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News Release

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Public Invited to Help Name Baby Giraffe

Dickerson Park Zoo welcomed a new addition to the zoo's giraffe family on Tuesday and is inviting the public to help name the giraffe calf. The possible names for the calf are Watoto (Swahili for "child"), Cooper or Stretch, Jr.

Visit the zoo's Facebook page to vote on a name ([facebook.com/dpzoo](https://www.facebook.com/dpzoo)). To vote for a name, "like" the photo with your favorite name. Voting closes at noon on Saturday, July 16, and the winning name will be announced at 1 p.m., during the zoo's Zoobilee event.

Guests can view the calf and his mother, Kamili, in the exhibit yard. Dickerson Park Zoo is open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through the end of September, including summer holidays. For more information, visit the zoo online at www.dickersonparkzoo.org, or call the zoo's information hotline, 417-864-1800.

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