BAYA, A FEMALE SNOW LEOPARD WAS BORN ON APRIL 29, 2019.
The Akron Zoo had several exciting events happen in 2019. We opened the Landon & Cynthia Knight Pride of Africa project on June 29. This new experience features spacious, beautifully planted habitats for African lions, Speke’s gazelles and white storks, as well as a new contact area where guests can feed African goats. An expanded train ride provides unique views into the lion habitat and gives riders a behind-the-scenes look at Pride of Africa. In Pride of Africa, guests learn about Maasai culture and the zoo’s conservation partner Rebuilding the Pride. As part of the zoo’s mission to connect our guests’ lives to wildlife, we bring the stories of the relationship between lions and the Maasai to life through interactives, video and live interpretation.

While we were completing Pride of Africa, the Lehner Family Foundation Wild Asia construction was in full swing. This project will feature new habitats for endangered Sumatran tigers, red pandas and white-cheeked gibbons, while transforming one of the older sections of the zoo into an Asian-themed experience for guests to enjoy. Wild Asia is opening summer 2020.

The zoo celebrated a few significant births in 2019. Baya, a female snow leopard, was born on April 29 to first-time father, Tai Lung, and female Shanti. Baya is Shanti’s eighth cub born at the Akron Zoo. On May 22, we also welcomed the birth of a male Siberian musk deer. Little Bucky was only the second musk deer born at the zoo by parents Anastasia and Vlad. In addition, two yellow-spotted turtles successfully hatched in Curious Creatures. All of these births are significant because they help further the genetic diversity of critically endangered animals through our work in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plans, a vital part of the zoo’s mission.

Providing quality, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) focused education programs is a cornerstone of the zoo’s mission. We collaborated with Akron Public Schools and Canton City Schools during the 2018-2019 school year to launch two new programs. The Akron Zoo is part of the Essential Experiences program funded by the GAR Foundation to support the need for high-quality experiential learning and the value of co-curricular experiences. The zoo’s Essential Experience is designed for every first grader in Akron Public Schools. Our new early childhood program is a collaboration between your Akron Zoo, Canton City Schools and PNC Foundation. This program connects all pre-K students to wildlife with a focus on social emotional intelligence and literacy.

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.

Sincerely,

James F. Snider II
Chair, Board of Directors

Douglas M. Piekarz
President & CEO
In 2019, your Akron Zoo celebrated the opening of the **Landon & Cynthia Knight Pride of Africa**. This exciting addition to the zoo helps us fulfill our mission of inspiring lifelong learning and conservation action.

Besides new, expansive habitats for African lions and white storks. The zoo added two new species, Speke’s gazelles and crested guineafowl. We are one of only 10 other zoos in North America to provide a home for the endangered Speke’s gazelle. All the habitats create up-close and unique views of the animals. They were designed to help guests connect to wildlife.

**Pride of Africa** also includes a boma, a Maasai livestock enclosure, which features a variety of African goats that guests can touch and feed. The expanded train ride provides guests a behind-the-scenes look at **Pride of Africa** and includes educational information shared by the train conductor. A mist pad and Land Rover provide a wonderfully fun play area for children of all ages to enjoy.

Several educational interactives placed throughout **Pride of Africa** add to the experience and tell the story of the Maasai culture and our conservation partners Rebuilding the Pride. We were delighted to host Guy Western, director of Rebuilding the Pride and John Kamanga, director of SORALO (South Rift Association of Landowners) and a leader in the Maasai community to the opening of **Pride of Africa**. Both our special guests were delighted with the conservation and cultural messages throughout the area.

We sincerely appreciate residents of Summit County who support the zoo through the levy and our generous donors and contributors. It is the support of our community that makes it possible for the zoo to provide beautiful habitats for rare and endangered species, expand educational opportunities, and protect and save wildlife and wild places.
OUR WILD RESIDENTS

EXPANDING OUR PRIDE

The zoo is now home to two prides of lions, a first for the Akron Zoo. Tamarr and Mandisa, a bonded pair, make up one pride. The second pride includes Donovan, and two lionesses, Kataba and Msinga. The two prides take turns being in the public habitat or spending time in a behind-the-scenes habitat. This state-of-the-art lion area was designed to manage two prides giving each options and interesting spaces to enjoy.

