

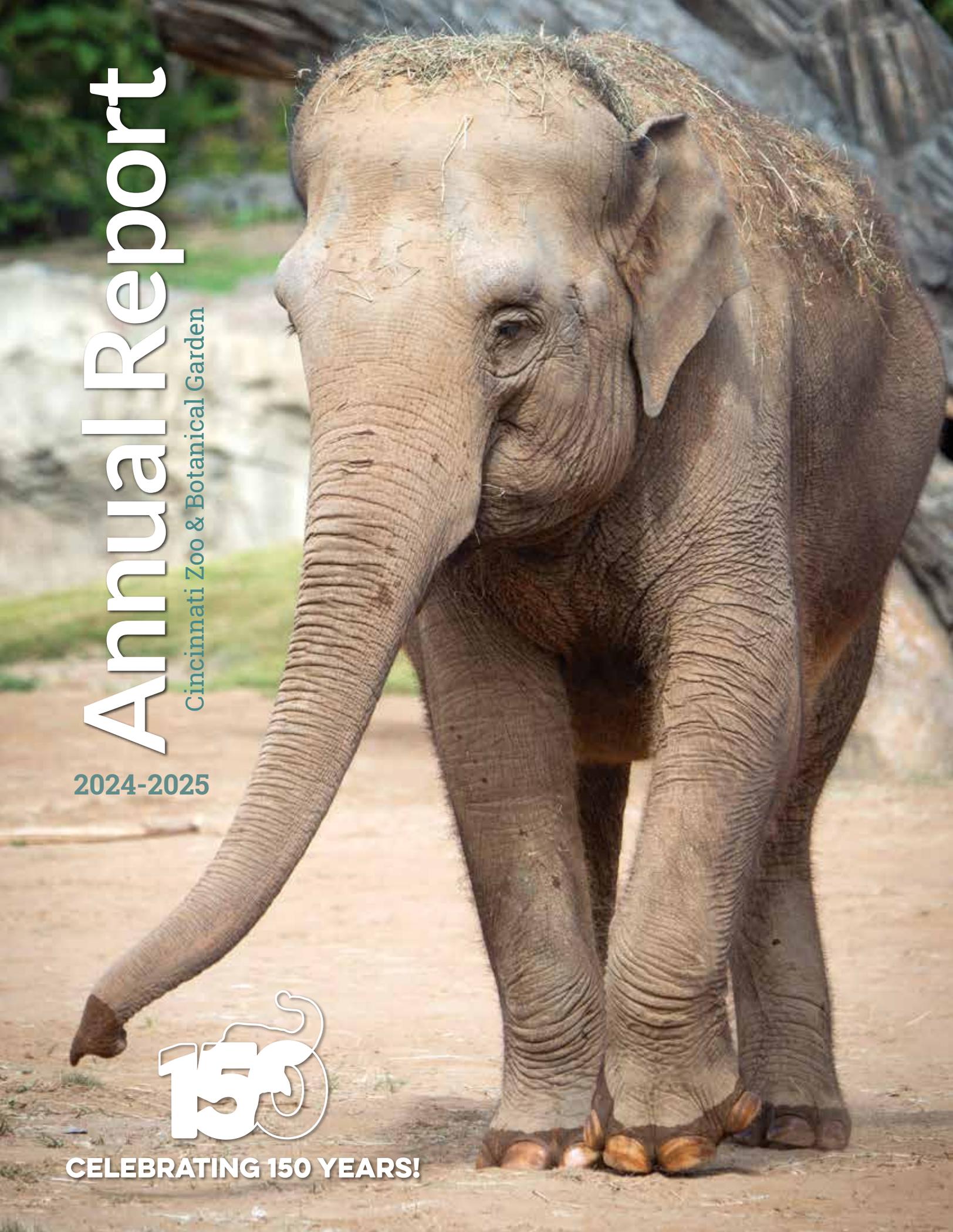
Annual Report

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

2024-2025



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!





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2024–2025 Annual Report

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Dear Friends,

We are honored to share in this milestone moment in the Cincinnati Zoo's remarkable history — our 150th anniversary. This is not only a celebration of our legacy as one of the oldest and most beloved zoos in the nation, but also to celebrate a bold step forward into the future of animal care, conservation, and community connection.

One of the most transformative moments of the past year was the opening of *Elephant Trek*, an extraordinary space that redefines how zoos care for elephants. Designed with their physical, social, and cognitive needs in mind, Elephant Trek reflects the highest standards of animal care and an immersive guest experience that inspires awe and empathy.

