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*2012 Report to
the Community*



MINNESOTA ZOO

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[The successful completion of the Heart of the Zoo campaign created additional opportunities for guests to make emotional connections with wild animals, such as this energetic sea otter found in the award-winning Russia's Grizzly Coast exhibit. Featuring the region, landscapes and animals of the Russian Far East, the exhibit transports guests to a land and its animals halfway around the world.]



directors'

MESSAGE

[DEAR FRIENDS]

Thanks to your support, the Minnesota Zoo celebrated a record year!

During the year, we welcomed more than 1.36 million guests, the highest number in our 34-year history. We are grateful to our 46,033 member households (also an all-time high) who supported our Zoo with year-round investments. Lastly, we celebrated the successful conclusion of the Heart of the Zoo campaign, a public/private partnership that raised more than \$76 million from the State of Minnesota and thousands of donors, and transformed the experience of visiting the Minnesota Zoo.

The combined impact of these milestone achievements is powerful. As the state's largest environmental education center, the Minnesota Zoo believes (and evidence affirms) that people who establish personal connections with the natural world are more invested in protecting it. By serving record numbers of people and attracting significant financial support, the Minnesota Zoo is building a community of conservation leaders and advocates who are motivated to save wild animals and wild lands.

Our education and conservation programs continued to grow through the work of our staff, volunteers and Board of Trustees. For example, to meet the critical need of developing a workforce skilled in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), we hosted a planning institute where teachers and Zoo staff worked together to integrate engineering into their curricula and into two new Zoo classes. We also launched a Distance Learning program that delivered science classes from the Zoo to 35 communities throughout the state, and we are now developing new programs linking engineering applications and the animal world.

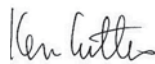
We also celebrated the establishment of two new Minnesota-based conservation programs: one to study and protect moose and one to preserve native prairie

butterflies. Made possible by the Minnesota Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and supported by Morrie's Automotive Group, these projects join our other successful conservation initiatives, including ongoing field work with desert black rhinos and Hartmann's mountain zebras in Namibia; our 20-year leadership role to save wild tigers; and our small grants program that enables Zoo staff to participate in field conservation efforts both here at home and around the globe. All of these activities advance the Zoo's work in securing a future for the world's wildlife.

New and revitalized exhibits are critical to our success in inspiring guests to be better stewards of wild animals and the natural world. New exhibits attract more guests who, inspired by our animals and their stories, can become advocates and help spread the word and work toward solving our conservation challenges. Last November, we opened the new dhole (Asian wild dog) exhibit on the Northern Trail, and today, three adorable pups are playing and exploring under the watchful eye of the four adults (and numerous human guests!). In May, we revealed our revitalized Tropical Reef exhibit which now includes hundreds of fish darting among bright artificial corals. And we brought *Dinosaurs!* to the Zoo for the summer, delighting guests of all ages and helping them better understand the great dinosaur extinction of the Mesozoic Era.

Today, we are seeing potential for the greatest mass extinction of animal life since the time of dinosaurs, and this is sobering. But the Minnesota Zoo, in collaboration with zoos and other conservation groups in the state and around the world, is working hard to protect endangered species and ecosystems. As we reflect on our accomplishments of the past fiscal year, we also can celebrate our successes which offer hope, such as the birth of the rare Amur tiger cub pictured on the cover. With your continued support, we hope to provide her and her wild cousins with a very bright future indeed.

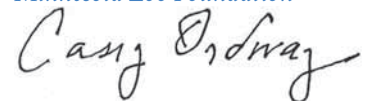
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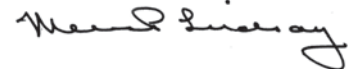
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OUR SUCCESSES

conservation

[Celebrated the births and hatchings of several important species, including Amur leopards, Amur tiger, dholes, Southern tamanduas, De Brazza's monkey, Linne's two-toed sloth, and Bali mynah]

[Received the 2011 Minnesota Waste Wise Leader Award, recognizing the Zoo's accomplishments in preventing and reducing waste, increasing energy efficiency, using eco-friendly products, and raising environmental awareness among staff and guests]

[Honored with "40 under 40" recognition for Zoo Conservation Director Dr. Tara Harris by the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal]

education

[Expanded Math Days to two days and attracted 2,602 students in kindergarten to twelfth grades who were exposed to many ways to use mathematics in their everyday lives]

[Celebrated a record year for Zoo Camp, with a nine percent increase in the number of campers and an eight percent increase in total revenue]

[Launched Wild Readers, a wildlife reading program for grades 1–3 school children who read animal books by a specific author and meet the Zoo's animals to excite them about the magic of reading]

[Awarded an "Honorable Mention Pinnacle" award by the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration for the inaugural year of our Distance Learning program, funded by the 3M Foundation]

recreation

[Received a Minnesota Business magazine "2012 Top Marketer Award"]

[Celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Music in the Zoo]

[Received Classics Award, "best annual report" for the fourth year in a row from the Minnesota chapter of the Public Relations Society of America]

[Recognized with a "Best of the Twin Cities" award for 3M Penguins of the African Coast exhibit from Minnesota Monthly magazine and a "Significant Achievement for Marketing" award from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums for the exhibit's "Do the Waddle" campaign]

heart
of the zoo

[Recognized 984 Friends of the Minnesota Zoo who contributed \$250 or more to the Zoo, a 20 percent increase over the previous year]

[Raised a record \$80,000 in 10 minutes for Fund-A-Need at the 2012 Beastly Ball Macaw Masquerade]

volunteers

[Thanked 1,043 volunteers who provided 122,981 hours of service, the equivalent of 60 additional full-time staff]

[Honored Zoo volunteer Andy Anderson, a 2012 KARE-11 "Eleven Who Care" recipient. Andy, a 92-year old retired farmer, has volunteered at the Wells Fargo Family Farm for the past nine years]

[Honored by "Dakota County 2012 Exceptional Businesswomen Award" for Zoo Deputy Director/COO Connie Brazier]



CONSERVATION

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[SAVING MINNESOTA'S PRAIRIE BUTTERFLIES] The Poweshiek skipperling, a once-common butterfly in Minnesota's prairies, has not been seen in our state since 2007. Several other prairie butterfly species also are experiencing steep declines in population. In response, the Zoo launched a prairie butterfly conservation program in February 2012 designed to preserve and promote awareness of Minnesota's imperiled native butterflies and their diminishing habitats.

Zoo staff members have surveyed dozens of remaining prairie sites in Minnesota to assess the status of several rare butterfly species, identify threats, and develop solutions to contribute to their survival. As a hedge against extinction, we are collaborating with partners in Wisconsin and Michigan to establish breeding populations at the Zoo for the Poweshiek skipperling. We also are attempting to rear and breed the regal fritillary, an iconic prairie butterfly that is now largely extinct east of the Mississippi River.

Finally, we are developing a laboratory to conduct the first study of geographic genetic variation for several prairie butterfly species, and creating educational media resources for Zoo guests.







[SAVING AMUR LEOPARDS] It's been nearly 17 years since our last Amur leopard birth, so we're thrilled about our two cubs, born on May 29, 2012, to first-time mother and father, "Polina" and "Chobby." These cubs are of particular significance because Amur leopards are one of the most endangered species of cats in the world, with fewer than 40 remaining in the wild. To help preserve this rare species, the Russian government is reviewing a proposal to reintroduce these animals from zoo-bred lineages into a nature reserve in the Russian Far East that was once home to Amur leopards. Our hope is that the proposal will move forward and that our cubs will be candidates for this reintroduction program.

The Minnesota Zoo continues to raise funds for Amur leopard conservation, along with 13 coalition members of the Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance (ALTA). We receive donations from Zoo guests in the *Russia's Grizzly Coast* Conservation Cabin, from donors in Minnesota, and from other North American zoos. Since 2007, we have provided nearly \$100,000 to support field conservation efforts, including programs to curb poaching, set up camera traps to monitor wild Amur leopards, and educate children in the Russian Far East about the importance of saving these magnificent animals.



[MOOSE MYSTERY: UNDERSTANDING A MINNESOTA ICON] Moose populations have declined by more than 50 percent in Minnesota since 2006, and there is concern that this species may soon be lost from the state entirely. Evidence suggests that rising temperatures in northern Minnesota may be contributing to the decline, but our understanding of how moose respond to temperature changes is incomplete.

To better understand the physiological responses of moose, the Minnesota Zoo began research in 2012 to identify temperature and humidity thresholds above which moose become heat-stressed. We also went into the field to study whether they modify their habitat selection behavior based on temperature. The Minnesota Zoo will use the results to develop management recommendations aimed at preventing the loss of Minnesota's largest wild animal.



[DESIGNING A MODEL FOR RHINO CONSERVATION] Currently in South Africa, poachers kill an average of two rhinos every day. Conversely, just to the north in Namibia, only one rhino in the past 18 years has been lost to poachers, testimony to Namibia's long-standing tradition of applying community-based solutions to the protection of rhinos. The partnership between the Minnesota Zoo, The Nature Conservancy's Africa Program, and the Namibian conservation organization Save the Rhino Trust continues to build on this tradition by expanding and strengthening the community-based approach of active monitoring in the protection of endangered rhino populations.

