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OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY Past Present Future



2013 MINNESOTA ZOO Report to the Community

35 years of connecting people, animals and the natural world...



From 1978 – 1987, beluga whales, “Big Mouth” and “Little Girl,” were a popular attraction at the Minnesota Zoo.

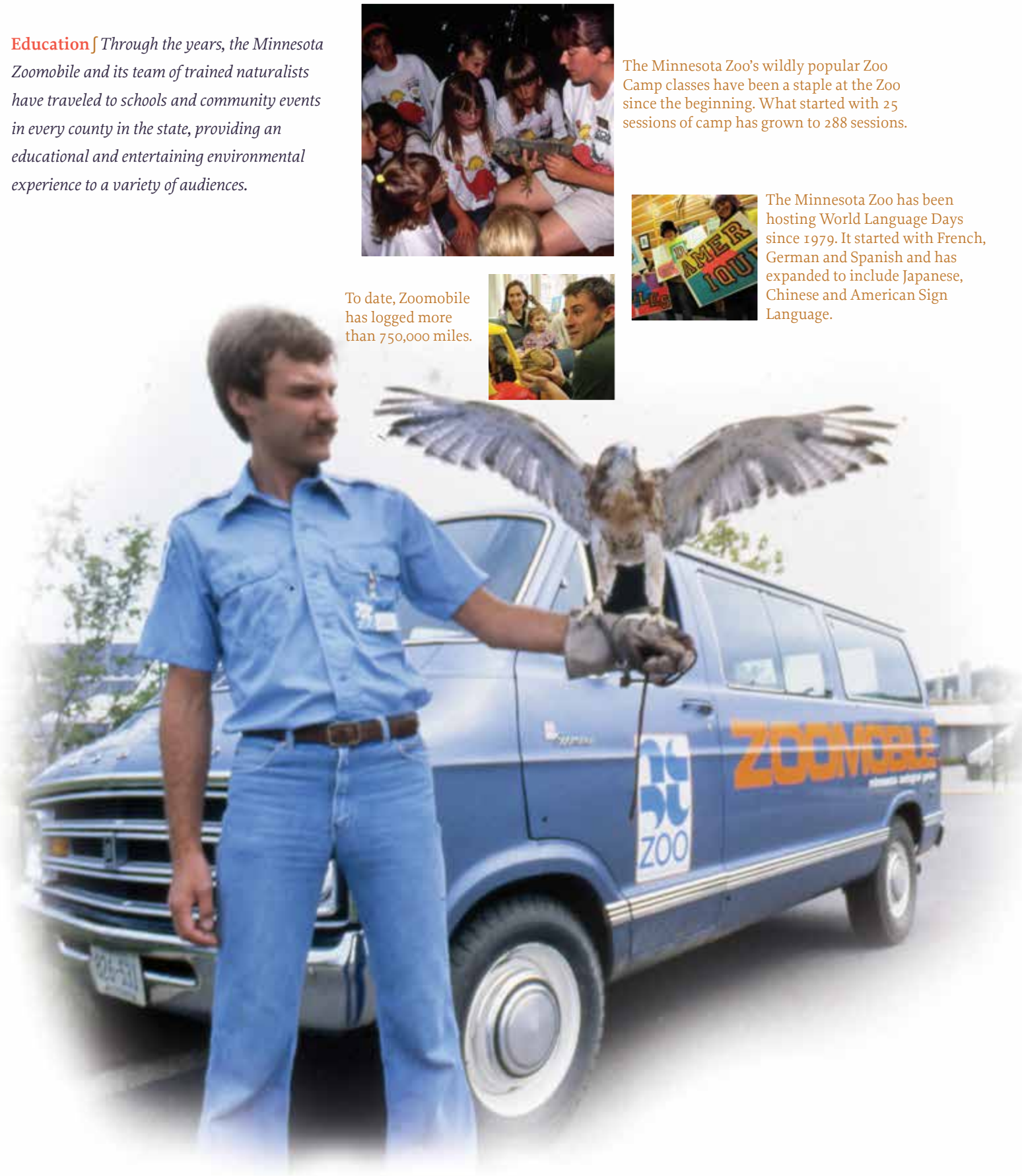
Governor Al Quie helped kick-off the opening of the Zoo's cross-country ski trails in 1980.



Recreation] In 1978, the Minnesota Zoo's first guests explored the “new Zoo” with its expansive exhibits, huge indoor Tropics area, an entire trail devoted to native wildlife, and a commitment to conservation. Back then, the Minnesota Zoo was extremely revolutionary in its exhibit design; it was one of the first zoos to feature its animals in open exhibits that were organized by their living environment as opposed to their species.



In 2008, Russia's Grizzly Coast opened. It is the first exhibit to represent the region, landscapes, and amazing animals of the Russian Far East.



Education] Through the years, the Minnesota Zoomobile and its team of trained naturalists have traveled to schools and community events in every county in the state, providing an educational and entertaining environmental experience to a variety of audiences.



The Minnesota Zoo's wildly popular Zoo Camp classes have been a staple at the Zoo since the beginning. What started with 25 sessions of camp has grown to 288 sessions.



To date, Zoomobile has logged more than 750,000 miles.



The Minnesota Zoo has been hosting World Language Days since 1979. It started with French, German and Spanish and has expanded to include Japanese, Chinese and American Sign Language.

Dr. Ulysses S. Seal, former Zoo board chair, helped devise what we now know as Species Survival Plans (SSPs).