Also, over the last year we have strengthened our commitment to wildlife conservation. As a proud participant in international Species Survival Plans (SSPs), our zoo contributes to the long-term recovery of endangered animals through carefully managed breeding programs—efforts that have helped reestablish populations of species like the bald eagle, African painted dog, and in Ohio, the American burying beetle. At the same time, we educate and inspire two million visitors each year with conservation-focused experiences that turn curiosity into action. Through behind-the-scenes encounters, interpretive programs, and engaging exhibits, we are cultivating the next generation of wildlife advocates who understand that saving species begins with awareness, compassion, and collective effort.



From supporting the recovery of endangered species like the Guam kingfisher and Mexican wolf, to empowering local and global communities to protect wildlife and wild places, we are proud to be a leader in species survival. Our science-based fieldwork, breeding programs, and educational outreach are proof that zoos today are vital engines for change.

As we look ahead, our mission remains rooted in hope—for animals, for ecosystems, and for future generations. Thank you for being part of this journey. Your support makes our work possible, and your belief in our vision drives everything we do.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thane Maynard'.

Thane Maynard
Zoo Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'George O. Molinsky'.

George Molinsky
Board Chairman



The Historic Opening of Elephant Trek

In the fall of 2024, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden opened the biggest habitat in our history, The Harry and Linda Fath Elephant Trek! This impressive new habitat includes swimming pools, streams, overhead feeding stations, mud wallows, and enrichment opportunities at every turn. It provides a world-class environment for the Asian elephant herd currently residing there, and ample room for their offspring in the future.

The stars of the trek are the elephants, and because their new enclosure is five acres, the Zoo has been able to add four elephants to our herd, making it multi-generational and giving it the opportunity to expand. Our herd of eight has access to various indoor spaces within the 22,000-square-foot Farmer Family Foundation Elephant Center, as well as three outdoor yards designed for different purposes. These yards can accommodate separation for training and medical procedures, and a flexible layout allows the elephant keeper team to manage the herd as a whole or attend to individual needs.

The Zoo has continued to prioritize sustainability while creating a better home for our elephant herd. All buildings in the new five-acre Elephant Trek habitat are LEED certified, and all water features utilize stormwater collected in tanks buried beneath the habitat. Most of the power is sourced from solar panels installed over the Zoo's parking lots and from a new 165 kW solar array on top of the elephant barn. By protecting natural resources and forging global partnerships, we are contributing to wildlife conservation efforts both locally and globally, including the protection of elephant populations in the forests of Southeast Asia.

Talking about his family's support of Elephant Trek, Harry Fath said: "It's important to us that future generations get the chance to see and be inspired by these amazing creatures. The work that Cincinnati Zoo does to care for elephants here and in Asia is something that we are proud to support. In short, our motivation for this gift was to give a gift to the citizens of Greater Cincinnati."

Elephant Trek by the numbers



22,000 square foot
Farmer Family Foundation
Elephant Center

1,000
Bamboo plants of
six different species



200,000-gallon
Elephant pool

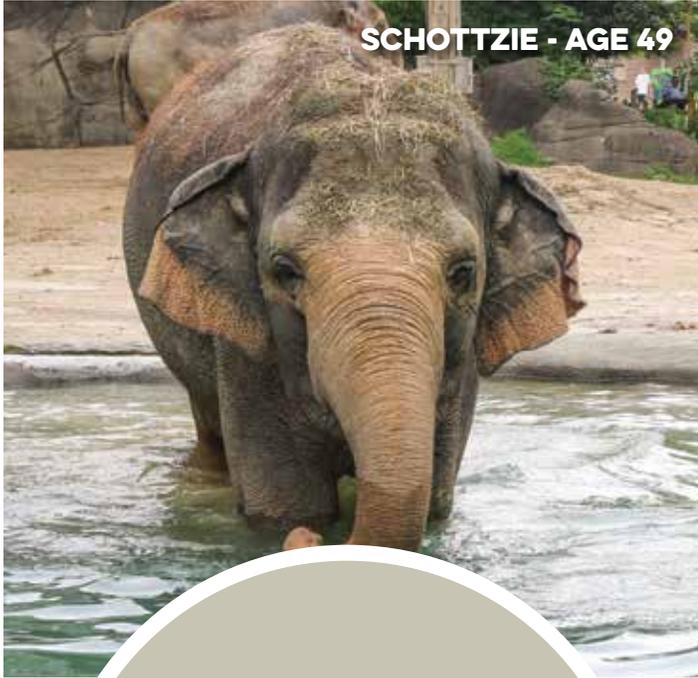
165 kW
Solar array on the barn



1-million-gallon
Capacity storm
water tanks under
the habitat

24
Varieties of elephant
ear plants





SCHOTTZIE - AGE 49



MAI THAI - AGE 52



SABU - AGE 37

Meet our Elephants!