In 2012, we worked with The Nature Conservancy to raise funds for a new Rhino Ranger Incentive Program that will expand monitoring efforts in the region by equipping, training, and conducting joint patrols with a new generation of community rangers. During the past year, we also worked to develop nationally-accredited Responsible Rhino Tourism training curricula to promote tourism that benefits both rhinos and the communities.

[CREATING A TIGER CONSERVATION LEGACY] The Minnesota Zoo has been a respected leader in tiger conservation since it opened in 1978. The Tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP®)—one of the very first SSPs—was developed at our Zoo to create a scientific, collaborative, and coordinated approach to the management of an endangered species in captivity. This approach has since been duplicated by zoos for the benefit of many endangered species.

Today, Minnesota Zoo staff still coordinate the Tiger SSP, which launched the Tiger Conservation Campaign in January 2012 to raise awareness of the plight of these animals and raise money for their conservation. More than \$30,000 was received for wild tiger conservation efforts in fiscal year 2012 and an additional \$20,000 was pledged.

At the same time, the Zoo celebrated the birth of a tiger cub pictured on the cover of this annual report. Representing roughly 350 Amur tigers in the wild, her birth is a significant victory in ensuring the continuation of these animals for generations to come. What an extraordinary and heartwarming ambassador for her wild counterparts!



EDUCATION

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[EDUCATING GUESTS ABOUT THE WORLD OF BIRDS] Zoo animals are ambassadors for their species, helping guests expand their views of the natural world and learn more about their relatives in the wild. One extraordinary way to make that connection is at the Zoo's *World of Birds Show*, which began its first full season in the new Target® Learning Center in October 2011. Soaring hawks, endangered macaws, talking parrots, majestic owls, and many more rare and beautiful birds help tell the story of approximately 10,000 bird species in the world, 13 percent of which are threatened or endangered. The Zoo's birds demonstrate free-flight natural behavior while Zoo staff share stories about the natural abilities of birds, the challenges they face in the wild, the diversity of species on our planet, and the importance of natural habitats.







[ENGAGING CITIZENS IN CONSERVATION] Throughout the year, speakers came to the Zoo to share their conservation expertise as part of the *Our World Speaker Series*, supported by Rasmussen College. Committed to increasing public awareness and support, the Zoo hosted nine free lectures for 952 guests, sparking interest in issues as wide-ranging as the importance of bees to the health of Minnesota's ecosystem, to the status of two of the world's top predators. Through education and awareness, the Minnesota Zoo is inspiring conservation leaders to help save wild animals and wild lands.



[DELIVERING CLOSE ENCOUNTERS] As Zoo guests always enjoy learning more about wild animals, we are now offering Close Encounters, a new program that gives our guests more opportunities to view enrichment and training activities while the animals are on exhibit. During the past year, we increased enrichment activities considerably so that our animals could both learn to participate in their own health care (allowing keepers and vets to do exams, administer medications, or give injections), as well as to enable the animals to make choices and express their natural behaviors. By facilitating greater staff engagement with our guests, the Close Encounters program creates yet another layer of enrichment – for both our animals and our guests.

[RECEIVING AWARDS FOR TEACHING LANGUAGES & CULTURES] In October 2011, the Minnesota Zoo received the Pro Lingua Award from the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Culture for our World Language Days program. The award recognizes the Zoo's role in helping to teach languages and cultures to Minnesota students, as well as the Zoo's support for the language teaching profession.

Launched in 1979 as a way to attract new audiences to the Zoo, World Language Days, supported by a grant from MOM Brands, provides students with a field trip to the Zoo where they discover fascinating facts about our animals and their habitats, all in the language of the day. The program began with three languages—French, German and Spanish—and today has grown to include Japanese, Chinese, and American Sign Language. The program has grown from 1,600 students to more than 6,000 students in 2012.



[REACHING BEYOND OUR GATES] Imagine living 388 miles from the Minnesota Zoo. That’s how far the folks from Warroad, Minnesota would need to travel to visit. Instead, we bring the Zoo to them. Zoomobile, our premiere outreach program, celebrated a record year, traveling 29,571 miles to 40 counties and sharing the Zoomobile animal collection with 53,027 people. Schools, hospitals, senior citizen homes, libraries, community centers – all welcomed a cadre of Zoo animals which educated, entertained, and inspired participants. Zoomobile naturalists introduced “Annie” the great horned owl, “Monte” the ball python, and “Ouch” the porcupine, among many program animals that serve as ambassadors for wild animals and the natural world.

[GETTING TEENS & TEACHERS OUT INTO THE WILD] One of the best ways to connect people to the natural world is by immersing them in biodiversity hot spots and giving them hands-on experiences in wildlife conservation. In 2012, as part of the Zoo’s educational travel programs for teens and teachers, high school students observed Olive Ridley sea turtles laying eggs on a Costa Rican beach and planted native trees in the cloud forests. Across the ocean in South Africa, teachers witnessed a rare sighting of a leopard feeding on its prey high in a natal mahogany tree in Kruger National Park and engaged in penguin conservation efforts around the Cape Point Peninsula.

Both students and teachers came home with great photos and unforgettable memories, but more importantly, they returned with a new appreciation for conservation and the inspiration to share their passion for preserving wildlife and wild places with others.





[PROTECTING OUR OCEANS] For every Minnesotan who loves seafood (and for those who simply love our oceans), the Zoo significantly expanded its sustainable seafood education program in fiscal year 2012 with the launch of Fish Smart, a program designed to help protect the environment by increasing the availability of sustainable seafood in the Twin Cities. Thanks to a grant from the Walton Family Foundation, Fish Smart builds public awareness to inspire people to make informed decisions that can create positive changes for our oceans' fish populations, nearly 80 percent of which are exploited, many nearing collapse.

As part of Fish Smart, the Zoo is partnering with Whole Foods Markets of Minnesota to introduce a "Fish of the Month" program that encourages consumers to buy sustainable seafood. Each month, all Whole Foods Markets in Minnesota carry a selection at their stores, and Fish Smart partner chefs, including Chef Robert Wohlfeil from The Oceanaire Seafood Room in Minneapolis and Chef James Kohler from Luci Ancora and Ristorante Luci in Saint Paul, share their preparations and recipes for each monthly selection.



[CONNECTING STUDENTS-AT-A-DISTANCE TO ANIMALS AND NATURE] To reach students who may not be able to visit the Minnesota Zoo, we launched a Distance Learning program in February 2012, following a year of development and testing. Thanks to funds from the Legacy Amendment's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and with a grant from the 3M Foundation, our Distance Learning program boasts a video conferencing studio with a high definition monitor; a high-zoom camera for close examination of biomaterials and props; a custom-built transport and display box for the Egyptian fruit bats used during programs; and a "green" screen for Weather Channel-style video integration. In addition, cameras are now capturing the activities of live animals in three Zoo exhibits, with plans to greatly expand in the months ahead, creating just one more way for students to experience the Zoo from a distance.

The first two Distance Learning programs available in 2012 included "Moose Mystery: Minnesota's Vanishing Icon" and "Calls from the Wild: Exploring Animal Communication." In just four months, the Zoo delivered 35 separate programs to students in ten Minnesota counties, and reached audiences in Ohio, Michigan, New York, and Texas. To meet the growing Minnesota and national demand for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) curriculum in classrooms, the Zoo is now developing new programs to be launched in the 2012-2013 school year, focusing on engineering and the animal world.

A young boy with dark skin is laughing joyfully, his eyes closed and mouth open. He is being sprayed with water from a hose, and the water droplets are frozen in mid-air around him. He is wearing blue shorts and a yellow wristband. The background is bright and out of focus, suggesting an outdoor setting like a beach or poolside.

RECREATION

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[WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF DINOSAURS!] It was an extraordinary time travel experience when Zoo guests entered *Dinosaurs!*, a summer 2012 blockbuster exhibit sponsored by Think Mutual Bank. Featuring 15 larger-than-life animatronic dinosaurs, the exhibit included Tyrannosaurus Rex, Giganotosaurus and Brachiosaurus, who spit, roared, and reared. Representing the Mesozoic Era, approximately 230 million to 65 million years ago, the exhibit's unique plants, natural landscape and remote environment created an "out of this world" experience that helped contribute to the Zoo's record-breaking attendance this year. Daytime attendance during the exhibit totaled 732,792 guests, 44 percent of whom visited *Dinosaurs!*







[BRINGING LOCALLY-GROWN TO THE ZOO'S FARMERS' MARKET] The Zoo welcomed the summer season with its first ever Farmers' Market, giving local residents and Zoo guests the chance to purchase fresh produce and other goods while supporting their local farmers and community. The Market also included weekly food demonstrations and Seafood Throwdown competitions organized by Fish Smart, another Minnesota Zoo program committed to sustainable, ocean-friendly fishing and aquaculture.

