2024 AYEAR IN REVIEW

With 2024 in the rearview mirror, we are celebrating our successes and looking toward an exciting future. Our education programs reached an impressive number of community members and conservation initiatives remained a top priority. Our commitment to the wellbeing of more than 2,000 animal residents will only grow after the addition of a brand-new animal hospital. With exciting projects on the horizon, we could not be more proud to be a part of a community that supports our continued growth.



CHAIR & PRESIDENT

Your Akron Zoo has had a busy year and we couldn't be more proud of what we have accomplished. We celebrated the birth of a Humboldt penguin chick in March, who came to the zoo as an egg from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. It was deemed a high priority in terms of genetic diversity and the decision was made by the Humboldt Penguin Species Survival Plan (SSP) to send the egg to the Akron Zoo. This collaboration is a wonderful example of AZA institutions working together for the benefit of an endangered species.



We also celebrated a huge achievement toward our mission of connecting all lives to wildlife while inspiring lifelong learning and conservation action. The Akron Zoo was recently honored by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) with the Angela Peterson Excellence in Diversity Award for our age-friendly initiative. This award is a significant achievement and testament to the dedication of our staff and community.

While we reflect on our achievments of the past year, we also look toward the exciting future that we have in store. In 2025, your Akron Zoo will welcome 20 animatronic dinosaurs to our park! This exhibit provides guests an opportunity to learn about the incredible adaptations dinosaurs used to survive, reinforcing the importance of saving animals from extinction with present-day efforts.

We broke ground on a new state-of-the-art animal hospital. The Akron Zoo provides in-house care for animal residents on a daily basis, including regular check-ups, management of diseases and chronic conditions, surgeries and end-of-life care. The 11,949 square-foot building will include a surgery suite, intensive care unit and specialized spaces for the different species, including birds, hoofstock, primates and large carnivores.

I'm grateful for the continued support of our community. None of this would be possible without you, and we are proud to be YOUR Akron Zoo.



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ANIMAL NUMBERS

Animal Type	Species	Total Individuals
Aquatic Invertebrates	59	609
Amphibians	7	37
Birds	71	216
Fish	34	336
Mammals	33	914
Reptiles	24	44
Terrestrial Invertebrates	9	1804
Total	237	3,960

ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

Total Attendance | **404,052** Wild Lights | **29,524** Membership Households | **12,837**

EDUCATION NUMBERS

Education Programs | **57,102** (Students engaged in Akron Zoo education programs) Field Trips | **35,946** (Students attending Akron Zoo field trips) Roamer Connections with Visitors | **38,563** Total Education Reach | **131,611**



CONSERVATION PARTNERS & PROJECTS

Akron Zoo – Christmas Bird Count, Ohio, USA

AZA Tiger Campaign, Sumatra, Indonesia

Conservation Planning Specialist Group, Global

EuroNatur: European Stork Villages, Europe

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Wildlife Restoration Foundation, USA

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SAFE Programs 8 Conservation Programs | 27 • Africa | 4 • Europe | 1 • North America **11** Species Survival Plans **40** • Asia 6 • Global **3** • South America **2** AFRICA ASIA EUROPE NORTH AMERICA 10 are in the U.S.A. SOUTH and 7 are in Ohio. AMERICA GLOBAL

CONSERVATION NUMBERS

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We want to express a sincere 'Thank You' to our generous benefactors. It is because of you that we are able to ensure high quality animal care, educate community members on the importance of conservation and provide a memorable experience for every guest. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our community for their steadfast support in making the Akron Zoo the best it can possibly be. On behalf of the Akron Zoo and the animals in our care, thank you!

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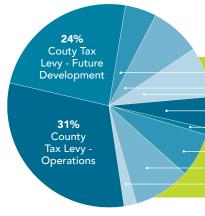
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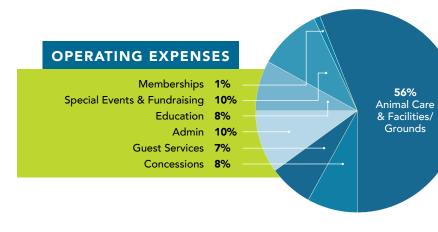
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As of December 31, 2024 (unaudited)



OPERATING INCOME

5%	Pledges
8%	Admissions & Guest Services
8%	Special Events & Donations
5%	Memberships
1%	Services In-kind
%	Grants
%	Concessions
2%	Interest



ASSETS

Total assets	\$95,404,968
Property and equipment, net (less depr)	\$63,584,379
Inventories	\$115,170
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$487,810
Pledges receivable	\$2,061,514
Cash and cash equivalents	\$29,156,095

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Net assets	\$92,514,989
Total liabilities and net assets	\$92,514,989 \$ 95,404,968

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