Asian elephants typically live in small, multi-generational herds of related females, their female offspring, and related immature males. With our state-of-the-art habitat, we can manage up to three groups at a time at Elephant Trek.



ANAK - AGE 22



SHE RA - AGE 35



JATI - AGE 38



SANJAY - AGE 7



KABIR - AGE 8

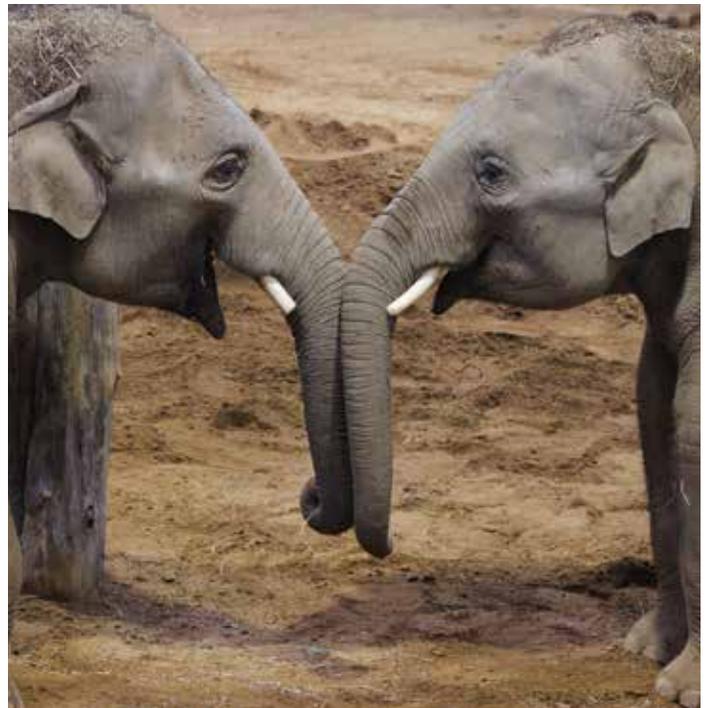
Groundbreaking Vaccine for EEHV

We are happy to share that the world's first mRNA vaccine against Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus (EEHV) appears to be effective. Sanjay and Kabir, two young male elephants at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden who were vaccinated in 2024 and later tested positive for EEHV, are now testing negative.

"This vaccine, created by Baylor College of Medicine and the Houston Zoo, is a tremendous source of hope for the future of Asian elephants, both in zoos and in the wild," said Dr. Mike Wenninger, director of animal health at the Cincinnati Zoo. "We are incredibly grateful for this collaboration and that it helped save Sanjay and Kabir's lives."

In a major milestone for elephant conservation, the Texas collaborators announced in June 2024 the successful administration and promising results of the world's first mRNA vaccine against Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus. This deadly virus is the leading cause of death among juvenile Asian elephants in North America and Europe, with a mortality rate of 60-80%. It has also claimed the lives of hundreds of elephants in their native habitats, affecting both those in human care and wild populations.

With the help of our in-house lab, we discovered that a herd member, Sabu, was shedding EEHV in his trunk secretions, increasing the risk of transmission. In February 2025, low levels of EEHV were detected in Sanjay's blood, indicating an early sign of infection. Fortunately, all his other blood values were normal, and he did not develop any symptoms. His viral levels remained low and eventually cleared, while his antibody levels continued to rise. This suggests that the vaccine helped his immune system manage the virus, reducing the need for aggressive treatments. Shortly thereafter, Kabir also showed signs of a mild EEHV infection. Like Sanjay, he recovered without requiring treatment. These cases represent the first documented instances of natural exposure following vaccination, indicating that the vaccine can prevent severe disease.



Animal Excellence



Cheetah Triplets Join the Ambassador Program

In November, three cheetah cubs—Zola, Lulu, and Kiara—joined the Zoo’s Cat Ambassador Program that has been educating and inspiring guests for decades. We hope that people witnessing these remarkable animals running at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour will be motivated to help save wildlife and wild spaces.