[TRANSFORMING THE CORAL REEF INTO THE TROPICAL REEF] The most peaceful place at the Minnesota Zoo was transformed this past year into a new Tropical Reef, an underwater cove of beautiful fish and relaxing ambient sounds. Formerly known as the Coral Reef, located in the Tropics Trail building, our newly-renovated Reef now includes realistic new artificial coral, an improved filtration system, better viewing areas, and hundreds of fish including new species such as the bluespot boxfish, lemonpeel angelfish, and sunburst butterfly fish. One of the most popular elements of the exhibit continues to be the interactive dive show, when aquarists scuba dive in the giant aquarium and answer guests' questions while under water. The most commonly-asked question? "Just how many fish are in that tank anyway?" (Currently 350 and growing to about 600 next year).

[CONNECTING WITH YOUNG PROFESSIONALS] Two years ago, a group of young professionals formed YPAC (Young Professionals Advisory Council) and was tasked with creating an organization whose purpose is to engage this demographic with the Minnesota Zoo and its mission to connect people, animals, and the natural world. The result was AZUL, a membership-based organization of over 100 like-minded young professionals who are truly committed to conservation, education, and social activities in support of the Minnesota Zoo.

This past year, AZUL hosted its second Warm Up in the Wild event and its first Wild Night at the Beastly Ball; participated in an Earth Day Clean Up in conjunction with Friends of the Mississippi River; raised \$3,000 for our Tiger Conservation Campaign; and hosted its first Conservation Conversation. These intimate conversations provide AZUL members with opportunities to learn about short- and long-term volunteer projects, and to talk with local conservationists about career options.



[AMBASSADORS FROM THE WILDS OF THE FAR EAST] The Zoo launched a new American/European partnership to help secure a future for the newest addition on the Northern Trail—dholes (pronounced ‘dōls), also known as Asian wild dogs. With possibly fewer than 2,500 animals left in the wilds of Thailand, Russia, China, and India, dholes’ major threats include habitat loss, lack of prey, and disease from domestic and feral dogs. Currently, dholes are found at only two other zoos in the United States. But working together with the European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA) and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the Minnesota Zoo will expand both the U.S. and European dhole breeding programs. We’re off to a promising start: in May, three pups were born, significant births that will help ensure a self-sustaining population for many years to come.



[THE ZOO FARM TO FORK PROJECT] We all expect to eat fresh, locally grown and sustainable vegetables when dining out at fine restaurants throughout the Twin Cities. But it’s also what our guests are served at the Minnesota Zoo, thanks to the Zoo’s garden at the *Wells Fargo Family Farm*. Partnering with our on-site caterer Lancer Hospitality and working with Zoo volunteers David Schmidt, Bob Erickson and Sara Klasky, the Zoo launched a sustainability program called Farm to Fork.

The *Wells Fargo Family Farm* is a working farm where volunteers plant and harvest various crops such as Big Boy and cherry tomatoes, jalapenos, bell peppers, Romaine lettuce, and cucumbers. By using the locally-grown produce of Farm to Fork, Lancer Hospitality and the Zoo reduce consumption of fossil fuels in the transport of food products, eliminate wasteful packaging, and reduce the use of pre-packaged, processed foods on the menu.



CELEBRATE!

we achieve our goals





CELEBRATE!

making our vision

[The visionaries and community leaders who planned and built the Minnesota Zoo in the 1970s intended to build one of the world's great zoos, one that would become a vital conservation and education organization and enrich Minnesota's rich cultural fabric for generations to come. Today, strengthened by an active decade of physical transformation and program growth, the Zoo is well on its way to fulfilling that great promise.]

A brown bear with thick, dark brown fur is standing in a shallow, rocky stream. The bear is facing left, looking towards the camera. The stream is filled with water and numerous rocks of various sizes. In the background, there are large, light-colored boulders and some sparse vegetation on a hillside. The text "on a reality!" is overlaid on the lower left side of the image, underlined.

on a reality!

CELEBRATE!

*we achieve
our goals...*

[\$76 MILLION FOR THE MINNESOTA ZOO!] In 2006, we launched the largest fund-raising campaign in the Zoo's history and transformed the experience of visiting the Minnesota Zoo. Thanks to support from the State of Minnesota and gifts from individual, corporate, and foundation donors, the Heart of the Zoo campaign raised more than \$76 million to sustain and strengthen Minnesota's world leading Zoo.

The Heart of the Zoo campaign created more opportunities for guests to connect with wildlife, participate in science and educational activities, and gain a deeper appreciation for the wild places and habitats that sustain animals and people around the world. We are inspiring and activating our guests and our community to conserve the world's wild animals and wild places.

2012

YOU & THE ZOO

[WE PARTIED WITH A PURPOSE] To raise money for our Zoo and to learn more about animals and the threats that are affecting them each and every day, the 2012 Beastly Ball *Macaw Masquerade* and its 530 guests raised nearly a half million dollars, including a record-breaking \$80,000 for Fund-A-Need targeted for conservation activities both in Minnesota and around the world. Beastly Ball Chair Carol Bossman and her committee created a magical evening of dining and dancing while guests opened their hearts and their wallets, joining together to support the Zoo. For the first time ever, the Beastly Ball also included Wild Night, a “crash-the-ball” event sponsored by AZUL, the Zoo’s young professionals’ organization.



[CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT] Clockwise from left: Maggie Walsh, Regan Gray, Warren Herreid, Jeannine Rivet, and Benit Gray; Carol Bossman, Lee Ehmke, Melissa Lindsay, and Lee Valsvik; Bryan and Jennie Smith; and Christopher Parish and Danielle Faribault



[CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT] *Hanna Buckley; Carmen and Jim Campbell; Katie and Jason Stockwell; Mardi and Ron Ringling; Carnival Brasilero samba dancers and Nicholas Zimet; and Julie and Doug Craven*



[WE LIKE TO CELEBRATE] Throughout the year, the Zoo hosted events for members, music lovers, donors, community leaders, runners, golfers, foodies, and more. We enjoyed our beer and wine. We had fun running with our kids and families, golfing with our friends and coworkers, and listening to amazing music.

We opened our gates to honor those who have served our country. We closed our gates so that those with different abilities could have the Zoo to themselves. And we escaped the winter blues by creating our very own Tropical Beach.



[CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT] *Music in the Zoo, Brew at the Zoo, Tiger Tracks 5K, William David Romans Golf Classic, Zoo Day at the Capitol, Fish Bites*

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"The truth is I have always loved animals and cared deeply about life in all of its forms," reflects Leni Moore. "It's essential that everyone has the opportunity to learn about the natural world and its inhabitants." Leni certainly did during her childhood visits to the Cincinnati Zoo.

As an adult living in New York City, Leni raised her children and built a career in investment banking, while also earning a certificate in conservation biology from Columbia University that introduced her to issues in conservation and the environment. Leni moved to Minneapolis in 2004 and became involved with the Minnesota Zoo, serving on the Foundation Board as Treasurer and Co-Chair of the Governance committee, and chairing the Beastly Ball. "I am delighted to be part of it," said Leni. "The Minnesota Zoo is a conservation organization that teaches guests and activates them to help in the conservation of natural habitat. The Zoo does a remarkable job of bringing to life what nature is all about and how important it is to protect it."

Adds her husband David, "I'm also impressed by how much the Zoo adds to the level of science education for children throughout the state of Minnesota."

Naturally, Leni and David support the Zoo's conservation programs, and have been impressed by Jeff Muntifering, a Minnesota Zoo Conservation Biologist who works in Namibia to protect endangered black rhinos in collaboration with Save the Rhino Trust. The program is effective and growing—and in need of more funding—so they hosted a fundraiser in their home this winter which raised \$38,000 for black rhino conservation.

"Seeing rhinos in travels to Africa brought this vividly to life for me. Since the Minnesota Zoo is very involved in this program, I wanted to share my enthusiasm for Jeff's efforts with friends and others who are interested," said Leni.

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The Minnesota Zoo is grateful for this generous support from two generations of Hanleys.

Nine-year old Cade Hanley loves science, whether he's immersed in space and aviation camp or learning about the fascinating creatures at the Minnesota Zoo.

Adventurous visits to the Zoo with his dad have nurtured Cade's interest in animals, particularly in the Zoo's two tree kangaroos. Why? "They are interesting animals, and not too many people get to see them," explains Cade. "I figured out online that they are getting to be endangered."

When his father decided to increase his annual gift to the Zoo, Cade was inspired to make his own gift, too. Motivated by his special fondness for tree kangaroos, Cade challenged his school classmates to chip in with their own donations. The students enthusiastically agreed and considered several Zoo animals, with tree kangaroos and river otters as the two finalists. River otters won the final vote to receive the class gift.

Undeterred, Cade brought his dad to the Minnesota Zoo and donated his own allowance to care for the sweet marsupials. Cade was treated to a close-up visit with the tree kangaroos, who received special treats of yogurt and popcorn. "I felt very good," remembers Cade. Josh Hanley, a professional soccer coach and stay-at-home dad, is delighted by his son's generosity and determination. "Cade is a great kid, and we are teaching him about giving," said Josh. "We think it's important to give to good things that you believe in. We've been coming to the Zoo for 20 years and are happy to see how the Zoo keeps progressing. It's really nice."