A multi-species habitat was designed to mimic the savannas of Africa featuring a breeding pair of Speke’s gazelles, two pair of white storks and a group of crested guineafowl. Because of the variety of animals in this habitat, guests can enjoy watching the interaction between the species.

Pride of Africa also includes a small herd of African goats including Nigerian dwarf and African pygmy goats. Guests have the opportunity to interact with the goats creating a fun animal experience.

BUNDLES OF JOY

A female snow leopard cub was born on April 29 to mother, Shanti, and father, Tai Lung. This birth marks Shanti’s eighth cub and Tai Lung’s first. The new cub was named through a public naming contest, which narrowed the options down to three names. Shanti and her cub made the final selection by touching the enrichment item with the name Baya written on it. At three days old, Baya was diagnosed with a congenital eye defect called a coloboma. A relatively common defect in snow leopards, multiple ocular colobomas (MOC) can cause abnormalities to parts of the eye, varying in severity and can include the eyelids, iris and optic nerves. It was determined that the cub had colobomas affecting the eyelids in both of her eyes. When Baya was several months old, she had corrective surgery that successfully treated the issue. We also welcomed the second musk deer fawn to be born at the Akron Zoo. Little Bucky was born on May 22 to parents Anastasia and Vlad. We had a significant hatching in 2019 when two yellow-spotted turtles hatched in the Curious Creatures gallery. This species is native to Ohio and listed as endangered by IUCN.

THE ZOO FAMILY

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WORKING FOR WILDLIFE

The Akron Zoo’s mission stresses the importance of conservation action. We work tirelessly to save wildlife from extinction and to operate the zoo in a way that limits our impact on the environment and its valuable resources. In 2019, the Akron Zoo’s Conservation Fund donated $35,655 in support of 21 conservation projects and programs. The zoo is an active member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) program and its Green Scientific Advisory Group focused on eco-friendly operations and initiatives among AZA members.

A FEW OF THE CONSERVATION PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE ZOO IN 2019 ARE HIGHLIGHTED BELOW:

SLOTH BEARS

Our support of the conservation organization, Wildlife SOS, provided radio collaring and tracking for 10 sloth bears in an area of high conflict between humans and sloth bears in Chhattisgarh, India. The data from this study will provide researchers and forest manager’s valuable information for minimizing conflicts between sloth bears and local residents in the area. This project is important because it makes a direct connection between conservation research and conservation actions. Besides tracking the bears, community education is provided to help increase knowledge and understanding among residents.

AMAZONIAN TURTLE

We collaborated with Amazon Forever in Peru to rescue, recover and release Amazonian aquatic turtles (Podocnemis unifilis and P. expansa). The project rescues and rehabilitates aquatic turtles that come from black market trafficking in Peru. At the Akron Zoo, we house one of these turtle species (P. unifilis). Our support of this project is important as we are directly supporting this species both at the zoo and in their native habitat. We also provided support to this conservation partner by providing content and graphic design for a new habitat they were creating at their park, which focuses on educating children who live in the biggest city in the Amazon region in Peru. Most of these children do not have direct contact with the rainforest. Amazon Forever helps connect children to the rainforest.
OHIO BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

One of the zoo’s citizen-science projects is Ohio Lights Out - Lights Out Akron/Canton Chapter. This project seeks to document and prevent bird collisions with buildings due to the use of glass and light pollution that often result in significant mortalities, especially during the spring and fall migration periods.

AN ESTIMATED 365–988 BILLION BIRDS ARE KILLED IN THE USA BY COLLISIONS EACH YEAR.

Our support includes volunteers educating and enrolling the public and commercial buildings in the initiative. This project directly impacts local wildlife by teaching people about birds, the environment, and the impact that our actions have on wildlife.