The Cheetah Species Survival Plan approved the hand-raising of this litter so the cubs could participate in our ambassador program. Most ambassador animals are hand-raised to develop essential bonds and trust with their keepers. The cubs received outstanding health and nutrition care, along with behavioral and social activities in the nursery. Zola, Lulu, and Kiara have made significant progress here at the Zoo! They now live with other cheetahs and participate in training to prepare them to be excellent ambassadors for their species, including a process called operant conditioning, which is a form of positive reinforcement.

Unfortunately, cheetahs are endangered due to factors such as habitat fragmentation, the illegal pet trade, and human-wildlife conflict. The Cincinnati Zoo supports various programs that aid cheetahs in their native ranges in Africa. One such initiative, Cheetah Outreach, collaborates with local communities to ensure the survival of the species.



78,000 visitors participated in the thrill of the Cheetah Encounter



More than 400,000 guests experienced animal encounters thanks to our Ambassador Animal and Wild Encounters Teams



66,000 guests enjoyed our action-packed Ameritas Wings of Wonder experience



Sihek's Comeback!

Birds hatched in several U.S. zoos are now flying free in a new home on a Pacific island. This past year marked a significant milestone in the ongoing effort to re-establish the sihek (Guam kingfisher) species, which has been extinct in the wild. Nine birds were relocated to temporary aviaries at Palmyra Atoll, and they are now officially living in the wild! Among these birds are Fuetsa, Sindalu, and Tutuhan, all of which were hatched at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

For the first time since the 1980s, these beautiful birds are inhabiting their natural environment. The successful release represents years of work by the Sihek Recovery Program, a global collaboration of conservationists dedicated to re-establishing the sihek in the wild and returning them to their homeland in Guam. The birds have already shown promising behaviors: they began eating immediately upon release, instinctively preened during their first rainfall, and have successfully hunted spiders, geckos, and crabs, which are their primary food sources. Notably, they have also laid eggs—the first wild eggs for the species in nearly 40 years, with some of those eggs being cared for by birds from our Zoo!

So, what's next for the sihek residents of the Cincinnati Zoo? This year, two new males have joined our group, adding new genetics to the project and enhancing the potential viability of the wild population. We have high hopes for these new pairs and aim to build on last year's successes as we continue this essential conservation work.



Western Lowland gorilla, Gladys, sustained a significant fracture to her humerus last year and received the world's first 3D-printed titanium cast with the assistance of human surgeons and our friends at Colibrium Additive a GE Aerospace company



Kal, the bat-eared fox, was born here last April and has joined the animal ambassador team as part of the Cheetah Encounter experience.

Conservation Impact

Connected for Coexistence: *Bring the Elephant Home*
Welcomes Zoo Staff in Thailand



Zoo and BTEH staff look for Asian elephants together in Kuiburi National Park, Thailand.

The year 2024 was certainly big for Asian elephants at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Just after Elephant Trek opened to the public, seven Zoo employees traveled to a small village in Thailand to join researchers from Bring the Elephant Home (BTEH) for a week of relationship-building, skill-sharing, and a crash course in elephant identification. This latest Coexistence Champions trip, following several successful visits to SORALO in Kenya, underscores the Zoo's commitment to supporting conservation efforts that prioritize coexistence between people and wildlife.

BTEH's work is split between studying the Asian elephant population living in Kuiburi National Park and working alongside residents from the neighboring Ruam Thai village. BTEH has collaborated with farmers on developing early-warning elephant detection systems and deterring elephants from eating crops by switching from tasty pineapple to less palatable plants like lemongrass and citronella, which can be used to craft elephant-friendly products like teas and soaps, ensuring that elephant conservation doesn't come at the expense of the farmers' livelihoods. Zoo staff joined in research efforts and met with villagers to better understand how conservation efforts can put both wildlife and people at the center.

The collaboration has only grown since staff returned to Cincinnati, armed with stories for visitors and a better understanding of BTEH's mission. Multiple departments have since contributed to the design of a community resource center in Ruam Thai and plans for a second cohort visit to further contribute capacity-building skills with BTEH are already in the works.