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EXEMPLARY SERVICE & GENEROUS SUPPORT

"I was excited about the 'New Zoo' from day one and knew I wanted to be a volunteer," states Zoo volunteer Sara Klasky. The master naturalist, master gardener, and day captain, recently celebrated 10,000 hours of service. Sara started as a Zoo volunteer in the spring of 1996, training as a year-round adult interpretive volunteer and sharing her enthusiasm with husband Dave Schmidt, who joined the volunteer team one year later. Growing up on a farm in rural Minnesota and helping his father in the dairy industry, Dave was excited about the planned farm exhibit and became involved early on as a Farm day captain.

Over the years Sara and Dave have been instrumental in a number of Zoo programs, most recently helping to create the Zoo's "Farm to Fork" program and starting a Volunteer Conservation Corps to deliver green education to Zoo guests. As a passionate conservation advocate and master naturalist, Dave brings his dedication to the Zoo community saying, "One thing that's kept us going for 15 plus years is that we've been given latitude to put ideas forward and get involved."

And involved they are. Dave and Sara teach classes, serve on committees, attend lectures and events, travel with the Zoo overseas, and advocate for Zoo support through the Zoo Coalition. In addition, Dave and Sara are Friends of the Zoo, supporting financially in addition to all of the time, leadership and experience they give so generously.

Their excitement has grown over the years as they've watched Director Lee Ehmke's plans for the Zoo come to fruition. Sara smiles broadly as she says, "I am amazed at what Lee has accomplished and know he could do even more with additional resources. I am so thrilled with his vision."

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 Matthew and Dawn Patterson
 Joseph B. and Dardra Pawlikowski
 Jonathan and Erin Penne
 Debra Perry
 Frank and Patricia Pesta
 Cameron and Ruth Peterson
 Lori Peterson
 Michael and Mary Peterson
 Wendy Peterson and Marie Lhota
 Ruth Petran and Roger Olsen
 Doug Pewowaruk and Mary Kay Schulte Pewowaruk
 Ellen and David Phelps
 Dean and Karin Phillips, Phillips Distilling Company
 Susan M. and Andrew Pieper
 Vincent Platt and Anne Uhde-Platt
 David B. and Susan B. Plimpton
 Joseph and Sara Pohlrad
 James and Verle Polglase
 Ryan and Andrea Poppinga
 Anil and Clare Poulos
 The Powell Family
 Kenneth Preimesberger
 Mark and Julie Price
 Benjamin and Cassandra Pries
 Randall Propp and Randy Nelson
 Sarah and Doug Psick
 Al and Paula Putirskis
 Tina and Alex Rabideau
 Benjamin and Mary Rae
 Todd and Margaret Rapp
 Sigrid Rea and Benjamin Speakman
 James and Bonnie Reimann
 Jon Reissner and Ann Ferreira
 Missy Remick
 Matthew Resong and Marketa Palkova
 Christina and Steven Reutiman
 Jack and Marilyn Rhatigan
 Shannon Rhatigan
 Willis and Jo Ann Rich
 Donald and Dorothy Richardson
 Gary and Marcia Richter
 Timothy W. Risdal
 David and Suzy Robertson
 Mary Beth Robinson
 Robert Roediger and Cheryl Nelson Roediger
 Mike and Toni Rosen Family Fund
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 Claire and Scott Ross
 Mark and Stacy Roszkowski
 Guenther and Jennifer Roth
 Charles and Priscilla Ruemping

Jason Ruhland and Brenna Sonke
 Tim and Nicole Russell
 Mark and Nancy Rustad
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 Patricia and Michael Ryan
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 Craig and Becky Sandbulte
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 Margaret A. Smith
 Alex and Ann Sneider
 Robert and Nancy Sommerdorf
 Pam Sordet and Scott Nelson
 John and Marsha Soucheray
 Michalene and Martin Souhrada
 Sharon M. Spornick
 Helga Stambaugh
 Barbara H. Steiner
 Ronald Sternal and Nancy Gibson
 Martin and Mary Carol Sterner
 Kevin and Stephanie Stevens
 Michael and Shirley Stickle
 Rebecca and Guy Stinson
 Joe and Carol Stoeber
 Lynn Stone and Jaren Jagaraj
 Kari Storey and Paul Kinlinger
 Cammie Story and Kevin Green
 Robert and Judith Straub
 Harold S. and Louise G. Streater
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 Martin and Erin Stuart
 Bryan and Michele Stumpf
 Alice Suchomel Olson and Matthew Olson
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 Duncan and Molly Susee
 Amy and John Sutton
 The Alfred E. and Margaret I. Syring Fund of the Saint Paul Foundation
 Jerome Tabolich and Nora Byrne
 Sam and Erin Tashima



AVEDA

The Minnesota Zoo is grateful to many companies in our region for their strong support and partnership, but is particularly thrilled when the mission of a company aligns so closely with the work of the Zoo. Since 2007 Aveda has sponsored the Zoo's summer butterfly garden, helping to further both organizations' commitments to the environment.

"As a user of plant ingredients, Aveda recognizes the importance of butterflies as plant pollinators and the critical ecosystem services they provide," says Chuck Bennett, Vice President of Earth and Community Care at Aveda. "We value the Zoo's efforts to educate their guests about butterfly diversity and also admire the Zoo's larger work on prairie butterfly conservation in Minnesota. An added benefit of this partnership for Aveda is the appreciation our employees have for the Zoo and the pride that they experience in seeing Aveda's support for the Zoo's mission when they visit."

With the support from Aveda, more than 130,000 children and adults participated in the Zoo's butterfly exhibit this past summer, learning about these beautiful and delicate pollinators and the important role they play in our world.

THINK MUTUAL BANK

In 2010, the Minnesota Zoo embarked on a new partnership with Rochester-based Think Mutual Bank during its expansion into the Twin Cities market. The partnership grew considerably this year when Think Mutual Bank came "roaring" in with major support of the Zoo's summer—blockbuster Dinosaurs!

"The Minnesota Zoo is a great community and business partner and has a reputation as one of Minnesota's finest attractions," said Kirk Muhlenbruck, Vice President, Market Development, Twin Cities Region. "We're proud to support the Zoo's excellent educational and entertainment opportunities, and we're pleased to have partnered with the Minnesota Zoo in both public and private events with results that have always been well planned, well received and first class."

Saul Taylor
Mark S. and Brenda J. Teats
Therese, Gordon, Gracie, Danny,
and Josh Tennesen Weil
Kara and David Therkelsen
Paul and Cathleen Thom
Adam and Jenny Thomas
Kim Thomas
Michael and Allison Thompson
Benjiman and Jennifer Thompson
Lowell Thornber
Leslie Torstenson
Mary and Bryan Trandem
Andrew and Corinna Troth
Cheryl and Kelli Turcotte
Paul and Carissa Tyler
Hugh A. Tyndall
Michele Vaillancourt and
Brent Wennberg
Michael VanCleve and
Rebecca Iverson
Gerhardt and Stephanie VanDerBeek
Douglas and Patricia Vayda
James and Cheryl Viera
Ansis V. and Ann S. Viksnins
David Vogt
Robert S. and Mavis A. Voigt
Bill Von Bank
Emily Wacker
Thomas and Rose Wahl
Jason and Kristi Wahlman
Melanie and Charlie Wahlquist
Dennis and Joyce Wahr
David and Andrea Walkosz
Paul and Becky Walser
David and Nancy Warner
Marian A. Watson
Diana and William P. Weller
Christopher and Jennifer Wells
Cynthia West-Gramith and
Rebekah West
Mark and Lori Westlund
Christine Wilhelm
Charles and Vicky Willcox
Anita Williams
Kevin B. and Kelly J. Willis
Sara and Tamara Willis
C. Steven and Susan Wilson
Michael and Michelle Wood
Sharon L. Wood
Caylee Wuebker
Arno Wuenschmann
Dorothy A. Wulf
James and Kathlyn Wyman
Gordon Young
Raina Young-McGowan and
George McGowan
Robert and Lorene Youngquist
David and Christine Yussen
Ellen Zacharias and Franklin
Segovia Rivas
Rani Murdoch Zappa and
James Zappa
Helen and Michael Zauha
Robert Zelada and Lindsay Schwab

*Deceased

Corporations, Organization, and Government

\$100,000+

3M Foundation
Flint Hills Resources
Medtronic Foundation
Target

\$50,000-\$99,999

Ecolab Foundation
Think Mutual Bank
U.S. Bancorp Foundation
Wells Fargo Foundation Minnesota and
Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota

\$25,000-\$49,999

Cargill Inc.
Chrysler Group LLC
Cub Foods/Cub Cares Community
Foundation
Hormel Foods Corporation

