From the Chairman and President

2018 was both exciting and challenging for your Akron Zoo. From first-time births to national awards, the zoo hit new milestones this past year. Of course, the weather and construction projects proved to be challenging at times, but the good news about both of those challenges is they are temporary.

One of the zoo’s major accomplishments in 2018 was starting construction on both Pride of Africa and Wild Asia. Pride of Africa, set to open June 2019, will feature new habitats for African lions, Speke’s gazelles and white storks, as well as a new contact area to feed sheep and goats and an extended train ride. Wild Asia, scheduled to open summer 2020, will provide new habitats for Sumatran tigers, red pandas and white-cheeked gibbons.

The significance of these projects is the impact they have on the zoo’s mission. From concept to completion, we are continuously challenging ourselves to create an experience that connects our guests to wildlife, encourages lifelong learning and inspires conservation action. Both of these projects represent a strong commitment to conservation, animal welfare and science-based education programming.

Another mission-focused goal is to make the zoo available to everyone who wants to enjoy a visit. In July, we joined other area museums in becoming a Museums for All partner. This program was created to encourage those who have a desire but not the means to visit museums as part of their everyday lives. Anyone with a valid SNAP/EBT/Ohio Direction card can receive reduced admission. Since the program launched 1,136 people have participated in Museums for All.

As always, we are truly appreciative of all our supporters, sponsors, donors, foundations, corporations, community partners, voters, members and zoo friends. It is because of their continued belief in our mission that the zoo is able to serve the community, build new habitats for the animals, save animals from extinction and be a place where kids love to learn. With the opening of Pride of Africa, the zoo will be bringing more educational and exciting opportunities to our community. Plan to visit us in 2019 and take advantage of all the zoo has to offer.

Sincerely,

James F. Snider II
Chairman, Board of Directors

Douglas M. Piekarz
President & CEO

RICO, MALE HUMBOLDT PENGUIN
Rico was the 16th chick successfully hatched and reared at the zoo since 2003.
**Conservation & Sustainability**

**Conservation and Environmental Sustainability are Key Components of the Zoo’s Mission. We Strive to Do Our Part to Minimize Our Carbon Footprint While Working to Save Species from Extinction. In 2019, The Akron Zoo’s Conservation Fund Donated $42,171 to Support Conservation Efforts Including Field Projects, Citizen Science Programs and Our Conservation Speakers Program - Hope for the Wild.**

**Field Conservation**

We support field conservation programs on four continents including North America, South America, Africa and Asia. These projects encompass a variety of species from corals and frogs to penguins and passerines, red pandas and snow leopards. Multiple ecosystems are improved through these efforts including marine, savanna, rainforest, hardwood forest and even urban Ohio. Some of the conservation strategies implemented to save habitats and species include repopulation and population planning, range monitoring, human-wildlife conflict avoidance and community education.

Some of the specific activities supported by the Akron Zoo’s Conservation Fund included:

**Jaguars**

The zoo partners with the Jaguar Species Survival Plan and Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Reserve (CBWS) in Belize to protect this apex predator and its habitat. The CBWS spans 128,000 acres and is home to an estimated 80 jaguars. Over the last five years, protective management efforts at CBWS have been increasingly challenging. While there has been some successes in environmental education and patrolling/enforcement efforts, a lot still needs to be done as new challenges arise. One of the major obstacles to successful patrolling...

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efforts is the manpower to cover all access routes in and out of the basin. Because of the lack of patrols, encroachment has increased with illegal hunting being reported. To help combat this, the zoo supports the salaries for two rangers to help increase patrols and protect the jaguars. By having 24 hour presence at the Juan Branch post, staff are able to respond quickly to illegal activities reported in the area; gather information on the ground to develop intelligence plans and conduct more effective and efficient patrols.

In the Field
In 2015, Murchana Parasar visited the United States from Assam, India to learn more about white-winged wood ducks as part of her PhD project. She is studying the distribution of the ducks in and around Dehing Pakai Wildlife Sanctuary. Kim Cook, DVM, director of animal health and conservation, traveled to India in 2018 to see firsthand the work that is being done on behalf of the white-winged wood ducks, a species the zoo has been involved in protecting since the late 1990’s. Several partners have joined together for the benefit of this critically endangered waterfowl species; ENVIRON India, Murchana Parasar, Sylvan Heights Bird Park, Oil India and Digboi College in India.

On her visit, Dr. Cook was able to meet some of the project partners, see the jungle and terrain, and understand some of the hazards such as elephants and militant groups that present challenges for the field staff. She got a fuller understanding of the scope of the project and learned about local culture and livelihoods. One small project that came out of the visit was a wall calendar. In almost every shop, office or home Dr. Cook visited there was a calendar on the wall. Often times there was nothing else. After she returned to Akron, we designed a calendar with white-winged wood duck awareness information. They were then printed and distributed to local people to help build awareness for this species. Next steps involve developing a formal white-winged wood duck conservation strategy and action plan for Assam.