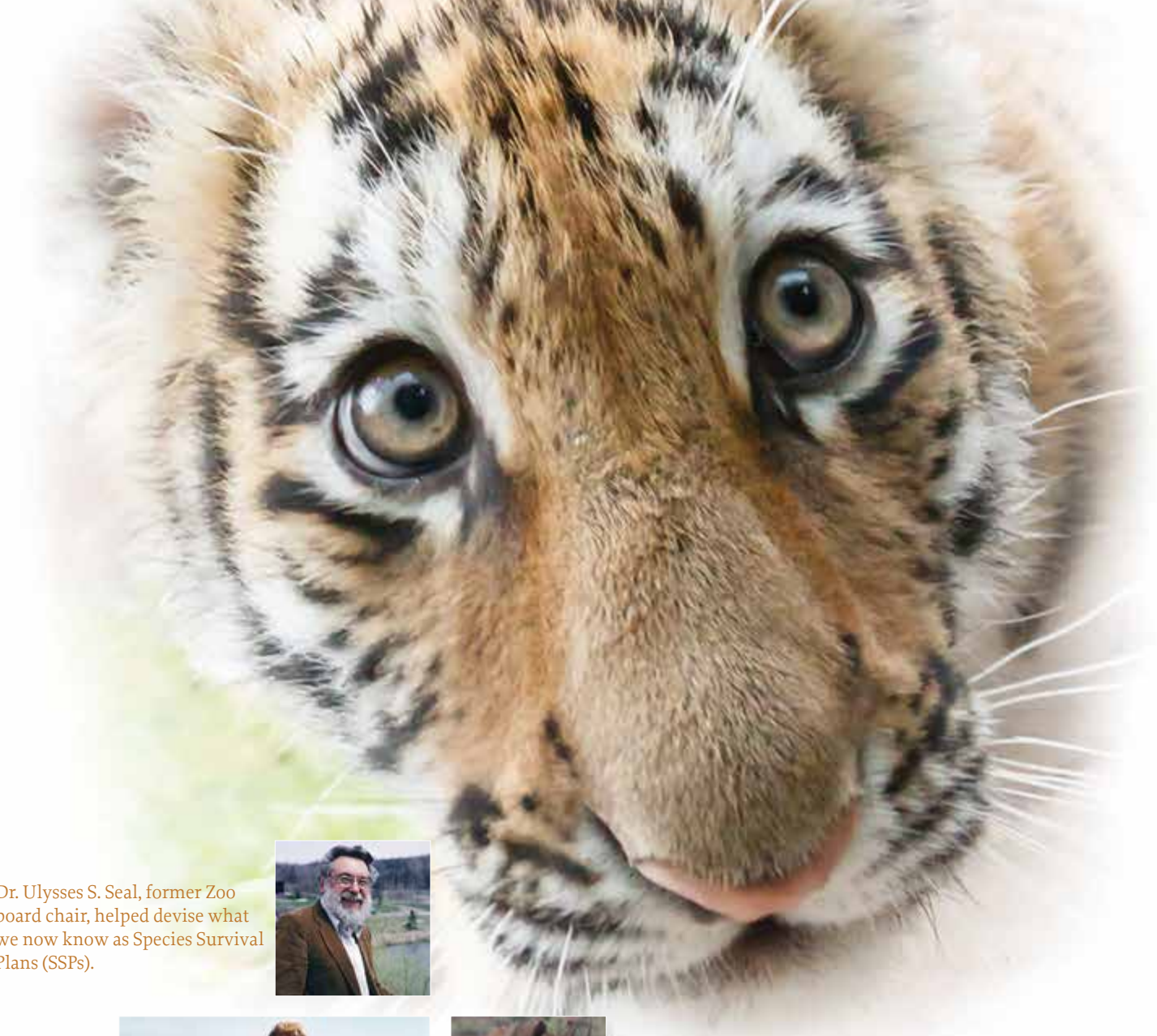


Once missing from the Midwest landscape, the Zoo, in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, helped breed and release hundreds of swans to restore wild populations.



The Minnesota Zoo, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy's Africa Program, joined forces with a local conservation organization, Save the Rhino Trust (SRT), in 2009 to support black rhino conservation efforts in Namibia.

Conservation] The Minnesota Zoo has been a leader in tiger conservation since it opened. In 1979, the Zoo's first litter of tiger cubs was born; since then, 41 cubs have been born at the Zoo. The Zoo's Director of Conservation Dr. Tara Harris is the coordinator of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP), a cooperative population management plan for threatened species.





On the Cover The Minnesota Zoo recently welcomed famed National Geographic freelance photographer Joel Sartore, who travels the world capturing animal images for his “Photo Ark” project. During his visit, Sartore photographed a variety of the Zoo’s most beautiful, unique, and unusual animals including our Malayan tapir calf, the first born at the Zoo in more than 20 years. Others include slow lorises, warty pigs, a variety of butterflies, pica, goral, cecropia moths, and more. To learn about Joel and the Photo Ark, visit joelsartore.com.

directors’ message



Dear Friends

Where in the world can you stand close to running tigers, listen to the symphony of gibbons calling high in the trees, or have a hundred other eye-to-eye experiences with wildness?

It’s the Minnesota Zoo and that first “*Where in the World*” campaign invited our community to visit a new state-of-the-art zoo designed for “learning, discovery, and fun.” It was 1978, and today, 35 years later, the Zoo continues to be a recognized and innovative leader in conservation, education, and fun.

Since the Minnesota Zoo opened its doors, we have welcomed more than 36 million guests to the Minnesota Zoo, with nearly 1.3 million this past year alone. We are grateful to our 41,755 member households and a record number of donors who supported us during our anniversary year and helped us fulfill our mission *to connect people, animals, and the natural world*. We could not do our work without you and the State of Minnesota. It is this public/private partnership that has helped propel the Zoo to world-leading status. Thank you!

Today, more than 4,300 animals representing 439 species (60 of which are endangered or threatened) reside at the Zoo, serving as ambassadors for their species. To meet the growing challenges to wildlife populations around the world and here in Minnesota, the Zoo’s conservation program expanded greatly in fiscal year 2013, thanks to support from Minnesota’s Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment and increased gifts from our donors.

This past year, we launched an on-site breeding program for some of Minnesota’s most imperiled prairie butterflies, and we initiated a partnership with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute to work together on the conservation of wild dholes (Asian wild dogs) and Przewalski’s horses in Asia. It’s activities such as these that advance the Zoo’s work in securing a future for the world’s wildlife.

As the state’s largest environmental education center, the Zoo recognizes that people who establish personal connections with the natural world are more likely to invest in and protect it. That’s why we established a new Close Encounters program that brings our guests face-to-face with some of the Zoo’s most popular and engaging animal personalities.

Critical to our work in conservation and education is, of course, fun, and we know how to deliver. In our 35th anniversary year, the Zoo opened a new state-of-the-art black bear exhibit featuring three playful, charismatic orphaned cubs. And, we brought back both Dinosaurs! and Africa! for the summer, delighting guests of all ages with two adventures in one place.

After 35 years, we are proud of our many achievements, but our work is not done. At this pivotal time in the Zoo’s growth, and driven by the needs of our community and world, we must continue to build on our commitment to being a world-leading zoo. To this end, we approved a new Facilities Master Plan which offers a bold and innovative vision that serves as our roadmap for even greater service to our community. The plan advances critical conservation and education needs while creating a guest experience that ensures we are one of the state’s premier cultural attractions. And, the plan prudently includes revenue-generating elements to strengthen our financial position.

In 1978, our founding leaders said our Zoo was designed to “help all Minnesotans learn about animals, see and enjoy animals, and help see to it that animal species are preserved for future generations.” We have not wavered in this promise, and again, thanks to the State of Minnesota, our members, donors and guests, we will continue to save wild animals and wild places.

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conservation

Saving endangered species is an urgent global matter, and that is exactly what zoos worldwide are doing—working together in a global partnership to help protect them. At the Minnesota Zoo, we are expanding our work in the field, facilitating local community participation and leadership, increasing public awareness to inspire people to act on behalf of animals, and leading by example.



saving minnesota's wild animals and wild places

Protecting wild animals hits close to home when it comes to iconic Minnesota animals, such as the moose.

Moose have virtually disappeared in northwestern Minnesota, and the northeastern population has declined nearly 70 percent since 2006. Scientists believe there may be multiple reasons for this declining population, including warming temperatures. Moose are intolerant of heat, and Minnesota is at the southern edge of their distribution in our region. A Minnesota Zoo researcher Dr. Nick McCann is studying how moose respond to heat and has submitted a manuscript describing his Zoo-based research to a scientific journal for peer review. Next on his plate is an analysis of the data he has collected on wild moose. Can we save them? And, can we save Minnesota's butterflies too?

The Minnesota Zoo hosted the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Lepidoptera Conservation Conference this past year where more than 50 professionals gathered to assess the status of imperiled prairie butterflies and moths. At one time, native prairie covered 18 million acres of western and southern Minnesota. Today, only one percent of the tallgrass prairie remains, and many animals and plants that depend on this habitat have declined or disappeared.

The Zoo is working with our partners to prevent the global extinction of highly-imperiled prairie butterflies, especially the Dakota Skipper and Poweshiek Skipperling, by establishing “insurance breeding populations” and by conducting field surveys in Minnesota for these species. And, we have a track record for success in saving animals from extinction.

One of the first Minnesota-based conservation projects at the Zoo was trumpeter swan reintroduction. These beautiful birds had completely disappeared from the state in the 1880s. The Zoo, in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Hennepin Parks, participated in a successful trumpeter swan reintroduction program. The final release of Zoo-bred swans took place in 2012.



exploring our own backyard

In fiscal year 2013, the Minnesota Zoo launched the BioDiscovery Project, the purpose of which is to discover, document, and monitor native wildlife on the undeveloped half of the Zoo's 485-acre site. Through this new program, we are beginning to share our discoveries with the community and inspire people to explore native wildlife in their own neighborhoods. In just the first two months of the project, Zoo staff and volunteers documented dozens of species (including some previously unknown to our site) and captured more than 1,500 photos of wild animals!

Below Prairie ecosystems develop from healthy soils that foster many different plant communities. Flowers like long-headed cone flower and grasses like wild Canada rye provide habitat for insects, birds, and mammals. These prairie dwellers pollinate and spread seeds back into the soil, completing the plant's lifecycle.



Below ¶ African penguins eat sardines by the dozens. Today, the primary reason for their declining populations is because of a catastrophic drop in the number of sardines due to overfishing and changing ocean climate.