RESEARCH

Conservation research is a vital part of supporting advancements in conservation and helping save endangered species from extinction. In 2019, the Akron Zoo staff participated in 14 research projects to support conservation. A few of these projects included:

- Komodo dragon hexocrine pancreatic insufficiency.
- 3-D printed radio frequency identification (chip band) development for passerines.
- A biomimicry study in the mechanics of a bird’s nest.
- Prevalence, risk factors and survival of zoo animals with cancer.
SHARING OUR WORK

In May 2019, Professionals Advocating for Wildlife (Akron Zoo’s young professional group) and the Akron Zoo were pleased to welcome representatives from Wildlife SOS, based in India for Hope for the Wild, sponsored by Leiden Conservation Foundation. Co-founders Kartick Satyanarayanan and Geeta Seshamani discussed Wildlife SOS and its mission of protecting the at-risk animal populations of India.

Over 80 individuals enjoyed Indian cuisine from Saffron Patch, shopped authentic wares from Wildlife SOS and participated in a silent auction and raffle. The 2019 Hope for the Wild event raised over $6,000 for Akron Zoo’s Conservation Fund and Wildlife SOS. Their trip to Akron ended with a visit to the National Inventors Hall of Fame School where Kartick and Geeta met with students and discussed their role in saving elephants and sloth bears.

IN THE FIELD

In November, Autumn Russell, Director of Education, traveled to India as part of the Bear Taxon Advisor Group’s effort to support conservation and education with one of our partners, Wildlife SOS. While at the Agra Bear Rescue Facility, Autumn was able to tour the facility to see the work being done to provide sloth bears and Asian elephants a safe haven from harsh lives as tourist entertainment. Autumn was able to work with education staff and provide support for improved education techniques and program evaluations. This effort assists Wildlife SOS in providing education and awareness to both locals and tourists on the importance of wildlife, a mission that the Akron Zoo works towards as well.
In 2019, we supported **21** conservation projects or programs both locally and globally. **Seven** of the projects are U.S. based, **five** in Ohio and **two** in other states. We supported **three** projects in South America, **six** in Asia, and **two** in Africa. The remaining **three** projects work on a global scale.

- Akron Zoo/Hiram College/Sylvan Heights Partnership, USA
- Amazon Forever, Peru
- Audubon Christmas and Summer Bird Count, AZP, Ohio
- Baer’s Pochard Genetics Project, Minnesota
- Center for Conservation, Peru
- Conservation Planning Specialist Group, Worldwide
- Environ-White Winged Wood Duck, India
- FrogWatch AZA, Akron Chapter, Ohio
- Jaguar Species Survival Plan, Belize
- Komodo Dragon Species Survival Plan, Indonesia
- Madagascar Flora and Fauna Group, Madagascar
- Medina Raptor Center, Ohio
- Minnesota Tiger Conservation Campaign, Worldwide
- Ohio Lights Out, Akron/Canton Chapter, Ohio
- Rebuilding the Pride, Kenya
- Red Panda Network, Nepal
- Red Wolf Coalition, North Carolina
- Snow Leopard Trust- Asia
- Turtle Survival Alliance, Worldwide
- White Winged Wood Duck Planning Workshop, India
- Wildlife SOS, India

The Akron Zoo participates in 46 AZA Species Survival Plans focused on saving endangered species from extinction.
WE CONNECTED 91,230 INDIVIDUALS TO WILDLIFE THROUGH EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS.

WILDLIFE CONNECTION

BUILDING CONNECTIONS WITH WILDLIFE AND AN APPRECIATION OF NATURE IS A PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE ZOO’S EDUCATION TEAM. CREATING STEM AND SCIENCE-BASED CONSERVATION PROGRAMS THAT BRING GUESTS UP-CLOSE TO WILDLIFE AND FOSTERS EMPATHY HELPS GUESTS MAKE THOSE IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS. OF COURSE, ADDING IN ELEMENTS OF FUN AND OFFERING ENGAGING ACTIVITIES MAKES FOR A WELL ROUND LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES.

In 2019, our Education Team presented 889 science-based education programs throughout Northeast Ohio. In total, we connected 91,230 individuals to wildlife through education programs and field trips.

