

and eventually her point of view was accepted. Today, she is known as one of the most prominent female scientists of the 20th century.

After spending nearly 30 years studying the chimpanzees in the field, Dr. Jane began traveling the world discussing chimpanzees with all kinds of audiences, and teaching others about them. She was doing what she had always wanted to do. During her travels, Dr. Jane soon began to realize, learning about the state of chimpanzee populations across the 22 countries in Africa that they inhabit, that their numbers were quickly dwindling, and that she had to do something to protect them.

In 1977, Dr. Jane founded the Jane Goodall Institute to continue her research, as well as to establish projects that help improve human communities in the countries where there are the highest concentrations of chimpanzees. Through a people-centered approach to conservation, these communities join the Jane Goodall Institute in its mission to protect chimpanzees and secure a hopeful future for them.

Also during her travels around the world raising awareness about chimpanzees, Dr. Jane met many young people who felt apathetic about their communities and that their futures had been stolen. Dr. Jane agreed, but she did not want to leave these young people with the belief that they couldn't do anything to make the world a better place. And so, Dr. Jane started JGI's global youth program, Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots. Today, now in more than 130 countries, Roots & Shoots promotes active involvement of young people in projects that help improve their own communities, wherever they are, for people, animals and the environment.

Today, Dr. Jane continues to travel 300 days a year speaking on behalf of chimpanzees, and helping every individual understand that they can make a difference in their communities.

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#### **Fun facts about Dr. Jane:**

- Dr. Jane's real first name is Valerie.
  - Dr. Jane has two favorite toys that she loves very much — Jubilee, a toy chimpanzee given to her by her father when she was three years old, and Mr. H, a toy monkey given to her by her friend Gary Hahn.
  - Dr. Jane's favorite animal is a dog, and to go with that, her favorite movie is Disney's *Lady and the Tramp*.
  - Dr. Jane loves eating dark chocolate and strong coffee — both organic and fair-trade of course!
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