Right ¶ In the 90s, the Zoo’s “Minnesota” ferried staff from Indonesia’s Ujung Kulon national park to remote guard posts in order to protect species like the one-horned Javan rhinoceros.

endangered ambassadors waddle into our hearts ¶ African penguins, like several other penguin species, are endangered in the wild and are undergoing rapid population decline, probably as a result of commercial fisheries and shifts in prey populations. In 2009, it was estimated that there was a population of 25,252 pairs, a decline of more than 60 percent in 28 years. So, the Zoo was thrilled when two male African penguin chicks, “Albert” and “Walter,” were born this past year.

The Minnesota Zoo awarded one of our penguin keepers, Becky Heller, with a Ulysses S. Seal Grant to travel to South Africa and participate in the South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB) keeper exchange program. The organization has a chick bolstering project that hand-rears and releases orphaned penguins in an effort to aid wild populations.

reduce, reuse, recycle! ¶ At the Minnesota Zoo we walk the talk, and that’s why we developed a composting and recycling program designed to reduce our environmental footprint and divert the majority of our waste from landfills. The program is a great success; during a three-month period in 2012, we diverted five tons of compost from landfill.

We also are committed to eliminating the number of cell phones that end up in landfills, contaminating our environment. Every year, about 100 million cell phones become obsolete and unfortunately, only about 10 percent of those are recycled. That’s a huge amount of e-waste that ends up stored in our drawers or in our environment that otherwise could be put to good use.

The Zoo’s Recycle for Rainforests program, in partnership with Materials Processing Corporation (MPC) in Mendota Heights, has collected more than 15,000 phones, raising over \$20,000 to support field conservation programs in Africa. Last year, we funded the conservation efforts of the Goulougo Triangle Ape Project in the Republic of Congo and a second project on gorillas in Kahuzi-Biega National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Past Present Future

Tiger SSP ¶ In 1982, Minnesota Zoo Board Chair Dr. Ulysses S. Seal started the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP) which manages zoo-based breeding for this endangered species. To assist them in their work, the SSP recently launched the Tiger Conservation Campaign which is galvanizing support for wild tiger conservation. Minnesota Zoo Director of Conservation Dr. Tara Harris manages this breeding plan and the Tiger Conservation Campaign along with other SSPs that help to ensure healthy, self-sustaining populations in zoos.

Adopt-A-Park ¶ In the 1990s, the Zoo adopted the last refuges of the endangered Javan and Sumatran rhinos in Indonesia. This adopt-a-park program, the first of its kind, spurred many other zoos to take similar approaches to help protect wild animals where they live naturally.

Right *The Minnesota Zoo is one of only four places in North America where you can see endangered dholes or Asian wild dogs.*



Past Present Future

— In fiscal year 2014, we will go into the field to help protect endangered dholes (Asian wild dogs) and Przewalski’s horses (Asian wild horses). Conservation Biologist Dr. Kate Jenks, who has seven years of experience working in Thailand with dholes and other wild carnivores, will work on these initiatives in collaboration with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute.

Did you know?

- There are fewer than 2,500 dholes in the wild.
- The Minnesota Zoo has exhibited dholes since 2011.
- Przewalski’s horses were once considered “extinct in the wild.” Zoo-bred Przewalski’s horses have since been reintroduced to the wild in Mongolia and China.

conserving an iconic north american species

Did you know that most of today’s bison herds contain cattle DNA? That’s because bison were allowed to interbreed with cattle during bison’s remarkable comeback at the turn of the 20th century. Today, the Minnesota Zoo is proud to be partnering with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to cooperatively manage a bison herd that is free of cattle genes at both Blue Mounds State Park and at the Zoo.

This past year, the Zoo celebrated the births of two pure bison calves, which were the first born at the Zoo in 20 years. These calves are scheduled to be released into a Minnesota state park in the fall of 2014.

leadership in community-based conservation

Currently in South Africa, poachers kill an average of two rhinos every day for their valuable horns, which are wrongly believed to have medicinal properties. Conversely, just to the north in Namibia, only two rhinos have been lost to poachers in the past 19 years, a testament to the country’s strong conservation policies and the implementation of community-based solutions for the protection of rhinos.

Since 2002, Minnesota Zoo Conservation Biologist Jeff Muntifer has been working with Save the Rhino Trust in Namibia to engage local communities in monitoring and protecting critically endangered black rhinos on communal lands. In fiscal year 2013, we raised over \$35,000 to purchase ankle tracking bracelets and trained 18 new Rhino Rangers (community trackers) who logged 97 field days and yielded 85 rhino sightings.

Below *The Minnesota Zoo welcomed the birth of two genetically-pure bison calves as part of a partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources in an effort to conserve the North American plains bison.*



education

Today’s young people are increasingly removed from nature, and fewer and fewer have more than an occasional encounter with nature and wildlife. Eventually, however, they will be responsible for the remaining wild places in the world. To help them address the natural world’s future challenges, students need science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills, as well as meaningful exposure to conservation and environmental issues. The Minnesota Zoo’s award-winning education programs illustrate the real world relevancy of these skills and link students’ natural affinity for animals with their innate curiosity about how things work—fostering creativity, innovation, and critical thinking.

winning awards and delivering stem] It was another extraordinary year for the Zoo’s Interactive Video Conferencing (IVC) or Distance Learning program, the first full 12-month period for the program. And what a year it was—we received the 2012-2013 Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) Pinnacle Award which is presented annually to organizations delivering outstanding K-12 standards-based interactive video conferencing programs. The evaluation assesses seven areas: two related to the effectiveness of the presenter and five related to the educational content of the program.

In fiscal year 2013, we created two new STEM-based programs: “Engineering for Animals: Exhibit Design & Beyond” and “Engineering from Animals: The Science of Biomimicry,” both of which were in high demand. At the close of fiscal year 2013, these two new engineering programs accounted for the majority of the Zoo’s IVC bookings, indicating a clear interest in STEM curriculum on the part of nationwide educators.

The Zoo delivered IVC programs to six states (MN, ND, TX, ID, OH, KY) and 13 Minnesota counties in fiscal year 2013, reaching nearly 2,500 participants in 92 programs.




bringing world conservation stories to you] Imagine a journey that takes you from the Russian Far East and Africa’s Congo Basin to the shores of Lake Superior and along the banks of the Mississippi River. In fiscal year 2013, guests could do just that by attending the Our World Speakers Series, 11 free evening presentations by experts in local and global wildlife conservation and environmental issues who took us around the world and to our own backyards.