Volunteers stitch up some plushy friends at our first Stuffed Animal Clinic



ZooTeens connect with the Vermillion Sea Institute during a field expedition to Baja



45,057 visitors participated in Round Up for Wildlife to support global conservation causes



143,000 hours of service logged by 750 Adult and ZooTeen volunteers



136 graduate students from Miami University's Project Dragonfly engaged in experiential learning at the Zoo

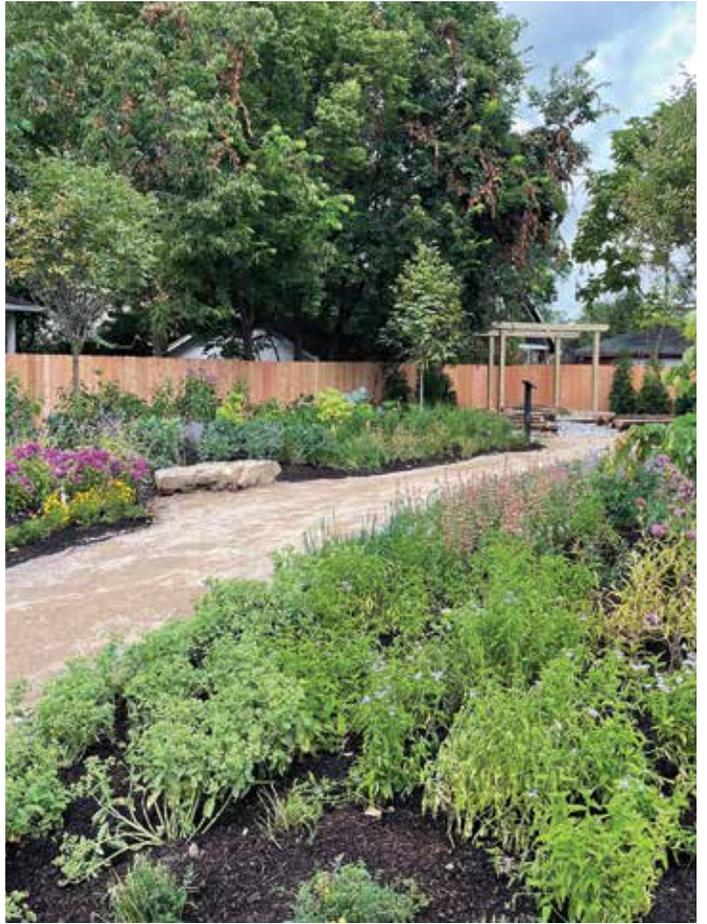
Horticulture



The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's horticulture team has been hard at work this past year, planting thousands of trees! One significant project involved creating a new forest along the Forest Avenue side of the Zoo, made possible through a partnership with Natorp's. The newly planted trees provide immediate ecological benefits by mitigating the urban heat island effect and reducing the heat index in the vicinity, which is particularly important given the amount of asphalt in the area.

In October, our team helped lead the largest tree planting event in Cincinnati's history, partnering with Let's Grow Local, MadTree, Cincinnati Parks, Cincinnati Parks Foundation, Groundwork, and volunteers from 20 other organizations. With more than 200 trees planted in the Avondale neighborhood, this effort aims to address the disparity in urban canopy coverage across Cincinnati, where 20 out of 52 neighborhoods have less than 40% urban canopy.

At Bowyer Farm, the Zoo's property in Warren County, our team embarked on an exciting, sustainable project that will benefit both the environment and our Zoo for years to come. When completed, the project will include 10 acres of trees that will be harvested annually, providing a renewable source of browse for Zoo animals. This year, the team planted around 2,400 trees, and the goal is to do the same each year for the next four years. With this initiative, we're not only supporting wildlife but also setting an example for sustainable farming and resource management.



Before and after photos from our horticulture team's participation in the 2024 Reds Community Makeover, where a learning garden was installed at the Xavier Jesuit Academy in Bond Hill.



115,000 tulips
in the spring Zoo
Blooms display



3,036 trees
planted between the
Zoo, Bowyer Farm,
and the community



48 garden beds
throughout the Zoo



15,200 plants
added to the Elephant
Trek gardens



900 plant varieties
in the annual trial floral
showcase, 500 of which
are new to the industry



11 garden spaces
planted outside of the
Zoo, including local
parks, school gardens,
and other non-profits

50 Years of Wild Learning



Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the Cincinnati Zoo Academy is a vocational program for young people aspiring to have careers in zoology, biology, and/or conservation. Imagine a high school experience that includes a botanical garden, an elephant habitat, and a research laboratory—that’s the reality for the 50 high school students attending the Zoo Academy, a partnership between the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden and Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS).