\$10,000-\$24,999

Ameriprise Financial, Inc.
Aveda Corporation
BMO Harris
Banfield Pet Hospital
Best Buy Co., Inc.
Boston Scientific Foundation
The Cities 97 Sampler
Dakota Electric Association
Donaldson Company, Inc.
Emerson Process Management -
Rosemount, Inc.
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP Foundation
General Mills Foundation
Land O'Lakes Foundation
Macy's
Mayo Clinic
Midwest Dairy Association
Minnesota Pork Producers Association
M. A. Mortenson Company
National Trust for Historic Preservation
The Nature Conservancy
The Pentair Foundation
Rasmussen College
Service Systems Associates
TCF Foundation
Travelers Foundation

\$5,000-\$9,999

Allina Hospitals & Clinics
Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Foundation
Chuck & Don's Pet Food Outlet
The Crosswols Foundation
Dickerson Park Zoo
The Dorsey & Whitney Foundation
Dougherty & Company LLC
Enventis
Ernst & Young LLP
Greater Twin Cities United Way
Hammel, Green and
Abrahamson, Inc.
John Deere Foundation

Kohl's
Messerli & Kramer, P.A.
MPC
Securian Foundation
Treasure Island Resort & Casino

\$2,500-\$4,999

Associated Bank
Caribou Coffee Company, Inc.
Colle + McVoy
The Digital River Foundation
The Fredrikson & Byron
Foundation
KPMG LLP
Leonard, Street & Deinard
Foundation
Ling Family Dentistry
Pine Bend Paving, Inc.
Piper Jaffray Companies
Potawatomi Zoological Society
Rahr Foundation
RBC Foundation - USA
The Margaret Rivers Fund
Tennant Foundation
Walser Roseville Buick – GMC

\$1,000-\$2,499

Audubon Commission
Crystal Farms
Gannett Foundation, as
recommended by KARE 11
Hubbard Broadcasting Foundation
Kowalski's Markets
Six Red Marbles
Toyota 100 Cars for Good

Matching Gift Companies

3M Foundation
Ally
Ameriprise Financial Employee Gift
Matching Program
AT&T Foundation
Automatic Data Processing Inc.
Bank of America Matching Gifts
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
Minnesota
The Carolyn Foundation
The Clorox Company Foundation
Dakota Electric Association
Ecolab Foundation
H.B. Fuller Company Foundation
General Mills Foundation
Goodrich Sensors and Integrated
Systems
Home Depot
IBM Corporation Matching Grants
Program
Johnson & Johnson Family of
Companies
The McKnight Foundation
Microsoft Giving Campaign
Piper Jaffray Companies
Polaris Industries Inc.
Red Wing Shoe Company
Foundation
C. H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.
Second Harvest Heartland
Securian Foundation
Sit Investment Associates
Foundation
Thomson Reuters
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
The Toro Giving Program
Travelers Companies, Inc.

U.S. Bancorp Foundation
United Health Group
Xcel Energy Foundation
YourCause, LLC

Gifts In-Kind

3M Foundation
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Carol V. Bossman
Carol Brick
Brent Burns
Cargill Inc.
Contech Construction Products, Inc.
Delta Air Lines
Sharon and Chester Ellingson, III
Gerald and Kay Erickson
Great River Energy
Holmberg Design Company
Hormel Foods Corporation
Ronald E. Johnson
Ray and Sue Johnson
KAYTEE Products, Inc.
Ross E. Kramer, Messerli & Kramer
Lancer Food Service, Inc.
Melissa and Lynn Lindsay
Lone Oak Companies, Inc.
Mail Handling Services
Peter Maritz
Dr. Carrie M. McCullough
McKeever Dermatology Clinics
Minnesota Pond and Patio, LLC
Morrie's Automotive Group
Perkins Diamonds
Polaris Industries Inc.
Pool and Yacht Club
Dean and Mary Raveling
Jack and Pam Safar
Saint Paul Police Historical Society
John and Sigrid Smith
The Toro Giving Program
Treasure Island Resort & Casino

Adam Turman
Twin Cities Toyota Dealers
Visions, Inc.
VocalEssence

Endowment Funds

Bradley C. Boardman Memorial
Endowment Fund
Matthew James Boenigk Memorial
Endowment Fund
General Endowment Fund
Bernard and Fern Granum Exhibit
Endowment Fund
Sheldon I. Greenberg Endowment
Fund
Eric Edwin Hayes Memorial
Endowment Fund
Kay L. Kamps Endowment Fund
William David Romans Memorial
Endowment Fund
Volunteer Endowment Fund
Zoomobile Endowment Fund

Circle of Life Society Estate Gifts and Commitments

Anonymous
Dennis P. Albrecht
Marilyn C. Benson
Debbie Biddick
Kimberly J. Bowman
Robert and Sandy Claussen
Ellie and Tom Crosby
Ken Darling
Arline B. Dimond Trust
Jennifer L. Engh*
Harold D. and Mary Ann Feldman
Jane S. Flanders
Rodney H. Forristall

CREATING A LASTING IMPACT



The Minnesota Zoo gratefully acknowledges Karel's leadership and generous estate intentions as a member of the Circle of Life Society.

Karel Weigel was delighted to receive a call from Gov. Pawlenty's office in 2005 appointing her to a seat on the Board at the Minnesota Zoo. A respected leader in Rochester with many community connections, Karel was serving as administrator for community relations at Mayo Clinic and was deeply involved in her Rotary Club. "As I thought about it," she remembers, "I realized there is nothing I'd rather do than serve on the Zoo Board."

Her passion for biology and natural sciences made the Zoo a perfect fit. Karel began her career planning to become a biology teacher, but a summer job in hospital health information management led to a career change and ultimately to Mayo Clinic. "The natural sciences gave me an appreciation for the interconnectedness that plants, animals and all of us share. This fascinates me and is critically important to our understanding of ourselves."

A believer in education and conservation, Karel appreciates how the Zoo teaches visitors about their world and the importance of conservation. "The Zoo illustrates how human activities affect the world. As we destroy the rain forest, the chain reaction impacts climate change, plants and animals; the world's food supply. These lessons help us understand our personal responsibility."

Karel's desire to better the future inspired her to include the Minnesota Zoo in her estate, and join the Zoo's Circle of Life Society. "My advisor helped me designate part of my retirement plan," she reflects. "Because I don't have children, I can do something to help other people's children, now and in the future. Some people ask, 'What can I do, I'm just one person?' but many gifts together can create a lasting impact."

REMEMBERING JENNY ENGH



"I believe we have all been given an opportunity to leave things better, helping others improve their lives."
Jenny Engh, 1959–2012

Jenny Engh was a remarkable woman, and her life was an inspiration to many. Numerous Zoo staff members, Trustees and volunteers are proud to have called Jenny a friend and are honored to have known this smart, giving, accomplished and caring individual.

Serving as a Minnesota Zoo Board Trustee since 2005, Jenny shared her passion for community service and helped achieve a number of milestones in the Zoo's history, including the opening of the Cargill Environmental Education Center in 2011. Jenny was also a charter member of the Minnesota Zoo and perhaps one of its earliest, if not youngest, donors. When she was a child, local television personality Casey Jones asked kids to send in money to help get the "New Zoo" started. Jenny saved up her allowance and mailed in \$2.00 taped to a piece of paper. She received a "charter member" card for the new Minnesota Zoo to put in her wallet. Just before she died, Jenny told us that she still had that card.

Jenny's generosity continued this past year when she joined the Circle of Life Society, leaving the Zoo in her will. In honor of Jenny's work on behalf of the Minnesota Zoo, the Sky Classroom, one of four classrooms in the new Cargill Environmental Education Center, was named in her memory. The children who explore nature and learn about wildlife in this classroom will have opportunities to leave things better for the next generation...just like Jenny.