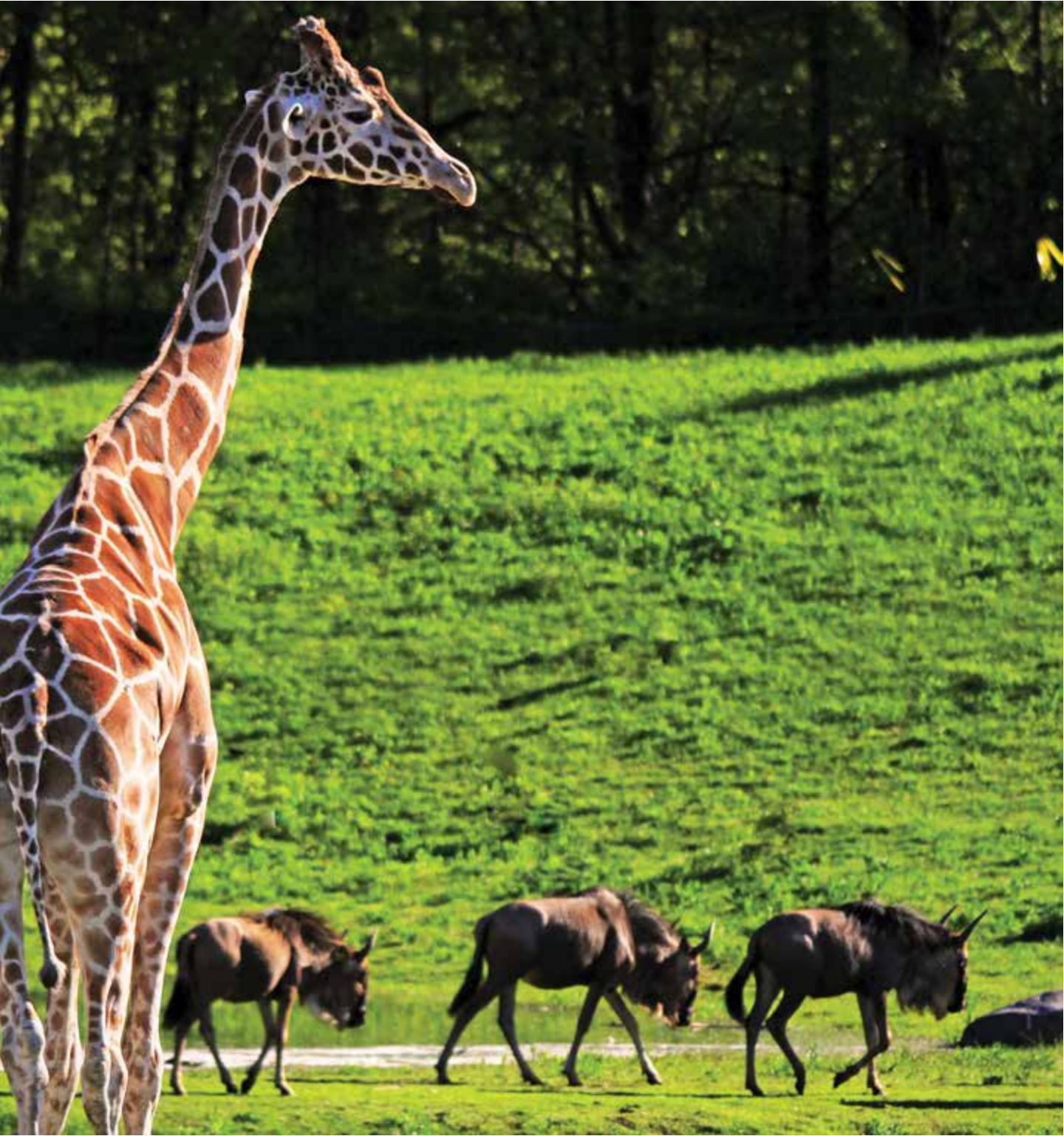
Nearly 1,000 attendees learned from speakers, including Dr. Jonathan Slaght, a 15-year veteran of the Russian Far East, who spoke about the conservation issues facing this extraordinary wilderness that includes Amur tigers, Amur leopards, brown bears, and Blakiston’s fish owls. And, guests heard from Dr. Lee Frelich, the University of Minnesota’s Director of the Center for Forest Ecology, who spoke about potential future scenarios where Minnesota’s northern conifer forests may switch to maple forests or savanna.


Elephants, butterflies, moose, and more: the Our World Speakers Series is an informative and engaging way to learn more about our natural world.

Below] In a Zoo Camp class called “Shark!,” campers dress up like a shark and learn about these “perfect predators” that appeared on our planet 300-400 million years ago.




Below  The Minnesota Zoo hosted its first Google+ Virtual Field Trip, a new interactive program designed by Google+ Hangouts to help bring science and educational facilities into communities everywhere. Zookeeper Adam Keniger highlighted giraffes from the Zoo’s seasonal Africa! exhibit.




Right  Zookeeper Steve Estebo shared several of the Zoo’s birds with young campers at Zoo Camp, now in its 35th year.



visiting the zoo...


virtually  Can’t make it to the Minnesota Zoo? We’re connecting better than ever with our various social networking sites. On January 31, 2013, we debuted our first Google+ virtual field trip: “What It Means to be a Zookeeper.” The Google+ online platform allows us to share our work throughout the state, the country, and the world, as well as spotlight the animals we care for like our giraffes in our summer 2013 exhibit, *Africa!* Google+ even allows us to better partner with other accredited zoos and aquariums across the country. Since the debut of the first Google+ virtual field trip, we’ve seen a 2,500 percent increase in our Google+ fan base!


meeting the education needs of the community

 Thanks to a grant from 3M, the Zoo’s newest program for schools called ZooMS meets the increasingly important need for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in the K-12 community. Through the variety of programs being developed under the ZooMS initiative, engineering becomes an integrated context for bringing science and math learning to life at the Zoo.

For example, this past year, teachers and students explored the complex systems behind operating the Zoo, designed and built their own zoo exhibits, and discovered how unique animal adaptations are inspiring scientists to engineer new solutions to everyday problems. Staff also developed all new Zoo class offerings to enhance on-site school field trips. These 45-minute naturalist-led experiences are directly correlated to Minnesota State science standards and focus on STEM concepts appropriate for each grade level. One of the more popular classes was “Penguineering,” during which students designed an ideal nesting site model for their own African penguin.

Past Present Future

Zoo Camp  The Zoo’s wildly popular Zoo Camp has been here since the beginning. It started with 25 sessions, grew to 120 by fiscal year 1999, and reached 302 camp sessions in fiscal year 2013, serving more than 4,300 children. Today, Zoo Camp is one of Minnesota’s premier summer programs for kids.

Zoomobile  The Minnesota Zoo’s Zoomobile and its trained naturalists have traveled to schools, libraries, and community events in every county in the state, providing an educational and entertaining animal experience to those who may not be able to visit the Zoo.

Right] Known as the “engineers of the animal world,” beavers fell trees and build dams. That’s why they’re one of the subjects of a STEM-focused interactive video-conference for schools called “Engineering By Animals: Nature’s Builders.”



Past Present Future

— As we look to the years ahead, the Zoo will continue to develop innovative education programs that deliver high quality teaching and learning. We will encourage teachers and students to become more engaged in science, conservation, and environmental exploration through a variety of experiences and topics, including online learning and engineering.

In fiscal year 2014, we will:

- Develop a K-12 STEM curriculum guide for teachers.
- Develop the final installment of the Zoo’s series of engineering-themed video conferences, “Engineering by Animals: Nature’s Builders.”
- Provide engineering-themed field trips.



connecting students to the natural world] During the 2012/13 school year, every fifth grade student from the Minneapolis school district and every third grade student from the St. Paul school district visited the Minnesota Zoo on a field trip. The students, their teachers, and their chaperones received free Zoo admission, transportation to and from the Zoo, lunch, and a hands-on, standards-based Zoo class that aligns with the school curriculum. And it was all free, thanks to gifts from Target and the Travelers Foundation.

Research has shown that school field trips can be important for enhancing school children’s science learning by giving them authentic experiences, direct contact with real objects, and stimulating their curiosity and interest in the topic. And what better place to do that than the Minnesota Zoo where the students visit naturalistic exhibits, connect with wild animals, and engage in classroom conversations about a topic children love—animals!

This past year, more than 11,500 students and chaperones from 19 school districts throughout the state participated in Zoo Safari field trips, all made possible by generous corporate and foundation donors and the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment. We gratefully thank all Minnesotans and the 3M Foundation, Ameriprise Financial, Chuck & Don’s Pet Food Outlet, Flint Hills Resources, Hickory Tech, K.A.H.R. Foundation, Hormel Foods Corporation, Land O’Lakes Foundation, MOM Brands, Target, and the Travelers Foundation for making these extraordinary experiences possible for students throughout the state.

Below] Children of all ages participate in Zoo Camp, often learning from one of the Zoo’s nearly 1,100 volunteers. Week-long camps include “Barnyard Buddies,” Long Necks and Sharp Teeth,” and “Undercover Animals.”



recreation

The Minnesota Zoo’s new Facilities Master Plan lays out plans that offer unique exhibits that will showcase some of the planet’s most urgent conservation challenges. As a world-leading zoo, we are helping preserve species worldwide and serving as a trusted resource for environmental learning. We also are delivering fun, and our Plan includes two new experiences – a Conservation Carousel and a nature-based play area, both of which will enhance our guests’ enjoyment of the Minnesota Zoo.



completing a trail] The *Medtronic Minnesota Trail* has been part of the Zoo experience from the beginning, but it was always missing one iconic northern Minnesota species: the black bear. Thanks to the success of the Heart of the Zoo campaign, three young orphaned black bears joined the Zoo’s animal population in fall 2012 when we opened the new Black Bear exhibit on the Trail.