FLAP
FLAP is an organization dedicated to protecting migratory birds through education, policy development, research, rescue and rehabilitation. We joined the Lights Out campaign in 2018. During the spring and fall migrations Akron Zoo volunteers patrolled downtown Akron looking for birds that collided with windows. The volunteers educated businesses about how leaving lights on all night in high-rise buildings causes confusion for the birds which leads to window strikes causing injury or death. In 2018, 86 birds were rescued or recovered by 12 volunteers.

Telling the Story
In May, Professionals Advocating for Wildlife (PAW) hosted Hope for the Wild, sponsored by the Leiden Conservation Foundation to support Akron Zoo’s global conservation efforts and the Red Panda Network. The Red Panda Network’s approach to red panda conservation includes research and monitoring, education and outreach, habitat protection and restoration, and sustainable development initiatives. Ang Phuri Sherpa, Country Director of the Red Panda Network, spoke with 115 individuals on issues and challenges faced by red pandas. Guests enjoyed Nepalese food from the...
Nepali Kitchen in North Hill, and entertainment from the Himalayan Music Academy. Included in his trip, Ang visited North High School and spoke to over 100 students about his work in Nepal. The second annual Hope for the Wild raised nearly $10,000 to support conservation.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

We continued our ‘green’ journey in 2018 with the addition of a new composter and through education initiatives.

**Big Hanna**

The zoo enjoyed a historical moment in April 2018 with the unveiling of the first aerobic composter, Big Hanna, to be used at any zoo or aquarium in the world. This project was a collaboration with ReWorks, the Ohio EPA and the zoo to advance our goal to be a zero waste facility. We compost animal manure, food scraps and select plant material. The finished compost is used internally for soil amendment.

**Zero Waste Events**

In an effort to expand our zero waste goal beyond the zoo, we partnered with community events such as the Great Blue Heron Homecoming, Porch Rockers, and Hands On Sustainability to help make these events zero waste by providing information and supporting these efforts with volunteers. The zoo also provided in-kind support to the Hands On Sustainability event, hosting the first night of the two-day event.

**Education Initiative**

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Oglebay, and North Carolina State University teamed up with zoo, aquarium and park and recreation professionals like the Akron Zoo’s director of planning and sustainability, Chris Norman, to create the Sustainability Institute. The Sustainability Institute was established to train professionals new to environmental sustainability. It’s a major step forward to promote conservation action through building and land use that reduces the natural resources consumed in operations. Emission reduction, increased diversion from landfills, water conservation, energy use reduction, chemical use reduction and green purchasing are all topics covered in the week long course.

**Connecting to Wildlife**

In 2018, 84,239 individuals were connected to wildlife, through 748 science-based conservation education programs and 683 field trips.

- 419 Zoomobile Outreach programs educated 41,612 individuals
- Inspired 5,446 individuals through 131 on-grounds programs
- 620 children engaged through 45 ZooCamp programs
- Snooze at the Zoo hosted 29 programs for 943 scouts and families who enjoyed spending the night at the zoo for an interactive learning experience
- 683 groups totaling 30,843 guests enjoyed a field trip to the zoo
- Connected 4,775 guests with animal ambassadors and conservation messages during 124 presentations of the **Wild World Animal Show**
Animals & Habitats

More Curious
We expanded the popular Curious Creatures gallery adding even more unique and amazing species including green tree monitors, flamboyant flower beetles, spotted turtles, pinkfall trigger fish, and spotted jellyfish. The Partula snails, which have been at the zoo since the late 90’s, are featured in Curious Creatures. We’ve had great success breeding the snails, which became extinct in the wild in the 1990s after a carnivorous snail species was introduced to the islands of Tahiti. In 2016 and 2017, the Akron Zoo and several other zoos successfully introduced Partula snails into a predator-free reserve on the islands. The release of animals into their native habitat is a significant step for conservation.

Special Delivery
The zoo welcomed two newborns in 2018. In June, a female Siberian musk deer was born and a male Humboldt penguin hatched. The birth of the musk deer is a first for the zoo and the penguin chick is the 16th chick successfully hatched and reared at the zoo since 2003. To celebrate the arrive of both of these significant births we hosted “Oh Deer, Waddle We Name Them!” naming contest. The public voted on names for each. The winning names were Alina for the deer and Rico for the penguin chick.