Kathryn and James Green
Sheldon I. Greenberg*
Margaret H. Gruver*
Donald H. Hageman and Ruth A. Hageman Trust
Rae Nan Harmon
Roberta W. Hedge
Joyce L. Huff
Bruce E. and Terry L. Hutchins
Mary L. Kolderie
Pat Koors
Eric and Christine Martick
Dick and Joyce H. McFarland
Mary Ann McNeil and David Higgins
Marjorie Mereen
Susan Morisato and Tom Remec
Karl-Thomas Opem*
Dr. Julien V.* and Charlotte Petit
Phyllis S. Poehler*
Laurie Pumper
The Estate of Dr. R. H. Reimer
Ellis B. Rittmaster*
Alison E. Roberts
Mendon F. Schutt Family Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation
Sharon M. Spornick
Estate of Margaret M. Theisen
Christopher and Jeralyn Thelen
John E. Tilton Trust
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Hugh A. Tyndall
Caroline L. Vernon
Donald Weesner Charitable Trust
Karel M. Weigel
Joseph and Pat Yenkosky
Steven J. Zellmer Estate

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Gifts of Honor

In honor of Vickie Batroot
Betty Hawk
In honor of Scott Bennett
Betty Hawk
In honor of James Biesinger for a wonderful day at the Zoo
Terry and Drake Talbert
In honor of Sophia Blumenthal
Claire Dunlap
In honor of Kathleen Brooks
Betty Hawk
In honor of James R. Campbell
Greater Twin Cities
United Way
In honor of future veterinarian
Emily Carr
Timothy and Jennifer Carr
In honor of Lynn Davie for being such a wonderful friend and father
Michael and Kamarie Livingston
In honor of Patricia Dirks
Tricia's OE Team
In honor of Martha Erickson
Sandra Scherb
In honor of the Andrew J. Fish Family
Margaret and Brian Brosnahan
In honor of Kyla and Addison
Groehler, born going to the zoo
Bonnie Fisher

In honor of Jennifer Gustason, a great Zoo staff member
Robert Gustason
In honor of Andrew Haertzen
Mark and Cynthia Haertzen
In honor of Art and Judy Jytla's 50th wedding anniversary
Jack and Joan Barrett
In honor of Peter Koelsch
Betty Hawk
In honor of Carlye Landin
Betty Hawk
In honor of Peter Maritz on the completion of his dissertation
John and Kathy Colwell
Jeff and Helene Slocum
In honor of Eric Mattson
Megan Hard
In honor of Leigh Mazion
Betty Hawk
In honor of Christine McKnight
Lynn Kirk
In honor of Minnesota Zoo staff and volunteers
Steve and Susie Jedlund
In honor of Veronica Diane Mool
Elizabeth and Jonathan Mool
In honor of Oliver Nairne
Stephen Nairne
In honor of my daughter,
Amy Olsen
Patrice Nadeau and
Stephen Trudeau
In honor of Christopher Parish
Danielle Faribault
In honor of Yolanda Pauly
William Dunlap and

JoAnne Pastel
Kristen and Jeffrey Starkman
Jessica and Peter McDonald
Lupita Forsyth
Leslie and Jerad Hahn
In honor of pets that have and continue to enrich my life
Sandra Erickson
In honor of Pothos
Nicholas Zimet and
Liz Sanborn
In honor of Aaliyah Proctor
John Dagger and
Ellen Weissbrodt
In honor of The Sharp Family
Debra Hoffmann and
Wiley Sharp
In honor of Victoria and Aidan Smith
Abigail and Jeffrey Smith
In honor of Sam Struthers
Nancy and Steven Struthers
In honor of Robin Torgerson
Betty Hawk
In honor of Tom Waldon
Betty Hawk
In honor of Jennifer Weixel
Betty Hawk
In honor of Betsy Weyerhaeuser
Frederick Weyerhaeuser
Spencer and Catherine Morley
Julie and Timothy Heidmann
In honor of Linda Zabel
Betty Hawk

* Deceased

Gifts in Memory

In memory of Wilma Grace
Anderson

Verlon Anderson

In memory of Matthew James
Boenigk

Walter and Gloria Boenigk

Bill and Nancy Vaughn

In memory of Ray Bonnabeau
Howard and Gail Wold

In memory of Jim A. Cook
Anonymous

David and Christene Airy

Leland and Norma Baie

Bob and Marylin Cook

John and Joyce Cook

Theresa and Curtis Cook

Andrea Diaz

John A. Gaffney

Daniel and Sandra Good

Jacqueline Halterman

Dorothy Holland

Philip and Marilyn Holland

George Keagle

Philip and Beverly Leipold

David and Jaimi Romans

Paul and Judith Romans

Terry and Mickey Lou

Vandekamp

Denny Holland

Warren Keagle

Sally and Robert Niffenegger

Norma Slaughter

Clare Stephens

Shirley Titus

In memory of Thomas Crosby, Sr.

Judy and Malcolm W. McDonald

Family Charitable Account

In memory of Donald Dayton

Judy and Malcolm W. McDonald

Family Charitable Account

In loving memory of Anne Hatch

Jerrold L. Boardman and

Mary E. Cayan

R. Mark Frey, Mona

Walden-Frey and Hannah Song-

Yee Frey

Michael and Patricia Hatch

Barbara Haug

Paul Heckt

Josephine Johnson

Thomas A. Keller III

Janet Robert

Lisa Rotenberg

Kirk Wythers and Alyssa

Rebensdorf

In memory of Jenny Engh

Ellie and Tom Crosby

Peter Maritz

Terese and Thomas Mitchell

Karel M. Weigel

In memory of Eric Hayes

Apropos Studio, Inc.