Zoo guests now enjoy the antics of one female and two male bears that join a broad range of other Minnesota native animals found throughout the Trail. The bears have trees to climb, a pool for bathing, a cave for napping, and hot rocks for their long winter naps.

In honor of the Black Bear exhibit, the Zoo partnered with the History Theatre to create *Tales Along the Minnesota Trail*, a musical, interactive play for young audiences which took two young friends back in time to meet some of the people and animals who have called Minnesota their home.



were those prairie chickens i heard?] Zoo guests who parked in the East Entry parking lots this past summer may have heard the distinct call of prairie chickens. It was just one of many interpretive elements in the Zoo’s new Legacy Prairie, a 3.25-acre native prairie surrounding the Toucan and Tiger parking lots.

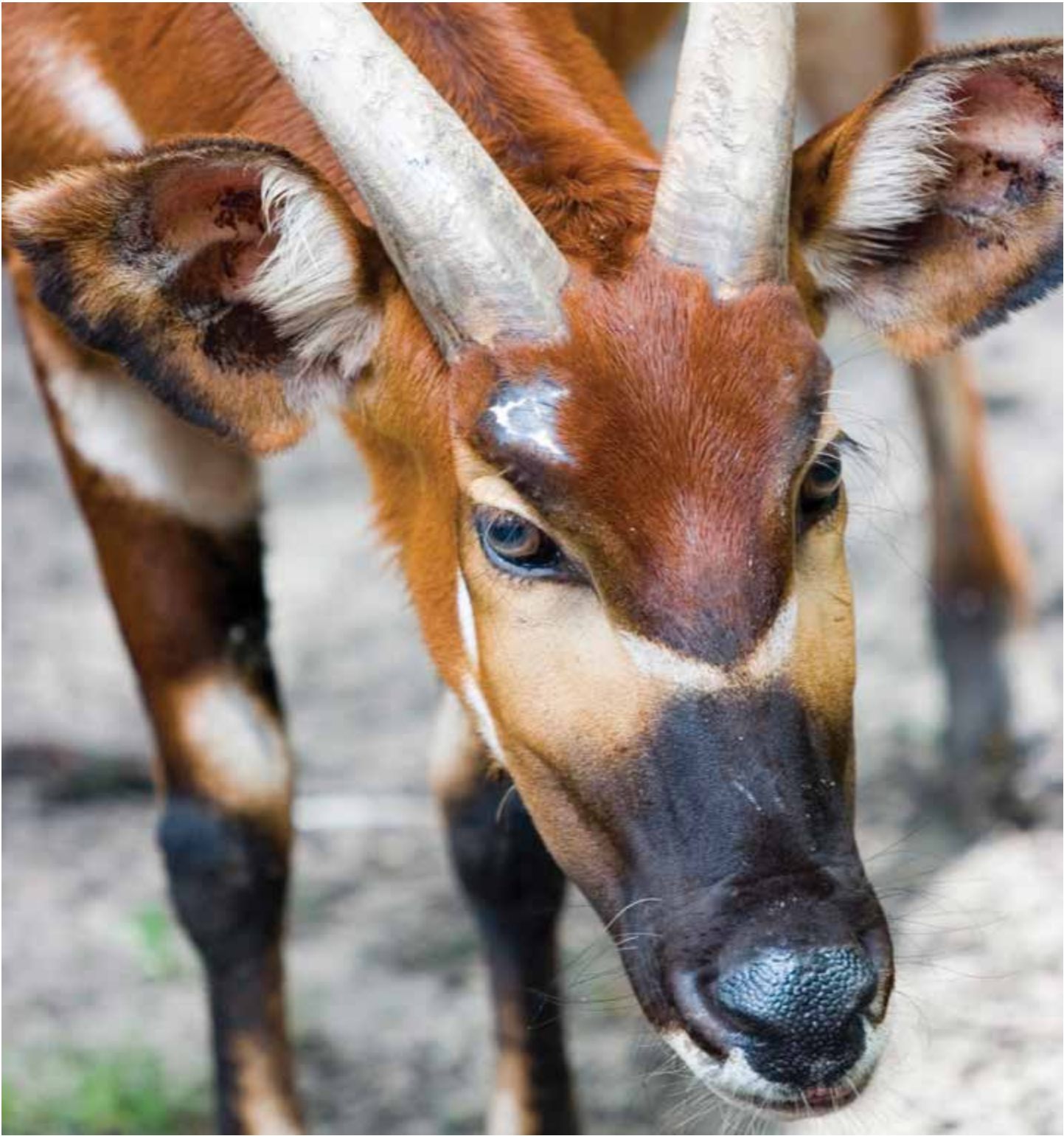
Native prairies once covered more than one third of the State of Minnesota, but today, less than one percent remain. Thanks to funds from the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, the Legacy Prairie was created to increase awareness about the loss of this critical habitat in our state. The Zoo’s prairie includes over 45 species of flowers and grasses, including prairie smoke, pasque flower, prairie violet, columbine, black-eyed Susan, long-headed coneflower, spiderwort, wild Canada rye, prairie brome, and blue grama.

Thanks to the Legacy Prairie, guests, volunteers, and staff have noticed an increase in insects, pollinators, and birds. In the morning, goldfinches regularly eat fragrant hyssop, and many species of bees and dragonflies have been observed. Hummingbirds have been seen too!

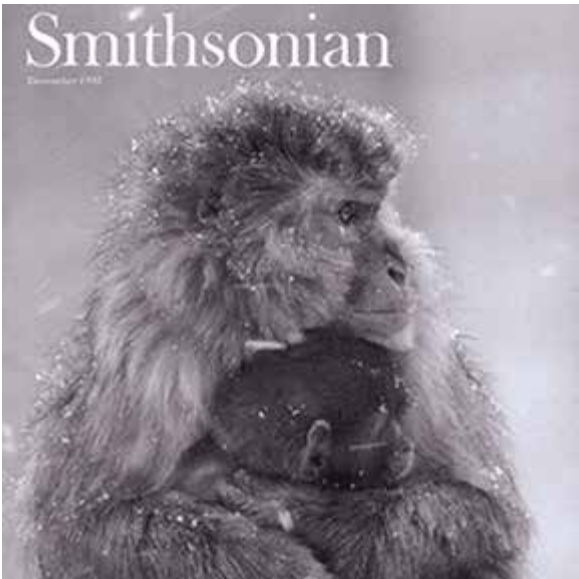
Below] Minnesota has an estimated 20,000 black bears that roam across the northern one-third of our state. As ambassadors for their species, three orphaned black bears now make their home on a new exhibit in the Medtronic Minnesota Trail which features a variety of Minnesota landscapes and their animals.



Below ¶ Bongos are the most colorful and most sociable of the African antelopes. The Zoo celebrated the birth of two healthy calves as part of the Zoo’s summer Africa! exhibit.



Right ¶ The December 1981 issue of *Smithsonian* featured the Minnesota Zoo, describing it as a “theater of discovery.”



back by popular demand: two adventures. one place. ¶ Minnesota Zoo guests traveled halfway around the world and back in time 65 million years, thanks to two seasonal summer exhibits: Africa! and Dinosaurs!, both sponsored by Think Mutual Bank.

Back for a third time, Africa! gave Zoo guests the feeling that they had been dropped in the middle of the African continent. Featuring giraffes, ostrich, bongos, wildebeest, addax and guinea fowl, the exhibit provided our guests with an up-close experience and the special opportunity to feed giraffes.

While the creatures just down the trail were not able to be fed, Zoo guests were mesmerized by 20 larger-than-life animatronic dinosaurs, featuring Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, and hidden within the forest Therizinosaurus, with claws over three feet long and forearms up to eight feet long. He was the “scissor-hands” of the dinosaur kingdom!

get a little bit closer now ¶ Connecting people, animals and the natural world is the Zoo’s mission, and sometimes, we like to have our guests get just a little bit closer. That’s why we created our Animal Encounters program, offering unique experiences designed to foster positive connections to the natural world, with lifelong impact.