- 43,854 individuals were educated through 561 Zoomobile Outreach programs
- Engaged 6,420 learners through 130 on-grounds programs
- ZooCamp hosted 45 camps for 648 children throughout the summer
- 856 scouts and families spent the night at 23 Snooze at the Zoo programs
- Inspired 4,274 guests during 130 presentations of the Wild World Animal Show
- 690 groups totaling 35,178 guests enjoyed a field trip to the zoo
WILDLY FUN & ENGAGING

FROM A NEW WEB SERIES AND BLOG TO SEVERAL NEW EVENTS, OUR MARKETING AND GUEST SERVICES TEAMS STRIVE TO PROVIDE FUN AND ENGAGING EXPERIENCES THAT CONNECT GUESTS TO WILDLIFE, WHILE HAVING A WILDLY FUN TIME.

WINGIN’ IT WITH FRANCES F. FEATHERS
In 2019, the Akron Zoo introduced a new web video series called Wingin’ It with Frances F. Feathers. Frances, a bird enthusiast, introduces the public to different things throughout the zoo, including conservation programs, animals and more. Wingin’ It combines humor with education. The pilot episode was shared in January and seven episodes were produced in 2019.

POTTER’S BLOG
We launched Potter’s Blog in January 2019. The blog shares stories about the zoo’s residents, celebrates wildlife and informs readers about conservation successes and challenges. Potter’s Blog shared 65 stories its first year.

FAN FAVORITES
The zoo held two contests in 2019 to allow zoo fans to vote for their favorites. A “March Madness” bracket was set up in 2019. Shanti our female snow leopard was victorious, voted the Akron Zoo Animal of 2019. We also held a naming contest for our snow leopard cub. Baya was a fan favorite and ultimately selected by the snow leopards themselves. Not to be out done by the snow leopards, our mascot Potter the Otter won best costume character in the Welcome Santa Parade.

ITCH SEEN AROUND THE WORLD
During summer 2019, grizzly bear Cheyenne scratched an itch on her butt right next to the window, to the delight of guests. A video captured by a member of the Marketing Team was shared on Facebook and was quickly picked up by media outlets across the country and other parts of the world. Some of the outlets that shared the video during their broadcasts and online included Good Morning America, CNN, People, CBS Nightly News and more! Other countries included Turkey, India and the United Kingdom.

ALL ABOARD!
With the completion of Pride of Africa came the opening of a new, expanded train path and goat feeding area. The Guest Services Team spent time rehearsing the educational and informative talk they give as they take guests on an adventure behind-the-scenes of Pride of Africa. They also spent time socializing with our new goats to get them comfortable taking crackers from our guests. Their efforts make these two experiences in Pride of Africa both educational and fun.

MEMBERS’ ONLY
In 2019, the Akron Zoo hosted a number of exclusive members’ only events that included member mornings, members’ nights and a special preview of our newest experience the Landon & Cynthia Knight Pride of Africa. Over 9,000 members participated in these special activities.

MORE TO ENJOY
We introduced 10 new events in 2019. These events offered guests unique experiences and the opportunity to enjoy the zoo in a different way. From wintertime events to help combat cabin fever to creative activities that provide opportunities to try new things, the zoo’s new events offered something for everyone. New events included:

- Family Fun Zone
- Laser Lights
- Zingo! (Zoo themed bingo)
- March Madness
- Ode to Otters
- Sundae Sunday
- Pride of Africa Grand Opening
- World Lion Day
- Wine and Paint
- Holiday Ales Brew at the Zoo

TOTAL ATTENDANCE | 402,143
WE’RE WILD ABOUT OUR FRIENDS

THE AKRON ZOO IS GRATEFUL TO THE INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, CORPORATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY. IT IS BECAUSE OF CHAMPIONS LIKE THEM, THAT THE ZOO IS ABLE TO BE A LEADER IN ANIMAL CARE AND WELFARE, EDUCATION, CONSERVATION AND GUEST EXPERIENCE.

OUR SUPPORTERS
A special thank you to the residents of Summit County for their continued support of the zoo through the levy. The funds generated from the levy go to care for the animals, build new habitats and provide quality education programs throughout the county and beyond.

YOUR ZOO RAISED $2,811,224 IN CASH AND PLEDGES IN 2019, with $2,182,534 to specifically support capital projects. Individuals, leading companies and foundations generously provided over $144,498 in financial support for education initiatives and $258,620 for Akron Zoo’s Animal Fund. Annual support provides critical funding for us to fulfill our mission to serve our community, educate young minds, and nurture respect and appreciation for the natural world.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS
Snow Bowl is the zoo’s annual winter fundraiser held at Stonehedge Entertainment. Snow Bowl held in January 2019 saw approximately 500 individuals from across the Northeast Ohio community brave a winter storm to participate in this fun, competitive event. Snow Bowl 2019 grossed over $33,000 to support the care of the Akron Zoo’s animals and their habitats.