New Faces
We are always excited to welcome new animals to our family. In 2018, the zoo said hello to two screech owls and a pair of red wolves, brothers Mohe and Waya for the Mike and Mary Stark Grizzly Ridge habitat. A female snowy owl and white stork joined our family. Brother and sister golden lion tamarins, Coco and Mico now reside in the zoo’s rainforest habitat. Tai Lung, a male snow leopard joined our female Shanti. The sika deer habitat was renovated to make a home for a breeding pair of musk deer, Anastasia and Vlad. We also welcomed several aquatic species, invertebrates, passerines and waterfowl.

The Zoo Family

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HAVING A WILD TIME

THERE’S NO BETTER PLACE TO VISIT TO GET UP-CLOSE TO WILDLIFE AND EXPERIENCE A FUN-FILLED DAY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAN YOUR AKRON ZOO. THE ZOO FOCUSES ON PROVIDING QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE TO GIVE OUR GUESTS A POSTIVE EXPERIENCE.

With Pride of Africa under construction, the guest services team worked hard to ensure the train and granary were still available for guests to enjoy. The train ride was able to continue operating during most of 2018 with a creative idea to sell train tickets from a retired gift shop cart. Knowing that feeding the goats and sheep is one of our guests’ favorite activities, we moved the animals to the barn and built a temporary granary so guests could continue to enjoy this up-close experience with the animals.

We also renovated Grasslands Café, creating walk-up windows to make it more convenient for all our guests to enjoy a delicious treat during their visit. To enhance the guest experience at Wild Lights a synthetic ice rink was added and decorations were expanded to include the corporate picnic area and the Lehner Family Zoo Gardens.

Despite all of our efforts, sometimes the weather is not on our side. In 2018, we experienced very wet weather and it seemed to rain primarily on the weekends. The impact of the weather was felt in our attendance, as we had a slight downturn in attendance from the previous record-setting year. To try to combat the challenges the weather presented the zoo’s communications department added a host of special events and hoped for clear skies. Originally the zoo planned four new events for 2018, but in response to the weather we added an additional 18 to try to attract guests. Some of these new events included:

- **Wild Appetite** – Our dinner guests got to ‘eat like an animal’ and enjoy a gourmet meal while learning about the diets of select animals.
- **Cinco de Mayo** – This family-friendly event provided a great place for families to celebrate.
- **Ode to Otters** – A celebration of World Otter Day focused on our North American river otters.
- **Carnival of Tails** – This July event featured fun carnival games and food.
- **Honey Harvest Festival** – Sponsored by Acme Fresh Market, this event was all the buzz as it focused on bees and the importance of pollinators.
- **Zoo Year’s Eve** – We said good-bye to 2018 at the stroke of noon with this family-friendly New Year’s Eve celebration.

There’s no better place to visit to get up-close to wildlife and experience a fun-filled day with family and friends than your Akron Zoo. The zoo focuses on providing quality customer service to give our guests a positive experience.
CELEBRATING OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS

THE AKRON ZOO THRIVES BECAUSE OF OUR COMMUNITY’S COMMITMENT AND GENEROSITY. WE THANK THE INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS THAT HELP MAKE THE AKRON ZOO A LEADER IN ANIMAL CARE, EDUCATION, CONSERVATION AND GUEST EXPERIENCE.

BECAUSE OF YOU
Over 100 of our closest friends joined us for a very special thank you reception on April 26. Because of You guests enjoyed food, drinks, an update on all the new and exciting things coming to your Akron Zoo presented by Doug Piekarz, President & CEO, and a very special behind-the-scenes experience offering a sneak peek of Pride of Africa construction.

OUR MEMBERS
Akron Zoo finished 2018 with 11,677 member households. Our members enjoyed unlimited free general admission, free parking, discounts on special events and education programs, as well as ZooTales members’ only coupons and exclusive zoo evenings. NEW for 2018, on Labor Day, we launched Member Mornings, opening the zoo at 9:00 a.m., for members to enjoy “watching the zoo wake up!” 603 individuals took advantage of this benefit! Look for more Member Mornings in 2019.

OUR SUPPORTERS
Your zoo raised $1,654,971 in cash and pledges in 2018, with $1,006,960 to specifically support our capital projects, including a $500,000 capital budget appropriation from the State of Ohio. Individuals, leading companies and foundations generously provided over $206,408 in financial support for education initiatives and $116,113 for Akron Zoo’s Animal Fund. Annual support provides critical funding for us to fulfill our mission to nurture respect and appreciation for the natural world.

SUMMER SAFARI
Summer Safari presented by Lehner Family Foundation and Robert O. & Annamae Orr Family Foundation continues to be one of the region’s premier social events. 2018 Honorary Chairs, Mark and Lori Krohn greeted around 500 guests who enjoyed animal encounters, unique entertainment and a fabulous silent auction, along with delicacies from 17 restaurants and caterers. Kristie Warner, 2018 chairman, led a committee of 18 individuals to raise $171,592 gross revenue to support the care of our animals and their habitats.