This past year, we expanded our Animal Encounters program by adding three new programs: Sea Otter Encounters, Stingray Feeding Encounters, and Giraffe Encounters. In less than three weeks, we sold out of the Giraffe Encounters during the run of Africa!, and we increased participation in Penguin Encounters (which were first offered in FY12) by 80 percent.

Past Present Future

Winning Awards ¶ Minnesota strives to be the best, and the Zoo is no exception. In 1981, the Zoo was featured on the cover of *Smithsonian* magazine for the Zoo’s innovative design of nature-imitating settings for wildlife. In 1984, BBC selected the Minnesota Zoo as one of the best international zoos. In 1987, *Family Circle* magazine named one of the best zoos in the country for animals and guests. And throughout our history, the Zoo has received top honors in exhibits from the AZA. True to our vision, the Minnesota Zoo is a world-leading zoo.

Bringing Families Together ¶ The Zoo is a place for families. It’s been our commitment from the beginning. Not surprisingly, today the Zoo boasts members and guests who bring their grown children and grandchildren to visit—three generations of guests, coming together, to experience animals in beautifully designed, naturalistic surroundings.

Right *Meerkats, one of the most popular animals, will return when the Zoo completes the revitalization of its main entrance where guests will quickly immerse themselves in the world of three socially-active animals—meerkats, snow monkeys, and penguins.*



Past Present Future

— The Facilities Master Plan, adopted by Zoo and Foundation Boards in November 2012, is a roadmap for the future; a living document that guides future projects at the Zoo. This plan completes several projects from our last plan, as well as introduces guests to many extraordinary new exhibits and amenities.

Over the next several years, the Zoo will:

- Introduce a group of Hawaiian monk seals, the most endangered seal in U.S. waters, into Discovery Bay.
- Revitalize Crossroads Park with a Conservation Carousel and a nature-based playground.
- Complete the entry experience while immersing guests in a world of active, social species: a new meerkat exhibit and a revitalized snow monkey exhibit will complement *3M Penguins of the African Coast*.

everyone's having fun

Children, parents, co-workers, young adults...everyone enjoys great events at the Minnesota Zoo, including birthday parties and beach parties for kids of all ages.

Voted by the viewers of WCCO-TV this past year as the “Best Place for a Kid’s Birthday Party in Minnesota,” the Zoo’s birthday parties give children an unforgettable way to celebrate while making mom and dad “the best parents in the whole wide world.” In addition to a cake, crafts, and games, the Zoo adds an educational component using pelts, bones, and claws so kids can learn more about the animals at the Zoo.

Sand, calypso music, and a lush, warm rainforest setting. Does a Minnesota winter weekend get any better than a day at a Tropical Beach Party? Apparently a record-setting crowd of 20,000 people this past year didn’t think so as they spent the day enjoying the Tropics Trail’s large indoor sandbox, as well as face painting, a sand art activity, and special enrichment treats for the animals.

Below *Thanks to gifts from the Cities 97 Sampler, Mayo Clinic, and the Taishoff Family Foundation, the Zoo hosts Dreamnight, a completely free Zoo experience exclusively for children with disabilities or special health care needs, and their families.*



35 YEARS employees & volunteers

The Minnesota Zoo would not be where it is today without the extraordinary commitment of our employees and volunteers. From the successful breeding and reintroduction of trumpeter swans, to developing and managing the Tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP), to educating people of all ages about wild animals, the Zoo is a world-leading zoo because of the people who work and offer their time here.

Ten employees and five volunteers have been with the Zoo since before we opened our doors in 1978. They have taken care of our sea otters, birds, and bison; built exhibits; kept the lights on and the vehicles running; improved our guests' experiences; and managed our volunteer program. And what a program it's been!

Over the past 35 years, the Zoo has recorded more than 2,761,843 volunteer hours. That represents the equivalent time of some 1,327 additional employees or an average of 38 more annual employees. We could not have been as successful without the dedication and passion of these amazing people. Congratulations and thanks to:

Employees
celebrating
35 years of service
in 2013

Roger Broz
Pam DeCorsey
Lucinda Edwards
Diane Fusco
Kevin Henderson
Tim Judy
Ray Messier
Julie Speiker
Larry Vorwerk
Sheri White Commers

Volunteers
celebrating
35 years of service
in 2013

Jude Dean
Stephanie Fox
Paul Olson
Roger Palmquist
Paul Wilson



staff profile —
Sheri White Commers

Thank you Sheri for your 35 years of dedicated service to the Minnesota Zoo.

Page 22 and 23 *A collection of Minnesota Zoo employees and volunteers over the past 35 years.*

35 YEARS *you and the zoo*

What’s better than a good party or event?
It’s one that supports a great institution
like the Minnesota Zoo.

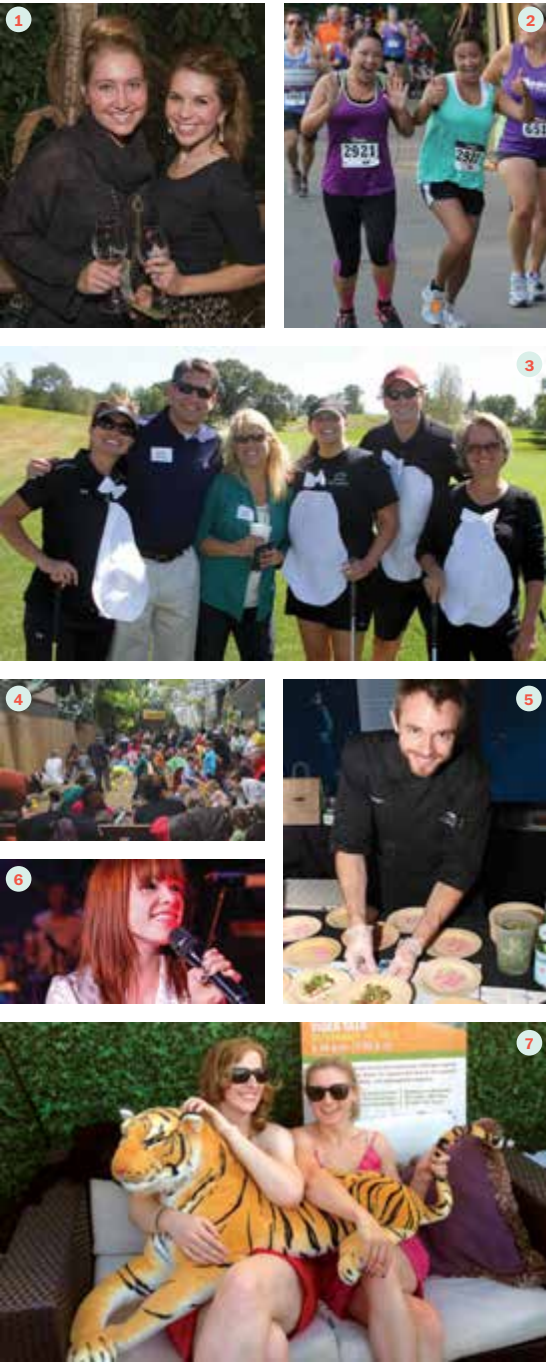
This past year, you celebrated with wine,
wraps, beer, and brats. You feasted on
fabulous fish, listened to magical music,
and watched the wonderment and joy of
kids with special health care needs as they
visited the Minnesota Zoo.

You golfed. You ran. And you learned all
kinds of things about wild animals, wild
places, and how you can make a difference.

You also gave generously at events throughout the
year, including the 25th annual Beastly Ball “feast
among the beasts.” We extend our grateful thanks
to WCCO TV’s Jamie Yuccas, Chairs Richard and
Susan Milteer, and Honorary Chairs Mort and
Alice Mortenson who helped welcome more than
550 guests to the Zoo’s premier fund-raising gala.

Guests enjoyed the lively music of Tommy Tiger
and the Birdcage Band, exquisite delectable
delicacies, and bidding on everything from
trips to Tuscany and Colorado to dinner with
the tiger cubs, all to support the Minnesota Zoo.
And when the party was over, we celebrated
income of more than \$500,000, the second
highest amount raised in the Zoo Ball’s history.

