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Dear Friends,

As we look back on the past year—and ahead to *A Wilder Tomorrow*—we are filled with gratitude for our dedicated staff and volunteers, generous supporters, trusted partners, and the millions of guests who continue to believe in the mission of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

Together, we turned hope into action across our Zoo, throughout our community, and beyond. We opened Bear Ridge and Sea Otter Coast, creating exceptional new experiences that bring people closer to wildlife. Beyond our gates, we expanded our work through new community gardens that provide places for connection in Cincinnati neighborhoods.

We celebrated the birth of western lowland gorilla Mboka Jo, returned rescued eastern box turtles to the wild, and continued strengthening our role in protecting the species that need us most. We also successfully completed another Association of Zoos & Aquariums accreditation—an important recognition of the exceptional animal care, conservation leadership, and operational excellence that define our institution.

As we begin our service as Zoo Director and Board Chair, we do so with deep appreciation for the generations of visionary leaders, employees, volunteers, donors, and community members who have made the Cincinnati Zoo one of the world's most respected zoological institutions. The foundation they built allows us to enter this next chapter with confidence, purpose, and tremendous optimism.

That next chapter is *A Wilder Tomorrow,* a bold vision grounded in a simple but powerful belief: when hope is paired with action, extraordinary things are possible. It challenges us to think beyond the habitats we build and focus on the lasting impact we create for wildlife, people, and the natural world.

Guided by three priorities—**Exceptional Experiences, Lasting Impact, and Financial Sustainability**—we are reimagining how people connect with wildlife, expanding conservation solutions that benefit animals and communities, and strengthening the foundation that will allow this work to endure for generations.

As you read this report, we hope you will see more than a collection of accomplishments. We hope you will see the collective impact of thousands of people who believe that connection can inspire compassion, that hope grows through action, and that each of us has a role to play in shaping a better future.

We are excited for all that lies ahead and grateful to have you beside us. Together, we are creating ***A Wilder Tomorrow,* a world where people and wildlife thrive.**

With gratitude,



Dave Jenike
Zoo Director & President



Tim Bonacci
Zoo Board Chair

30,000+

gallon saltwater pool constructed for Sea Otter Coast



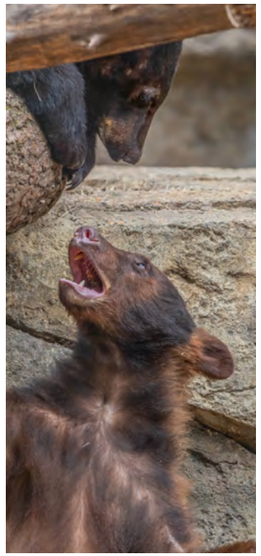






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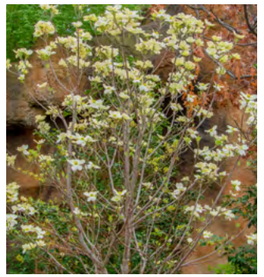
annually to feed one sea otter, as they consume about 25% of their body weight in high-quality seafood every single day



700

mixed native North American grasses & sedges are planted throughout the habitats







11

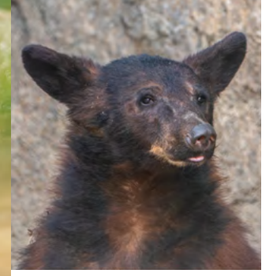
statues of North American wildlife can be found along the Adventure Trail scavenger hunt and around the bear and sea otter habitats

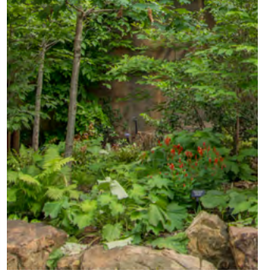




30

trees planted in the mini forest along the Adventure Trail





Bear Ridge & Sea Otter Coast Habitats Introduce

ICONIC NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE

THIS PAST FALL the long-awaited Bear Ridge and Sea Otter Coast habitats opened to the public. These two habitats are part of the larger More Home to Roam Campaign and highlight the special and important species found right here in North America.

The residents of Bear Ridge, two North American black bears named Hazel and Juniper, arrived in this new habitat not long after its completion and immediately began playing, eating, and behaving like typical bears. Hazel and Juniper each exhibit behaviors that typically cause conflict with humans when they occupy the same space. **Hazel is a smart, cautious, and distrusting bear** who isn't afraid to protect herself, and **Juniper is her silly, overly friendly sister** who would approach anyone for a snack.

Bear Ridge also features a short Adventure Trail that allows visitors to explore rock formations, discover surprise animal statues tucked away in nooks, and cross a rope bridge that simulates a hiking experience in a national forest or park. A land acknowledgment sign, created with input from Miami University's Myammia Center, welcomes visitors and sets the stage for a space that incorporates diverse voices and perspectives.

