



Square feet of buildings

Household memberships



Total number of visitors

Number of free admissions through the Free to Explore program

of Zoo admissions are free or reduced price.

Number of acres of entire Zoo

Miles of fencing



Miles of roads and pathways

Gross economic output

Jobs supported

Returned to the economy for every

of State investment



Number of volunteers donating time to the Zoo

Hours donated by volunteers

Species

Threatened and endangered species at the Minnesota Zoo

69,179

Students participating in school programs

Minnesota schools visited the Minnesota Zoo on a field trip

# dear FRIENDS

In FY 2018, the "New Zoo" turned forty! While we celebrated forty years of connecting people, animals and the natural world to save wildlife, we also turned our focus to the future as we began a formal master planning process to ensure the Minnesota Zoo is a zoo for all Minnesotans.

Our Nature Task Force completed its report, Pathway to Nature. This report lays out a blueprint for how we will use the unique resources of our campus, staff and animals to deliver a world-class nature experience for our guests that and inspire them to take action for conservation.

In addition to big plans for the future, FY 2018 brought many of its own successes. Our dedicated zookeepers continued to push the envelope in husbandry, leading to key births. This year saw the birth of a very rare Malayan tapir, and the first rhinoceros hornbill chick ever successfully hatched and fledged at the Minnesota Zoo.

Staff continued work on projects funded by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) to research and conserve native prairie butterflies, rear native mussels and build water quality awareness, and engage high school students in Southwestern Minnesota in wildlife and habitat conservation education

FY 2018 was a busy year for the Zoo, with 1.3 million visitors, including a record 89,000 free admissions through our access program, *Free to Explore*. I hope you will join us in the future as we continue on our pathway to nature and fulfilling our vision: A future where wildlife thrives in Minnesota and beyond.

Sincerely

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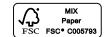
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