Joining gala guests for the second time was AZUL,
the Zoo’s young professionals’ organization.
Wild Night guests started the evening at a pre-
party at CRAVE Mall of America and arrived
by bus at the Zoo, where they partied, danced,
and raised money for AZUL’s commitment
to the Tiger Conservation Campaign.



2013 Event Photos Above 1. Wild About Wine 2. Tiger Tracks 5K and Kids’ Run 3. William David Romans Golf Classic 4. Tropical Beach Party 5. Fish Bites 6. Carly Rae Jepsen at Subway Music in the Zoo. 7. AZUL and CRAVE Cares Happy Hour Fundraiser for the Tiger Conservation Campaign

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by the numbers

1.28 MILLION
Guests to the Minnesota Zoo in fiscal year 2013

485
Acres in Apple Valley

63,368
Number of Minnesota Zoo Facebook fans

2,500%
Increase in Google+ fans last fiscal year



UP TO 100,000

Estimated number of Poweshiek skipperlings in Minnesota in 1978

0

Number of Poweshiek skipperlings in Minnesota today

ABOUT 1%

Amount of native prairie left in the state of Minnesota



4,369

Number of individuals who took Zoo Camp classes in fiscal year 2013

\$11,730

Need-based scholarship funds provided to Zoo Camp goers in fiscal year 2013

#1

The Minnesota Zoo's ranking as the largest environmental educator in the state

\$146 MILLION

Economic impact of the Minnesota Zoo to the State of Minnesota

1,738

Jobs supported by the Minnesota Zoo

35

Years since the Minnesota Zoo opened its doors on May 22, 1978

36 MILLION

Guests through our doors since 1978

363

Days a year we're open to the public



60.5%

Population decline of African penguins since 1985

2

Endangered African penguins born at the Minnesota Zoo last fiscal year



450

Number of Amur tigers left in the wild

UP TO \$370

Cost of tiger bone per kilogram on the black market

OVER \$100,000

Amount raised last fiscal year for the Tiger Conservation Campaign

41

Number of tigers born at the Minnesota Zoo since 1978

\$51,189

Amount raised for the Zoo through Give to the Max Day on November 15, 2012

41,755

Minnesota Zoo member households in fiscal year 2013

668

Rhinos poached in South Africa in 2012



1

Rhinos poached in 2012 in Namibia where the Minnesota Zoo's Desert Black Rhino Project works to protect these endangered animals

\$1,500,000

Amount appropriated to the Minnesota Zoo from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment

117,158

Volunteer hours donated in fiscal year 2013



5

Volunteers who have served for 35 years

1,102

Households in the Friends of the Minnesota Zoo giving society in fiscal year 2013

12%

Increase in number of donations in "Friends of the Minnesota Zoo" over the previous year

306,306

Individuals served by all Minnesota Zoo education and outreach programs

OVER \$270,000

Funds raised for Zoo Safari, which provides economically-challenged schools with free access to the Zoo

11,512

Number of children visiting the Zoo with the help of scholarships from Zoo Safari

2013

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Paul Olson



Answering an announcement recruiting volunteers for “the new zoo” on WCCO Radio in 1977, Paul Olson solidified his life-long commitment to animals. Paul was working full-time at the University of Minnesota caring for animals in the Psychology Department laboratory, and he decided to volunteer on weekends at the Zoo. He remembers the Zoo’s opening in May 1978, fondly, and he has been a first and third Saturday volunteer ever since.

Paul’s gentle demeanor and voice, as well as a wry sense of humor, serve him well in his interactions with both animals and people at the Zoo. Once, while on assignment to monitor the Bactrian camels on the Northern Trail, Paul was “kissed” by one of the female camels who snuck up behind him and licked the side of his head. Laughing to himself at her outright display of affection, he told her, “It wouldn’t work out between us since we aren’t even the same species.”

In addition to his amazing gift of time to the Zoo, Paul also enjoys supporting the animals and programs he is passionate about by making financial contributions to the Zoo. He is a Friend of the Minnesota Zoo giving society. He regularly attends the Beastly Ball, and he recently joined the Zoo’s Circle of Life Society, which provides future gifts to the Zoo through bequests and estate planning. “The Zoo is moving in the right direction,” Paul says with a smile. When asked why he supports the Zoo, Paul simply replies, “I enjoy it... I like the plans for the future.”

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Jeannine Rivet & Warren Herreid II

The Minnesota Zoo inspired Jeannine Rivet and Warren Herreid when they saw the joy and wonder their grandchildren felt while visiting the Zoo. They decided to help make it possible for more children to experience the Zoo's fun and educational exhibits by sponsoring Zoo Safari, which provides transportation, zoo admission, and programming for school groups. Zoo Safari was a perfect fit with their passion for STEM education, as it is designed to help equip students for careers in science-related fields and help schools meet Minnesota Science Academic Standards.

In gratitude for their generous contributions to Zoo Safari, and many other Zoo programs, Jeannine and Warren were honored in November with the Zoo's 2012 Stewardship Award. "Jeannine and Warren are generous, effective and inspiring community leaders," said Minnesota Zoo Director/CEO Lee Ehmke. "As believers in the importance of STEM education, Jeannine and Warren have helped to enhance and expand the Zoo's education programs to reach more students and engage new communities. Our Zoo Safari program, which sponsors elementary school field trips to the Zoo, is just one example of an important program that is growing substantially from their leadership."

Jeannine and Warren also have served as honorary chairs for the Zoo's Beastly Ball. Their grandchildren always accompany them to this gala to learn the importance of giving back.

The couple shares a distinguished history of community service in the Twin Cities and beyond. Jeannine is executive vice president of UnitedHealth Group and serves on numerous boards. Warren is retired and now consults, is an angel investor, and is Vice President of K.A.H.R. Foundation. He served for 26 years in the National Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Warren and Jeannine, along with their children and grandchildren, continue to visit and enjoy the Minnesota Zoo.



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**Bill & Carol Lahti
and Michelle &
Michael Colbert**

Bill and Carol Lahti lived near the Minnesota Zoo when it opened in 1978, and were among the first families to get a Zoo membership. They brought their son David and daughter Michelle, who remembers admiring the beluga whales, watching the koala munch eucalyptus, and exploring the ZooLab.

Michelle never “grew out of” the Zoo: in high school she watched Amur tiger cubs playing in fresh snow, as a young adult she maintained her own membership, and now she brings her own children, Jonathan and Lauren.

Michelle and her husband Michael Colbert made a year-end gift in 2007, without realizing it would make them Friends of the Zoo. Bill and Carol joined with their own donation in 2008, and both families have been stalwart supporters ever since.

The adults love being able to bring Jonathan and Lauren whenever they like, and being able to leave whenever the children get tired. Michelle is surprised anyone would come to the Zoo without getting a membership!

The whole family enjoys Zoo donor events—Jonathan and Lauren have a blast at Friends Farm Babies, Michelle and Michael loved the Friends tour on the brown bears and sea otters, and Bill and Carol like to hear the latest updates at the annual Director’s Dinner.

“The main reason we donate is we think the Zoo is a great place to bring our kids for not only the ability to get them to run around and have fun, but to hear a little something about animals and the environment too,” says Michelle. In another 35 years, she hopes that Jonathan and Lauren also will have many happy memories of their childhood at the Zoo.

Thank you to Bill and Carol Lahti and Michael and Michelle Colbert for your support—we hope Jonathan and Lauren will continue the family Zoo tradition for another 35 years.

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donor profile David & Jaimi Romans



In October of 2009, David and Jaimi Romans tragically lost their nine-month-old son Will to H1N1. Will was a beautiful, playful, happy little boy who loved the Minnesota Zoo. “The Zoo reminds us of happy times we spent with our son William as he giggled and laughed, pointing at all the animals,” says David, a Medical Director at Unity Hospital Emergency Department with Allina Health and also a trustee of the Minnesota Zoo Foundation.