Summer Safari presented by Lehner Family Foundation and Robert O. and Annamae Orr Family Foundation continues to be one of the region’s premier social events. 2019 Honorary Chairs, David and Nancy Koly greeted around 500 guests who enjoyed animal encounters, unique entertainment and a fabulous silent and live auction, along with delicacies from 18 restaurants and caterers. 203 patron party guests enjoyed a pre-party in the Landon & Cynthia Knight Pride of Africa. Kristie Warner, 2019 event chair, led a committee of 16 individuals to raise $191,184 gross revenue to support our animals and education programs.

PRIDE OF AFRICA
Together, the Landon & Cynthia Knight Pride of Africa and Lehner Family Foundation Wild Asia are transforming areas of the zoo to include lush animal habitats, fun, educational interactives and immersive guest experiences. Pride of Africa officially opened on June 29. A donor preview held on June 27, was a special thank you to those who contributed to the success of the project. Donors enjoyed the first look at this new area and the amazing animals that now call Pride of Africa home. Wild Asia is scheduled to open during the summer in 2020 and will complete the second half of this two-part project that is creating new guest experience while modernizing the oldest facility at the zoo.
In 2019, the volunteer program consisted of 169 individuals. Our adult volunteers, EdZoocators, assisted with special events education programs, field trip groups and roaming. The Roamers provided guests with information regarding the animals, conservation programs, park logistics including the best way to find Pride of Africa or the closest restrooms. These outstanding individuals donated 10,000 hours in 2019.

We welcomed 585 community volunteers who contributed 2,060 hours for Boo at the Zoo! This is an 8% increase from the previous year! The Horticulture and Enrichment Teams hosted 15 corporate volunteer groups (188 participants) for a total of 45 hours and 17 completed projects, which is nearly double the 2018 efforts. In addition to those projects, we hosted 213 corporate volunteers over two days for Backpack Adventure. That translates to $71,382 in community volunteer support. These passionate individuals make it possible for the zoo to achieve its mission.

The teen volunteers, Jr. Interpreters, are key members of the zoo’s Education Team. Jr. Interpreters assisted with birthday parties, the animal show, ZooCamp and the Learning Lab. The teens are on grounds every day June through August educating our guests using biofacts at the Discovery Carts. 2019 brought additional responsibilities to the Jr Interpreters, including working with our Conservation Coordinator to collect data on wild butterfly populations seen on zoo grounds. Teens also worked with the Behavioral Husbandry Manager to conduct animal observations on grounds and create firehose enrichment items for the lemurs. Behind the scenes, they worked with the new goats that would be in the boma assisting with socialization and enrichment. In 2019, 17 teens volunteered 3,722 hours saving the zoo $78,683!
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**ROAR Campaign**

Thank you to the following individuals, groups, corporations and foundations that have supported the ROAR campaign. (Donors listed have made gifts $250 and above to Akron Zoo capital projects between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2019.)

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LITTLE BUCKY, THE SECOND MUSK DEER FAWN WAS BORN AT THE ZOO ON MAY 22, 2019
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Donors contributing $250 or more to the Akron Zoo’s Annual Animal Fund, January 1-December 31, 2019.

$100,000 and Over
Citizens of Summit County

$20,000-$99,999
Lehner Family Foundation
Robert O. and Annamae Orr Family Foundation
PNC Bank

$10,000-$19,999
Akron Children’s Hospital
David and Holly Collins
Dominion Energy
Charitable Foundation
Huntington-Akron Foundation
Linda S. Klais
Leiden Conservation Foundation
Martha Holden Jennings Foundation
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Mr. Michael Russell
Signet Jewelers

$5,000-$9,999
Akron Community Foundation
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.Consolidated FirstEnergy Foundation
Hudson Community Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. James G. Fidler
Thomas and Shelley Kountnik
M. G. O’Neill Foundation
PNC Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Santana