OUR VOLUNTEERS
Our adult volunteer program – EdZoocators – consisted of 149 individuals that assist with special events, education programming and are an integral part of our guest first culture. They can be seen greeting guests, escorting students to their custom education programming, and roaming the park. The Roamers provide guests with information regarding the animals, conservation programs, and park logistics. These outstanding individuals donated 9,500 hours in 2018, saving the zoo $229,330!

We welcomed 578 community volunteers that contributed 1,734 hours for Boo at the Zoo! This is an increase over 2017. The horticulture team hosted six corporate volunteer groups for a total of 24 hours and eight completed projects. In addition to those projects we hosted 160 corporate volunteers over two days for Backpack Adventure. That translates to $55,956 in community support.

The Jr. Interpreters, teen volunteers, play a vital role in helping the zoo educate guests during the busy summer season. Our Jr. Interpreters assist with birthday parties, the animal show, ZooCamp and Learning Lab.

Once again, an outstanding teen was recognized by the Akron Optimist Club. This is the 5th year in a row that our program has been honored. In 2018 we had 25 teens volunteering 4,727 hours saving the zoo $114,110!
NEW EXHIBIT GROUND BREAKING

ON OCTOBER 18, 2018, AKRON ZOO HELD A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR PRIDE OF AFRICA AND WILD ASIA, A $17 MILLION PLAN TO BUILD TWO NEW AREAS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. PRIDE OF AFRICA IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN JUNE 2019 AND WILD ASIA WILL OPEN SUMMER 2020.

Pride of Africa will include a new, expanded habitat for a pride of African lions, Speke’s gazelles, white storks and a new feeding area for goats and sheep. Pride of Africa will immerse guests in the culture of the Maasai living in the Southern Rift Valley of Kenya and the wildlife who share their land. Predators, prey, a special Maasai livestock enclosure called a boma, an expanded train ride and a spray pad will offer a rich learning experience for children and adults alike. In Wild Asia, a new spacious Sumatran tiger habitat will allow for a pair of tigers. The red pandas will also have a larger habitat that will be home to a duo of red pandas. Due to popular demand, Wild Asia will also welcome a pair of white-cheeked gibbons.

We are raising funds through the ROAR campaign, announced at the ground breaking. ROAR is a campaign with contributions from individual donors, corporate partners and private foundations. The project is $17 million, funding from the zoo’s levy and the ROAR campaign makes this expansion possible.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

ROAR CAMPAIGN
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GREEN TREE MONITOR

The Akron Zoo expanded the popular Curious Creatures gallery this year by adding unique and amazing species including green tree monitors.

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No. 507

IN-KIND GIFTS

Over $1,000
Acme Fresh Market Catering
A Cupcake a Day
David and Jennifer Adler
Amaize Popcorn
Amos Communications, Inc.
Art of Suce
Big Eu'es BBQ
Mr. and Mrs. William Buckeye
Cif Bar & Company
Community Action Services
CoreLife Eatery
Emo’s & Son’s
Giant Eagle, Inc.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Foundation
Mustard Seed Cafe
Nosh Creative Catering
Old Carolina Barbecue & Catering Co.
Pada Italian Street Food
PNC Bank
Retro Dog
Rubber City Radio
Saffron Patch of Akron
Signet Jewelers
Smoke the Burger Joint
Summit County Children Services
Tangie
Todaro’s
US Foods

Ms. Janet Tusing
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N.
Tynell
Mr. and Mrs. James R.
Walser
Mr. Alan C. Wilber
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P.
Winther
Village of McDonald
Walmart Foundation
Young Professionals of Akron
As of December 31, 2018 (unaudited)

Statement of financial position

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OPERATING INCOME

31% County Tax Levy—Operations
22% County Tax Levy—Future Development
2% Memberships
6% Pledges
6% Grants
4% Services In-Kind
1% Concessions
1% Interest
1% Special Events & Donations
10% Admissions & Guest Services
9% Special Events & Fundraising
6% Memberships
5% Admissions & Guest Services

OPERATING EXPENSES

56% Animal Care & Facilities/Grounds
22% County Tax Levy—Operations
2% Memberships
9% Special Events & Fundraising
10% Guest Services
11% Administration
5% Education
8% Concessions

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents $22,153,390
Pledges receivable $670,507
Prepaid expenses and other assets $810,993
Inventories $77,429
Property and equipment, net $50,531,488
Total assets $74,243,807

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities $4,146,163
Net assets $70,097,644
Total liabilities and net assets $74,243,807
VISION
To create excitement and stir passion in every visitor to become a champion of our natural world.

MISSION
We connect your life to wildlife while inspiring lifelong learning and conservation action.