award for Nonviolence. She has received honorary doctorates from numerous universities, including **Utrecht University**, the Netherlands; **Ludwig-Maximilians University**, Munich; **Stirling University**, Scotland; **Providence University**, Taiwan; **University of Guelph** and **Ryerson University** in Canada; **Buffalo University**, **Tufts University**, and other U.S. universities. She travels an average of 300 days per year, speaking about the threats facing chimpanzees and other environmental crises and sharing her message of hope for the future.

"Dr. Jane Goodall is one of the leading scientists and conservationists of our time, and we are proud to be able to bring her to UC Davis," said **Don Roth**, the Mondavi Center's executive director. "We expect her lecture, *A Reason for Hope*, to be genuinely inspiring."

What: **Dr. Jane Goodall**
A Reason for Hope

When: Wednesday, April 9 • 8 pm

Where: Jackson Hall
Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts
University of California, Davis

Admission: \$49/\$41/\$36 Adults • \$24.50/\$20.50/\$18 Students & Children

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