The Zoo Academy offers CPS juniors and seniors the chance to continue their high school education on the grounds of the Cincinnati Zoo through a comprehensive college preparatory program. Students experience a rigorous course load along with hands-on lab experiences guided by Cincinnati Zoo educators, horticulturalists, animal care and behavioral teams, and world-renowned scientists. Students remain enrolled in their current CPS high schools, allowing them to graduate from CPS and continue participating in sports and other extracurricular activities.

At the Zoo Academy, students gain firsthand experience in biology, conservation, horticulture, sustainability, and environmental education by collaborating with various departments throughout the Zoo. Students can earn credentials from the National Center for Construction Education & Research in areas such as Plant Science, Environmental Science, and Intro to Veterinary Science, as well as college credits from the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State.

Education at the Zoo



Zoo Troop participants check out the penguins at Birds of the World.



A summer camper, through the LCEAF program, shares a high five with her camp counselor.



Students enjoy some hands-on learning while planting at our Rockdale Urban Learning Garden with help from one of our AmeriCorps members



62,925 students participated in educational field trips at the Zoo this past year



More than 16,000 children participated in the Zoo's education experiences thanks to our Living Classroom Education Access Fund (LCEAF), which helps reduce economic barriers



3,784 kids enjoyed that Zoo's phenomenal summer camp program

CREW



Lindner Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife

No Medical Cures in Rhino Horns

Scientists at CREW have been doing research on rhino horns for more than three years as part of a collaborative effort with the American Institute of Rhinoceros Science to save rhinos from extinction. Poachers have been killing rhinos in Africa and Asia for years because their horns were valuable in traditional Chinese medicine. Doctors believed powder made from ground up horns could be used to clear toxins from the body. New research reveals that while beneficial minerals were present in rhino horn, they only occurred in very low concentrations--not enough to impart any kind of human health benefit. Of the 12 essential minerals detected in rhino horn, concentrations were substantially lower than in a daily vitamin. Therefore, the health benefits of eating rhino horn appear “implausible,” based on the study. Sharing the results of this study should translate into saving rhino lives.



Collecting Polar Bear Data

New collaborations with polar bear field researchers are proving that zoos play a vital role in understanding the health and reproductive biology of this species, offering insights that can't be gathered from wild bears alone.

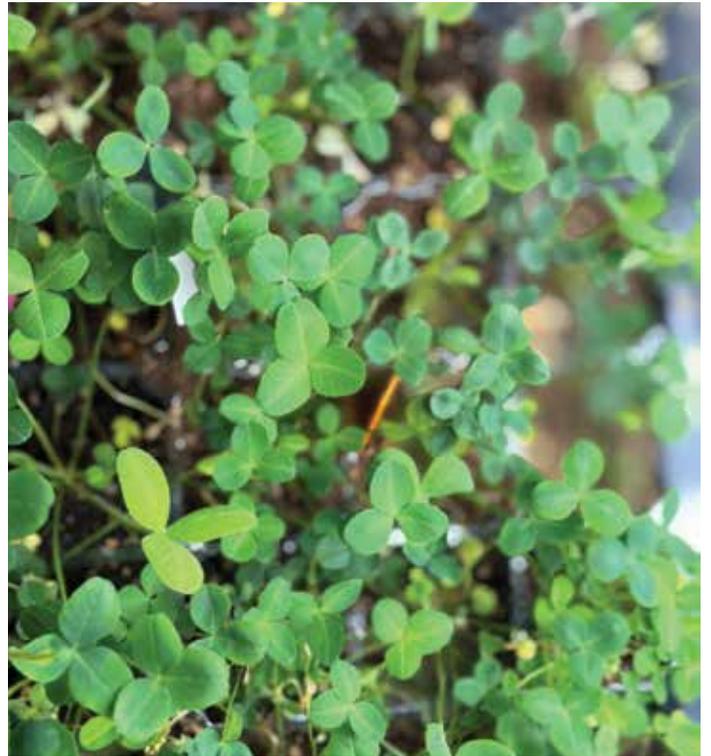
With data from 55 polar bears and more than 100 unique blood biomarkers, totaling approximately 16,000 individual data points, CREW is building one of the most comprehensive physiological profiles of the species to date.



Restoring Kentucky Clover

In collaboration with Bowyer Farm and Kentucky Nature Preserves, CREW scientists are helping to revive critically imperiled Kentucky Clover. CREW is creating a tissue culture collection to provide a sustainable source of plants. Shoots of the clover are propagated in test tubes before being rooted outside of the tubes. Once the plants are strong enough to handle the outdoors, they are transferred to Bowyer Farm, where the Zoo's horticulture team continues to nurture them.