James and Laurie Hayes

Edwin and Lori Schultz

William and Inger Schultz

In memory of Jenny Rebecca Mahan

Janet Carney

John and Cindy Folsom

Janet and Mark Gjerde

Chuck and Mary Kiester

Susan Kubiak

David and Wendy Kunz

Thomas and Patricia Lewis

Robert and Jayne Lindgren

Diane and James Martin

Theodore and Marjorie Pittorf

John and Marsha Woodworth

In memory of Lynn Niznik

Mark E. Niznik

In memory of William David
Romans

Anonymous

Paul and Peggy Adelman

Sum and Jen Ambur

Donald and Jayne Archibeque

Karl and Carmen Arensdorf

Chris and Wendy Baumgardt

Connie Belk

Kenneth and Sandra Berger

Brian Black

Blaine Central Veterinary

Clinic

Connie Braziel

Matthew and Jennifer Calnan

Clay and Sunshine Carter

Nancy and Jim Cook

Angela Cortese

Deborah Croker and Rick

Treece

Luke and Molly Dandele

Rochelle DeGroot

Christopher and Kelly Dillon

Mike and Lisa Doyle

Juya and Jean-Marie Ebrahimi

Elijah Edwards

Matthew Edwards

James and Susan Elsass

Emergency Physicians

Professional Association

Kacia Engel and Troy Fiesel

The Estacio Family

The Fautsch Family

Michael and Erin Florin

Fridley Children's and

Teenagers' Medical Center

Stuart Fritz

Alan Fuller

Chad and Jennifer Gednalske

Michael and Kimberly Glynn

Jeffrey and Susan Hafferman

Steve Hagen

Jeff and Kiersten Hathaway

Nicholas and Nicole

Hendrickson

Benjamin Hinrichsen and

Angela Cook

Denny Holland

Mari Ito

Warren Keagle

William and Kathi Keig

Bowen and Amy Keller

Michael and Megan Knudson

Keith and Heidi Koland

Robert and Dana Kolb

Megan and Michael Kowalski

Dylan and Wendy Laine

Mike Leavengood

Kyle and Kymberly

Lehenbauer

Dana Lindsay and Tim Pabst

Ling Family Dentistry

Jean and Mary Kathleen Linn

Thomas and Mary Lujan

Jeanne and Terry Lund

Dean and Melissa Macal

Kristin Mack

Chris and Carolyn McClain

Michael and Lisa McGinn

Marcie Michaelsen-Reynolds

Linda Middlebrook

Ian and Beth Moorhead

Sally and Robert Niffenegger

Jason and Stacy Nugent

Phil and Cassy Ordway

Heather Paradise

Michael M. Parish

Gregory S. Park

Frank and Jennifer Petronis

Pioneer Credit Company

Chad and Lindsay Reuter

Jamie and Jennifer Riesterer

Dawn and Andrew Rolling

David and Jaimi Romans

Paul and Judith Romans

Marshall and Teleen Saunders

Anne and Michael Schwemm

Daniel Sipple

Norma Slaughter

Jason Smith and Monika

Linowska-Smith

Clare Stephens

Adam and Jenny Thomas

Robert Thomas

Craig Thomka

Shirley Titus

Treasure Island Resort &

Casino

Ryan and Alison Vandewiele

Bill Von Bank

Walser Roseville Buick – GMC

Colleen Weed

Maggie Weigel

Chris and Nancy Wendell

David and Betsy Weyerhaeuser

Josh and Kimberly White

Andrew Winter

Walter Yee

In memory of my dear cousin Robert

Rutkowski

Dana Mireles

In memory of Sage, my beloved feline

friend

Kimberly Hruby

In memory of Sparky

Doug and Mary Johnson

In memory of James H. Streater

Christine M. McKnight

Harold and Louise Streater

In memory of Alton Tekse

Alan and Julie Baumgartner

In memory of Bart and Helen

Trombley

John and Diane Tapper

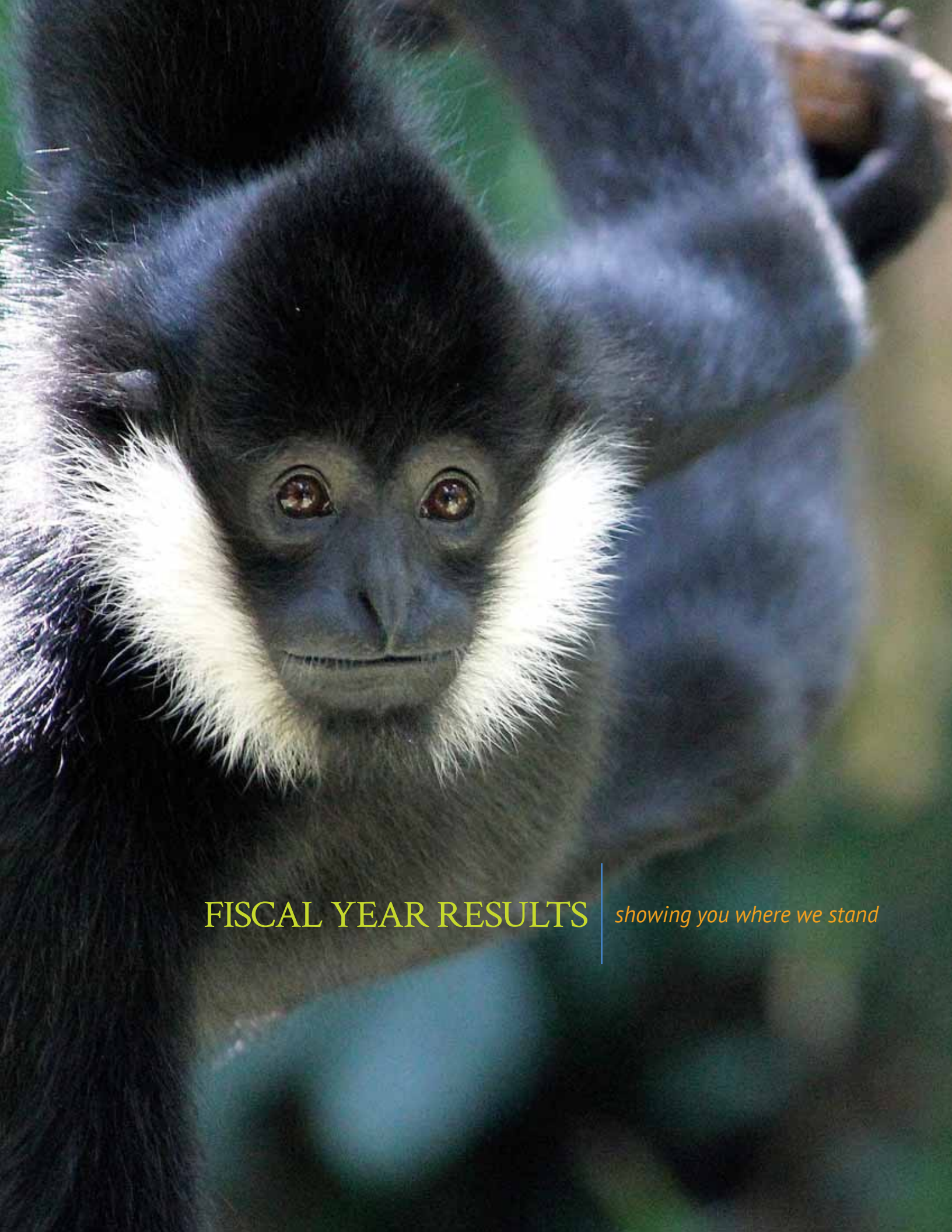
In memory of Rene Van der Haeghen

Charlotte Van der Haeghen

In memory of Ron Wiger

Donna Sandstrom

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of our records. If our report contains errors or omissions, please contact us at 952.431.9237 so that we may extend our apologies and correct our records.



FISCAL YEAR RESULTS

showing you where we stand

FINANCIALS

Minnesota Zoo

Statement of Revenue and Expenses
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 Unaudited

Revenue

Earned Revenue.....	\$14,402,971
State Appropriation.....	5,591,000
Legacy Appropriation.....	1,500,000
Contributions.....	2,092,447

TOTAL **\$23,586,418**

Expenses

Physical Facilities.....	\$6,823,887
Animals and Conservation.....	6,270,927
Guest Services, Sales & Marketing.....	3,435,142
Education.....	2,658,608
Administration and Finance.....	2,840,316

TOTAL **\$22,028,880**

Capital Disbursements Funded from Operations

New Generator Lease Purchase.....	\$210,312
Equipment Purchases.....	106,106
Equipment Lease Purchase.....	122,271
Energy Improvement Debt.....	47,616
Roof Repair Debt Service.....	15,973
Building Improvements.....	13,286

TOTAL **\$515,564**

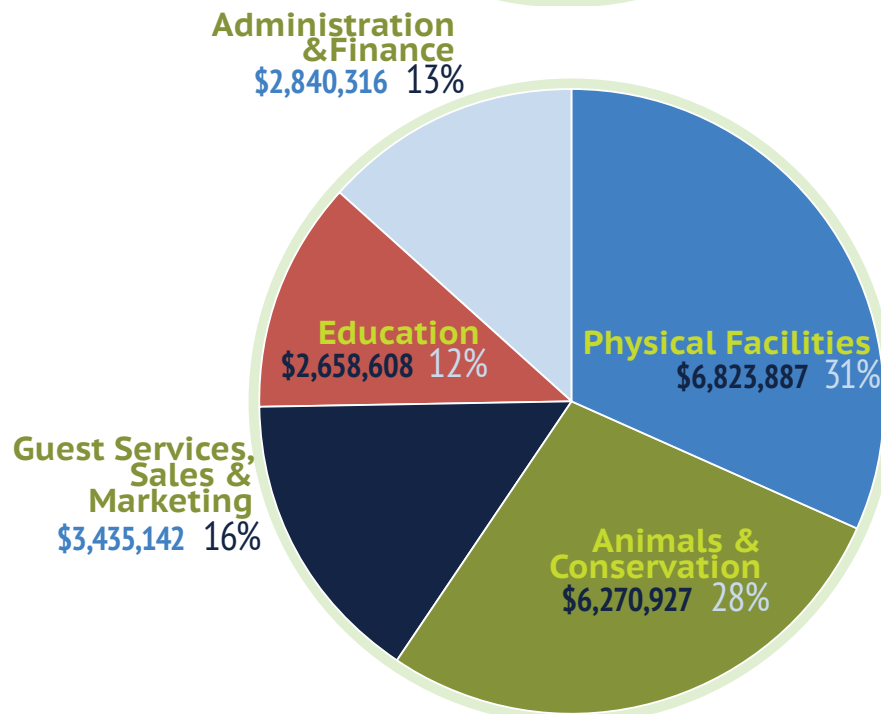
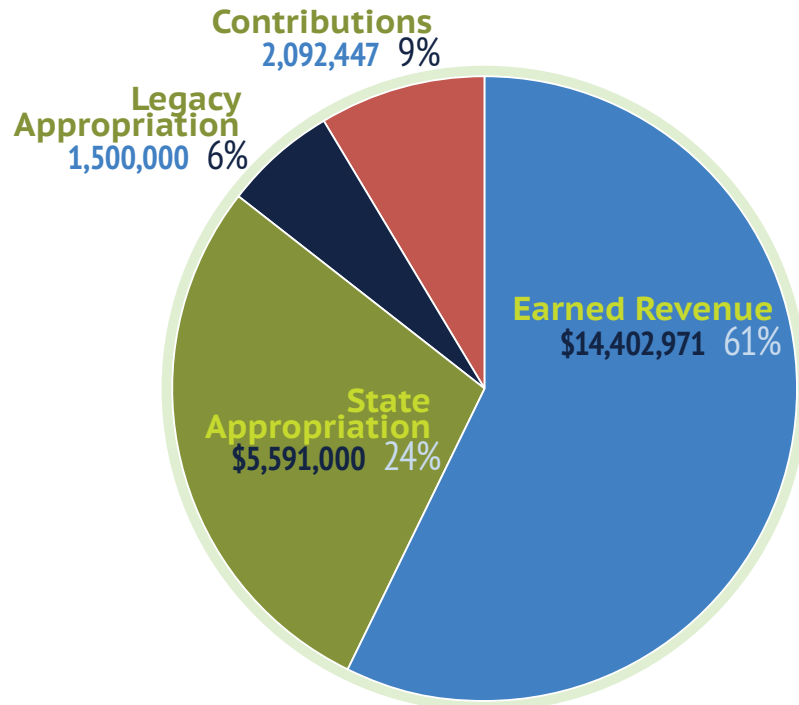
**TOTAL Operating Expenses
and Capital Funded from
Operations** **\$22,544,444**

Net Cash **\$1,041,974**

Prior Year Fund Balance **\$1,651,761**

Fund Balance June 30, 2012 **\$2,693,735**

REVENUE



EXPENSES

FINANCIALS

Minnesota Zoo Foundation

Statement of Revenue and Expenses
for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 Unaudited

Revenue

Individuals.....	\$1,179,990
Corporations	783,057
Foundations.....	95,119
Events	525,988
Other.....	218,911

TOTAL	\$2,803,065
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Expenses

Grants to the Zoo*	\$2,653,645
Other Grants	452,314
Program Expenses.....	284,967
General Operations.....	964,183

