

2022

## A YEAR IN REVIEW

From the first white stork chick ever hatched here at the Akron Zoo in the midst of an avian influenza outbreak, to the introduction of two species new to the zoo - tufted deer and white-naped cranes - your Akron Zoo thrived. As we look back on 2022, we care for the natural world through conservation action, serving our community, and educating people of all ages.





## FROM THE CHAIR & PRESIDENT

2022 certainly was an exciting year at the Akron Zoo!

While pandemic-related challenges continued, such as, supply chain impacts and staffing shortages, your Akron Zoo experienced significant success thanks to the contributions from our supporters and community.

The Akron Zoo received the “Can’t Miss Tourism” award from the Akron-Summit Convention and Visitors Bureau and was awarded top honors in marketing from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) for our Wild Asia marketing campaign.

We completed our strategic and master plan which covers the next 10 years representing thousands of hours of work, deploying all staff who wished to participate during the discovery phase, input from leadership of many other AZA accredited facilities, and experts in the zoo and aquarium field who advised our board and executive team.

This plan will effectively address our flexible animal housing needs, a new facilities and grounds building to house each F&G department, a modern animal hospital that will meet our needs over the next 20 years and the addition of an African savanna featuring giraffes as a conservation focal point.

One of the greatest accomplishments for the zoo industry in 2022 was ending the year with the Big Cat Public Safety Act signed into law by President Biden. This bill represents more than 20 years’ worth of hard work and dedication.

Your advocacy for the zoo has made a tremendous impact on the animals, staff, guests and those that are enriched through our education programming. We are so thankful for our donors, sponsors, community partners, voters, members and zoo friends for living the zoo’s mission of inspiring lifelong learning and conservation action. With your help, all of this work was possible.

Sincerely,



**Michele Santana**

*Chair, Board of Directors*



**Douglas M. Piekarz**

*President & CEO*



### ANIMAL NUMBERS

Animal Type	Species	Total Individuals
Aquatic Invertebrates	58	758
Amphibians	8	34
Birds	71	208
Fish	41	369
Mammals	33	751
Reptiles	28	45
Terrestrial Invertebrates	9	1,914
<b>Total</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>4,079</b>

### ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

Total Attendance | **387,599**

Wild Lights | **36,958**

Membership households | **12,829**

### EDUCATION NUMBERS

Education Programs | **32,013**

*(Students engaged in Akron Zoo education programs)*

Field Trips | **27,786**

*(Students attending Akron Zoo field trips)*

Total Education Reach | **59,799**



## CONSERVATION PARTNERS & PROJECTS

Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Ohio  
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Landowners (SORALO) or  
Rebuilding the Pride, Kenya  
Tiger SSP Conservation  
Campaign, Asia  
Turtle Survival Alliance, Global  
Wildlife SOS, India

## CONSERVATION NUMBERS

SAFE Programs | **7**  
Species Survival Plans | **49**

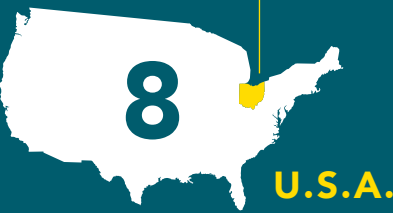
Conservation Programs | **23**  
Global | **3**  
USA | **8**

Asia | **6**  
South America | **3**  
Africa | **3**



**GLOBAL**

*7 are in Ohio and 3 are citizen science  
programs with local volunteers.*



**U.S.A.**



**ASIA**



**SOUTH  
AMERICA**



**AFRICA**



## THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We want to express a sincere 'Thank You' to our generous benefactors. It is because of your gifts and pledges that your zoo is a leader in animal care, education and conservation, and is able to provide a memorable experience for the community. We would also like to extend our thanks to the members of our community who continue to support our efforts in making the Akron Zoo the best it can possibly be.



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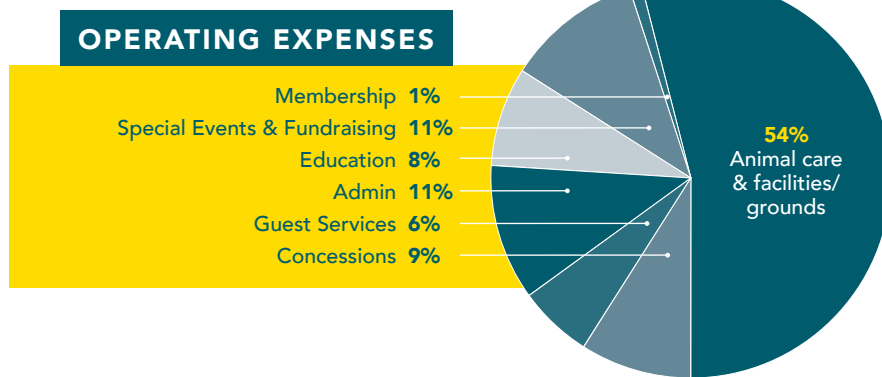
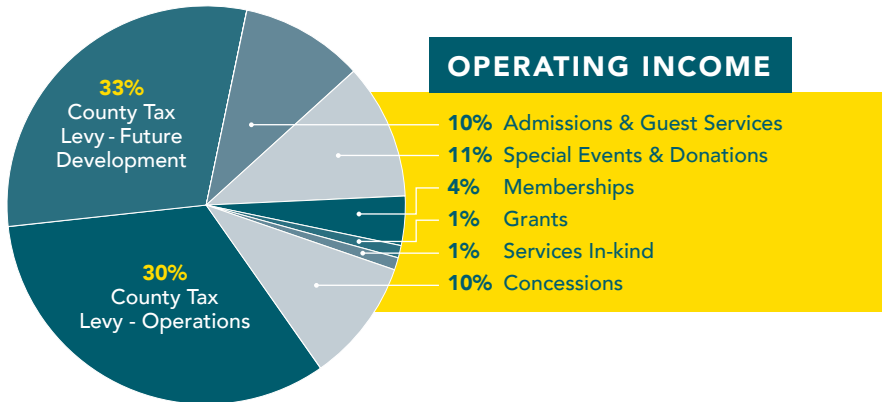
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As of December 31, 2022 (unaudited)



## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$20,247,247
Pledges receivable	\$25,408
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$520,886
Inventories	\$179,395
Property and equipment, net (less depr)	\$62,522,988
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$83,495,924</b>

## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities	\$2,554,155
Net assets	\$80,941,769
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$83,495,924</b>

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