So far, more than 1,500 plants have been sent to Bowyer, where they grow until they are large enough to be reintroduced into their natural habitat in Kentucky. The goal is to deliver 1,500 propagated plants to Kentucky Nature Preserves over two years, as well as at least 2,500 seeds for direct seeding at the restoration sites. CREW and the Zoo's horticulture team are getting closer to perfecting the methods needed for long-term storage and further conservation of this species.



CREW plant scientists cryopreserved 3,576 samples this past year in our Frozen Garden. They also initiated 677 oak shoots into tissue culture, a collection that includes 19 different oak species, 9 of which are threatened.



CREW staff sampling a population of *Arenaria cum-berlandensis* (Cumberland sandwort) in Kentucky. This population was created using tissue culture propagated samples from CREW in 2005, and the team completed a genetic study on the population last year to see how it compared to the natural populations.

Sustainability Around the Zoo

Hydroponic Success Story

In 2024, our Sustainability Team launched a hydroponics program utilizing two farming containers that yielded harvests twice a week.

Hydroponics allows for soil-free farming in controlled environments, which conserves water, reduces pesticides, and enables year-round crop production. This program enhances our resilience against supply chain disruptions caused by extreme weather events, diseases, and produce recalls. Additionally, it helps us reduce carbon emissions associated with deliveries.

In the first year, the hydroponic program successfully grew 10,010 pounds of produce, with romaine lettuce and kale being the most cultivated and highest-yielding crops. This resulted in savings of \$11,344 from replacing ordered lettuce. The produce was supplied to the manatees and giraffes, with semi-regular deliveries to the hippos and elephants.



84,978 guests participated in the Chick-Fil-A Giraffe Feeding experience using lettuce from our hydroponics program

The Year of Solar



With a robust 4.55 megawatts solar capacity on-site, the Zoo generates surplus electricity and realizes a significant reduction in utility costs. We also installed one of the largest solar arrays in Southwest Ohio at Bowyer Farm, where we farm both sun and sheep!

Along with our on-site projects, we have developed the Community Solar Resiliency Program to increase the energy, climate, and financial resiliency of community organizations in Avondale and throughout the Greater Cincinnati area. The Zoo is committed to sharing the advantages of renewable energy by providing technical assistance, leveraging partnerships, sourcing funding and in-kind donations, and empowering the community.

Despite being the nation's second oldest zoo and landlocked in an urban setting, our Zoo has become synonymous with innovation and sustainability, continually earning the title of the "Greenest Zoo in America" since 2010.



9 solar arrays installed through the Community Solar Resiliency Program for community organizations, schools, and churches.



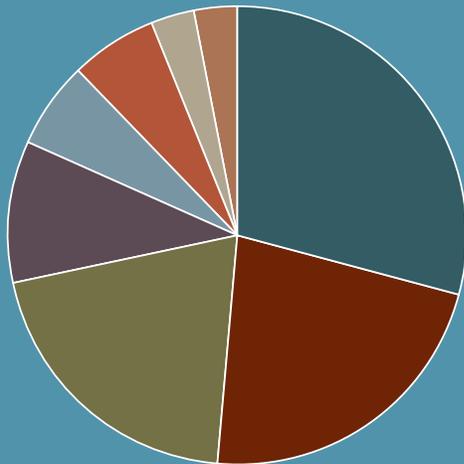
\$300,000 in savings on electric bills annually through our on-site arrays in addition to generating additional funds through selling Solar Renewable Energy Credits.



28 megawatt solar array installed at the Zoo's Bowyer Farm property

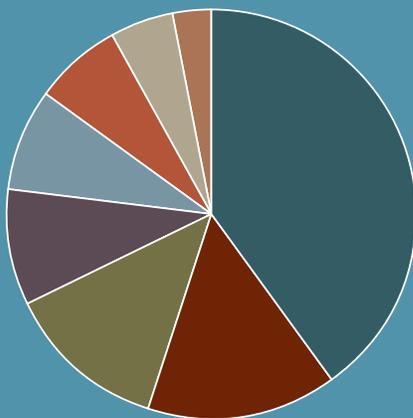
Fiscal 2025 Revenue & Expenditures

REVENUE SOURCES



Gifts, Grants & Donations	\$21,185,629	29%
Admissions & Parking	\$16,083,925	22%
Membership	\$14,174,821	20%
Tax Levy	\$7,500,000	10%
Net Investment Return	\$4,608,198	6%
Commissions	\$4,161,115	6%
Other	\$2,238,582	3%
Programs	\$2,090,647	3%
Total	\$72,042,917	100%