In Will's honor, David and Jaimi wanted to do something that would ensure access to all children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to visit the Zoo. After much thought, planning, and a lot of volunteer help, the William David Romans Golf Classic was born to celebrate Will's life.

The annual tournament is now in its 4th year and has raised over \$100,000 to date for the William David Romans Endowment Fund. The fund provides economically-challenged, culturally-diverse K-2nd grade students with free admission to the Minnesota Zoo through a Zoo Safari experience, as well as Zoomobile visits to area hospitals.

“The Minnesota Zoo is important to us because it's a place where children find awe, wonder and laughter and can be inspired to learn about the world they live in,” continues David. “We feel fortunate to be a part of it.”

We feel lucky to have the Romans as friends, donors and leaders of the Minnesota Zoo.

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Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, Unaudited

Revenue

Earned Revenue	\$15,241,594
State Appropriation	5,577,000
Legacy Appropriation	1,500,000
Contributions	1,972,688

TOTAL \$24,291,282

Expenses

Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$15,016,090
Supplies and Materials	1,988,924
Utilities	1,435,887
Purchased Services	1,308,354
Other	2,313,805

TOTAL \$22,063,060

Capital Disbursements
Funded from Operations

New Generator Lease Purchase	210,312
Equipment Purchases	43,275
Equipment Lease Purchase	106,070
Energy Improvement Debt	47,616
Roof Repair Debt Service	15,370

TOTAL \$422,643

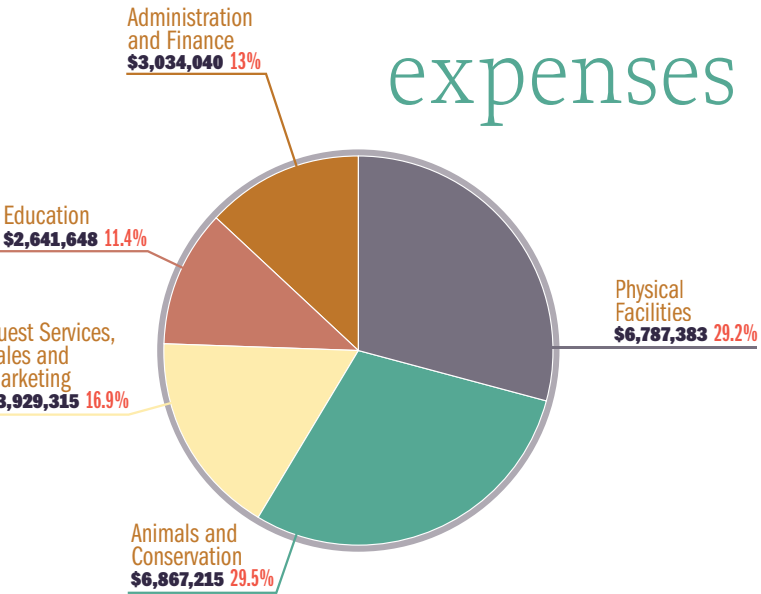
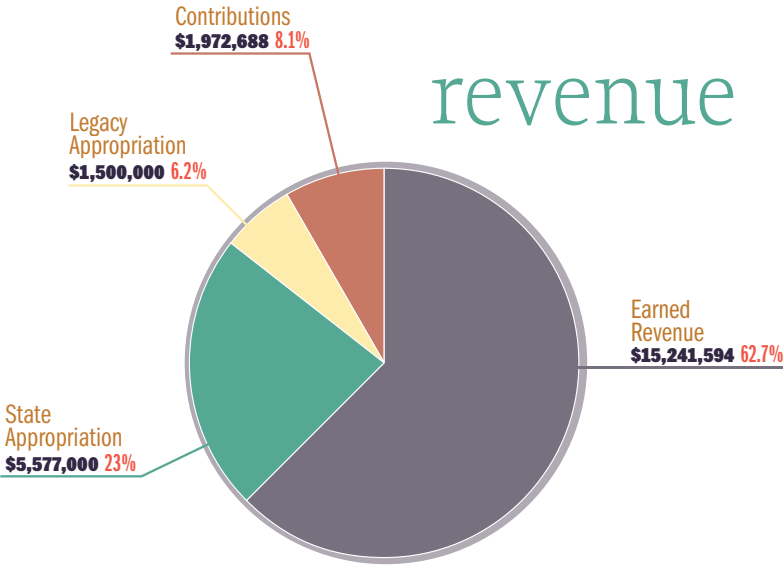
Legacy Expenses \$1,196,541

TOTAL Operating Expenses and Capital Funded from Operations \$23,682,244

Net Cash \$609,038

Prior Year Fund Balance \$2,693,735

Fund Balance June 30, 2011 \$3,302,773



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Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013, Audited

Revenue

Individuals	\$1,414,599
Corporations	1,111,169
Foundations	215,438
Government, Groups, Schools	106,946
Events, net of direct benefit	557,241
Other	260,161

TOTAL \$3,665,554

Expenses

Grants to the Zoo*	\$2,258,868
Other Grants	184,855
Program Expenses	274,262
General Operations	1,034,517

TOTAL \$3,752,502

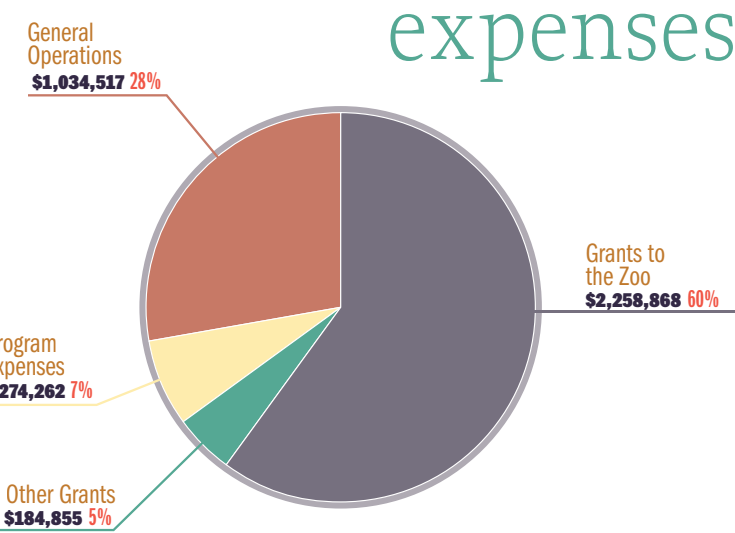
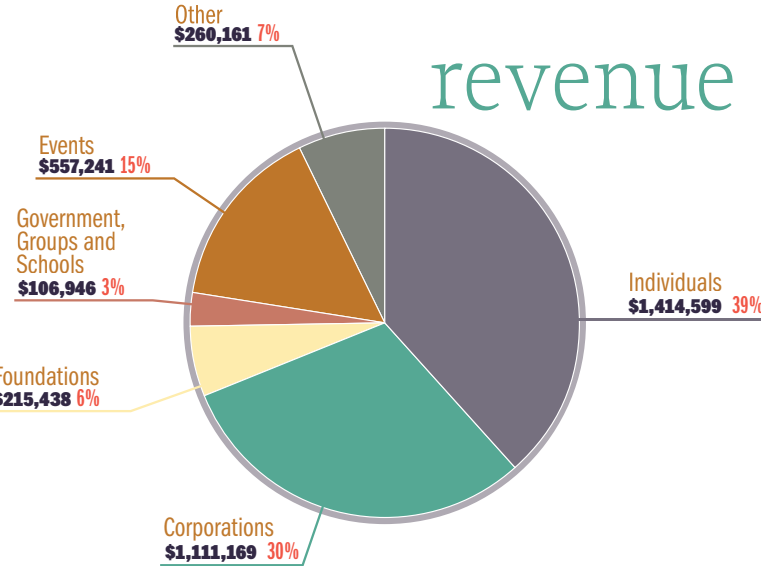
Net Expense Over Revenue ** (\$86,948)

Net Assets, Beginning of Year \$4,059,012

Net Assets, End of Year \$3,972,064

* 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.



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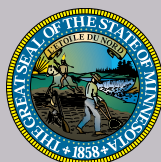
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