TOTAL	\$4,355,109
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Net Expense Over Revenue **	(\$1,552,044)
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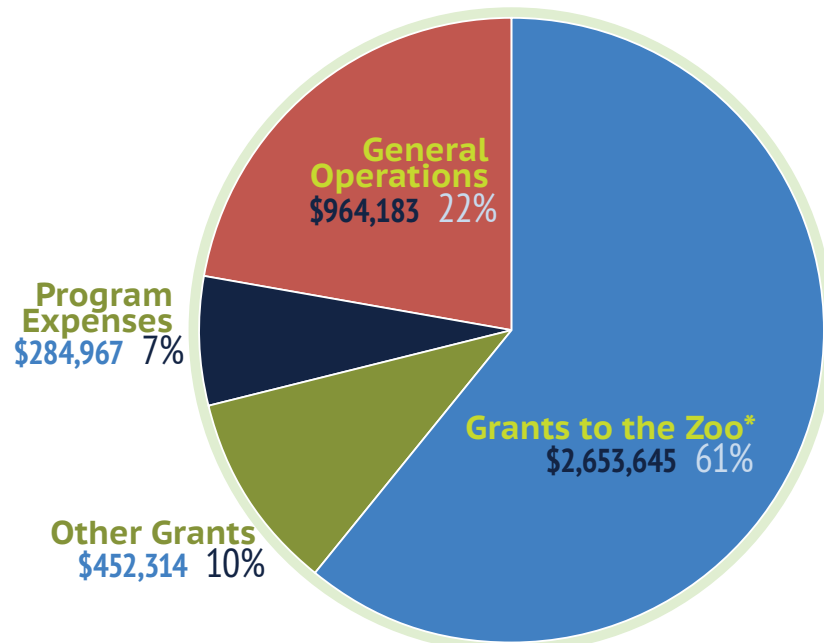
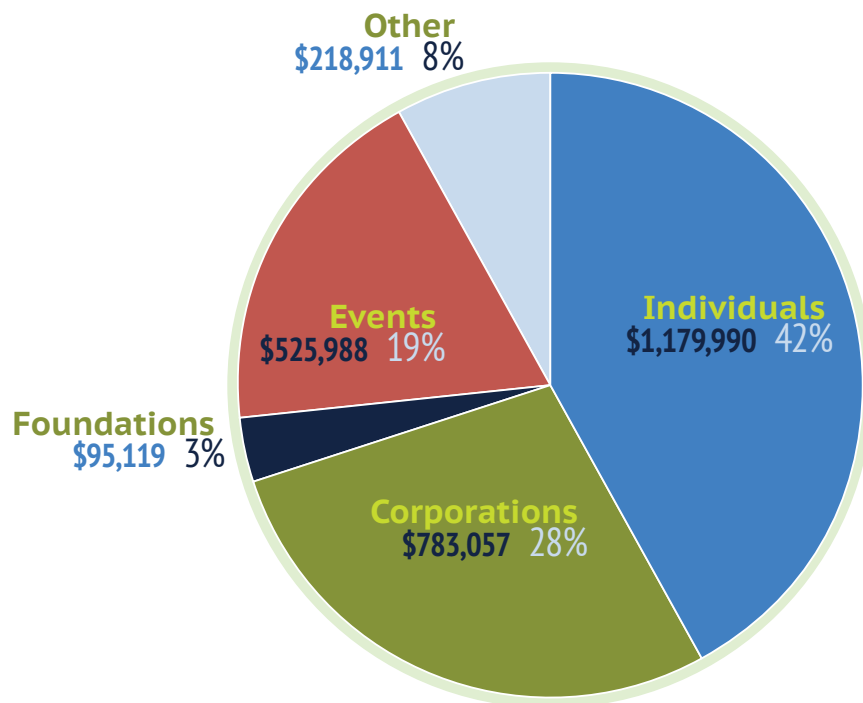
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$5,611,057
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$4,059,013
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* Includes in-kind contributions, program support and capital grants.

**The Foundation has accumulated net assets in prior years due to the recognition of multi-year pledges. These net assets are used in the years that pledge payments are received and expended for grants, program expenses and operations.

REVENUE



EXPENSES

Director's Office

Lee Ehmke

Deborah Johnson

Biological Programs

Kevin Willis

Karla Anderson
 Debora Arndt
 Lindsey Beach
 Jennifer Beem
 Lisa Bey
 Cynthia Bjork-Groebner
 Shannon Bloemke
 Jessica Campbell
 Delaina Clemetson
 Christine Collins
 David Cruz
 Pamela DeCorsey
 Rebecca Duchild
 Amber Dunaway
 Emily Endert
 Steve Estebo
 Anthony Fisher
 Bernard Fraser
 Whitney Funfar
 Diane Fusco
 Kelli Gabrielson
 Carey Goedel
 Ryan Hassler
 Melissa Hayes
 Rebecca Heller
 Timothy Hill
 Gerald Holzer
 Ben Hubred
 Karen Humber
 Timothy Judy
 Adam Keniger
 Hildi Kettenacker
 Christopher Kline
 Michaela Kluever
 Laurie Kokkeler
 Sandra Koslowski
 Melissa Kusick
 Erick Lamun
 Heather LaRock
 Janis Liukonen
 Janet Long
 Ashley Lucht
 Douglas Ludemann

Dianna Lydick
 Allan Maguire
 Terah Maison
 Christine McKnight
 Matthew McLaughlin
 Steven Miller
 Laurel Mochinski
 Kristi Molitor
 Thomas Ness
 Megan Niemer
 Christoph Noetzli
 Cale Nordmeyer
 Melanie Oerter
 Mary Pederson
 Daniel Peterson
 Mark Pierce
 Robert Predmore
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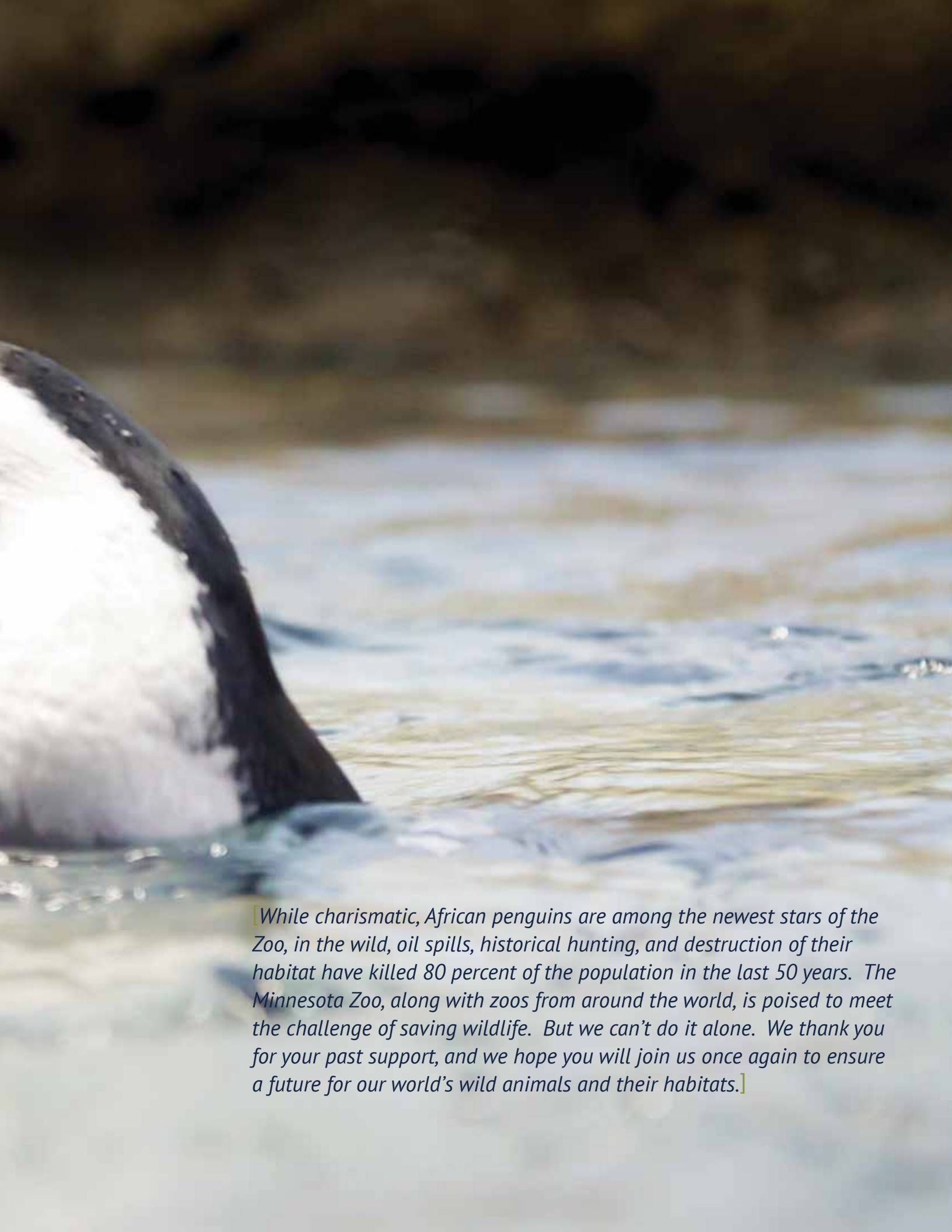
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