$1,000-$4,999
AtNet Plus, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berk
Frank and Maria Bevilacqua
Cynthia and Nick Browning
Ms. Connie M. Michaels
Copley Feed & Supply
Steve Comunale
Charitable Account
FedEx Custom Critical
GPD Group

Grace K. Bunts Trust
The Greenhouse Florist, A Fresh Flower Market
Hasenstab Architects, Inc.
Huntington National Bank
Richard and Sharon Juve Koly & Company
Paul J. and Susan B. Kruder Family Fund
Kyocera SGS Precision Tools
Paul and Maria Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moul
OMINOVA Solutions Foundation
Oswald Companies
Sanctuary Marketing Group
Sikich, LLP
Mr. and Mrs. James Snider II
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Steinhauser
Summa Health System
Ms. Rosanne Summerville
Superior Beverage Group
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Sutton
Taylor Oswald LLC
Wes and Linda Van Fossen
J. Darel Verburg
Mr. and Mrs. James Warner
Mr. Alan C. Wilber
Donald J. Williams

$250-$499
Acro Tool & Die Co. Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Adamczyk
Mr. and Mrs. David R. Auffenberg
Justin and Jennifer Bako
Christina and James D. Carson
Creative Technology
Jo and Diane Dangel
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Davis
Mr. Edward Delaria and Ms. Diana Parry
Karen and William Downing
Environmental Design Group
Mr. Bruce S. Ford
Mr. and Mrs. David George
Mr. and Mrs. John Gerstenmaier
Ms. Kathleen A. Goodwin and Mary Bartos
Olivia Hochschwender
Pam and Adam Holtz
Mr. Ronald J. Imbrogno
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Leiden
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Littman
Margaret and Philip Lloyd
Mr. and Mrs. David Lukezic
Mary and John Margida
Metis Construction Services
Mr. William J. Miller
Panzica Construction Company
Ms. Nancy Ray and Mr. Scott Pinkerton
Reserve Inn
Aaron and Sandra Slutz
Ms. Laura Springer
Amy and Michael Tomas
Paul Vidal and Cindy Bodendorfer
Western Reserve Hospital
Christine and Joe Williams
Kathryn and Patrick Williams
Williams Land Corp.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Witmer

Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Hylant
Jackson Kelly, PLLC
Junior Achievement of East Central Ohio
Mr. and Mrs. David Koly
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Marks
Melodie Phillips MD LLC
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Moore
The North American Coal Corporation
Ohlin & Reed Consulting Engineers Inc
Perrin Asphalt & Concrete
Sigrid Reynolds Reproductive Gynecology Inc.
Rodney G. Klein Stock Market Museum and Library
Roetzel & Andress
Mr. and Mrs. Joanne Rohrer
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rudish
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shaffer
Mr. and Mrs. David Swindler
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Taylor
Teamsters Local Union No. 507
Thomas & Marker Construction Co.
Jean Thomas Lambert Foundation
Thompson Electric
Ms. Janet Tussing
University of Akron
Virginia B. Wojno-Forney
Walmart Foundation
Weitzel Family Foundation
Laurie Zuckerman and Steve Johnson

$500-$999
Akrochem Corporation
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bader BDO USA, LLP
Buckeye Corrugated, Inc
Buckeye Health Plan
Cardinal Environmental Services, Inc.
Cleveland Clinic
Akron General
Mrs. Sandra Delaria
Mr. and Mrs. James K. DeVoe
John and Christopher Glenn GMLV Architecture, Inc.
GOJO Industries Inc.
Robert Heath and Beth Buchanan
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of December 31, 2019 (unaudited)

OPERATING EXPENSES

- Animal Care & Facilities/Grounds: 56%
- Concessions: 8%
- Guest Services: 6%
- Administration: 11%
- Education: 7%
- Special Events & Fundraising: 11%
- Memberships: 1%

OPERATING INCOME

- County Tax Levy-Operations: 33%
- Interest: 2%
- County Tax Levy-Future Development: 17%
- Concessions: 1%
- Grants: 1%
- Services in kind: 2%
- Memberships: 5%
- Pledges: 10%
- Admissions & Guest Services: 11%
- Special Events & Donations: 10%
### ASSETS

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### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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