EXPENSE SOURCES



Animal & Plant Care	\$25,822,790	40%
Park Operations	\$9,835,569	15%
Facilities & External Properties	\$8,597,676	13%
Administration	\$5,835,149	9%
Research & Conservation	\$4,953,388	8%
Events & Group Functions	\$4,339,400	7%
Education	\$3,128,284	5%
Fundraising	\$1,726,141	3%
Total	\$64,238,397	100%

Statement of Financial Position as of 3/31/25 and 3/31/24

	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024
ASSETS		
Cash	\$1,970,806	\$7,666,081
Trade & Other Receivables	2,961,626	6,625,774
Pledges Receivable, Net	45,313,145	64,520,886
Prepaid Expenses & Supplies	491,807	482,846
Investments	94,033,126	71,716,095
Beneficial Interest in Trusts	330,161	386,766
Property & Equipment, Net	202,886,036	190,244,809
Total Assets	\$347,986,707	\$341,643,257
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	\$3,965,900	\$6,216,282
Accrued Expenses	3,455,309	3,229,638
Bonds Payable	35,000	68,955
Pooled Income Liability	21,826	22,485
Gift Annuity Obligations	79,917	84,457
Deferred Memberships	6,453,755	6,142,359
Other Liabilities	2,748,836	2,457,437
Total Liabilities	\$16,760,543	\$18,221,613
Without Donor Restrictions	262,072,389	224,308,459
With Donor Restrictions	69,153,775	99,113,185
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$347,986,707	\$341,643,257

The Zoological Society of Cincinnati's financial statements were independently audited by Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.

**Statement of Activities for the Year Ended 3/31/25
with Comparative 3/31/24 Totals**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total March 31, 2025	Total March 31, 2024
ATTENDANCE			1,852,487	1,901,473
REVENUES				
Admissions & Parking	\$16,083,925	\$0	\$16,083,925	\$16,803,624
Memberships	14,174,821	0	14,174,821	13,656,570
Programs	2,090,647	0	2,090,647	1,916,279
Commissions	4,161,115	0	4,161,115	4,515,240
Tax Levy Income	7,500,000	0	7,500,000	7,124,997
Gifts, Grants & Donations, net	10,433,959	10,411,345	20,845,304	59,644,622
Net Investment Return - Operating	2,831,668	0	2,831,668	3,678,071
Other Revenues	2,238,582	0	2,238,582	4,235,480
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	41,414,253	(41,414,253)	0	0
Total Revenues	100,928,970	(31,002,908)	69,926,062	111,574,883
EXPENSES				
<i>Programs:</i>				
Animal Care & Health	23,485,311	0	23,485,311	20,528,724
Research & Conservation	4,953,388	0	4,953,388	4,459,579
Horticulture	2,337,479	0	2,337,479	2,232,2165
Events & Group Functions	4,339,400	0	4,339,400	3,606,830
Memberships and Park Operations	9,835,569	0	9,835,569	8,671,632
Education	3,128,284	0	3,128,284	2,748,030
<i>Supporting Services:</i>				
Facilities & External Property	8,597,676	0	8,597,676	9,538,368
General & Administrative	5,835,149	0	5,835,149	5,646,136
Fundraising	1,726,141	0	1,726,141	1,767,749
Total Expenses	64,238,397	0	64,238,397	59,199,264
Increase (Loss) from Operations	36,690,573	(31,002,908)	5,687,665	52,375,619
ENDOWMENT ACTIVITY				
Gifts, Grants & Donations	291,668	105,262	396,930	838,388
Change in Beneficial Interest in Trusts	(49,057)	(7,548)	(56,605)	(39,036)
Net Investment Return - Non-Operating	1830,746	945,784	1,776,530	3,289,104
Total Endowment Activity	1,073,357	1,043,498	2,116,855	4,088,456
Change in Net Assets	37,763,930	(29,959,410)	7,804,520	56,464,075
Net Assets Beginning of Year	224,308,459	99,113,185	323,421,644	266,957,569
Net Assets End of Year	\$262,072,389	\$69,153,775	\$331,226,164	\$323,421,644



Thank You!



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By donating to the Zoo, you support extensive efforts to protect endangered animals and plants, and you help transform communities from across the world to across the street. Your gift means the world.

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