The plant palette of Bear Ridge pays homage to the Appalachian mixed forest ecoregion and the cove forests tucked throughout. These forests, which are well represented in southeastern Ohio, are the most biodiverse areas in the state. By utilizing the existing infrastructure that mirrors the limestone rock face of a gorge, we were able to bring the area to life. Walking through the habitat is designed to evoke the experience of hiking in places like Adams County, Clifton Gorge, or even the Smoky Mountains.

Right next to Bear Ridge, Sea Otter Coast connects guests to the coastal ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest while highlighting the Cincinnati Zoo's partnership with the Elakha Alliance and their efforts to restore sea otters to Oregon. Visitors can observe sea otters both above and below the water, explore native plant species that are important to Indigenous communities and wildlife, and learn how sea otters contribute to maintaining healthy marine ecosystems.

The Zoo has added two southern sea otters, Chloe and Kevin, to this habitat. Southern sea otters are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Chloe is a 13-year-old female who has retired from being a surrogate mother to orphaned sea otter pups, which were later re-released into the wild. Kevin is a 2-year-old male that was stranded as a pup and was deemed non-releasable. We are honored to collaborate with the Sea Otter Recovery Program to provide a permanent home for Southern sea otters that cannot return to their native waters.

This exciting new habitat has two great viewing areas. The upper area has stamped concrete that leads visitors to a raised planter filled with native plants that are important to regional Indigenous groups and Ohio wildlife. Visitors will look out over the top of a saltwater pool where they can watch otters float or frolic on the shore. In the lower viewing area, guests can observe the otters' aquatic adaptations from below in a shaded space. Both of these highly anticipated new habitats have quickly become visitor favorites, and we are so delighted to highlight the importance of these North American species.



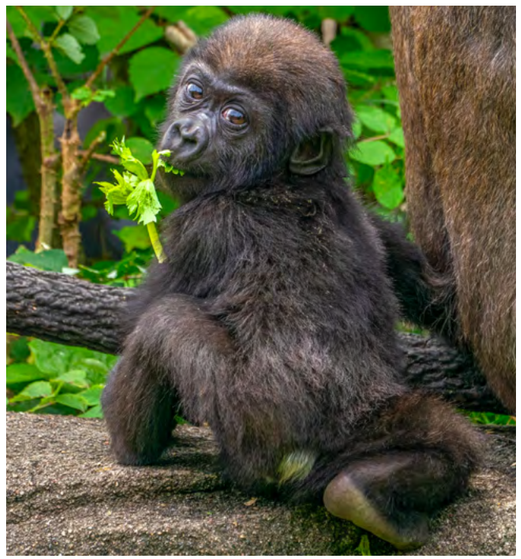












ANIMAL EXCELLENCE

Around The Zoo



84,984

guests engaged by the bird team, including the Ameritas Wings of Wonder Experience



105,225

visitors reached through the Cat Ambassador Program, including the Bobcat Enterprises, Inc. Cheetah Encounter







6,093

participants in behind-the-scenes tours, with 67.6% reporting that they plan to take a new conservation action as a result

A NEW BABY IN GORILLA WORLD

In September, then twelve-year-old gorilla Gladys became a mom giving birth to a healthy baby boy, named Mboka Jo. This was also the first baby for the father, 23-year-old silverback gorilla, Mbeli, and the 51st gorilla born at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.

First-time moms do not always know what to do, and Gladys's story makes her success especially meaningful. Gladys came to the Cincinnati Zoo from the Gladys Porter Zoo as an infant after her mother's maternal instincts did not develop. She needed human surrogates and the possibility of a surrogate gorilla mother, and the Cincinnati Zoo was able to provide both. Today, Gladys has proven to be an exceptional first-time mother, lovingly caring for Mboka Jo, who has quickly become a favorite among visitors.

The opportunity for our visitors to observe young gorillas as they grow can inspire the next generation of conservationists. Bringing our visitors close to western lowland gorillas helps foster concern for this critically endangered species, which has fewer than 175,000 individuals left in the wild. Habitat loss, hunting, and conflict in Central Africa threaten gorilla populations, making every birth in accredited zoos a significant step for the future.

The Cincinnati Zoo is proud to support conservation in the Republic of Congo through our partners at Congo-Apes, including the long-running Mbeli Bai Study, one of the most important research projects on wild western lowland gorillas. This initiative combines research, education, and community engagement to promote coexistence between people and gorillas.



Mboka Jo finds security in the powerful bond between mother and son

PHYSICAL THERAPY SUCCESSES EARN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Members of the Zoo's animal care staff received the Behavior Management Innovation award at the annual Animal Behavior Management Alliance conference. The submission for this recognition was based on their collaboration with an external physical therapist to enhance the mobility and quality of life for three diverse patients: a pig, a cheetah, and a Galápagos tortoise. This interdisciplinary effort involved veterinarians, zookeepers, and MedVet specialists to create personalized rehabilitation plans.

- **CASE 1 (CINDER THE PIG):** After developing hind-limb weakness, Cinder underwent a customized physical therapy program using operant conditioning showing significant improvement in mobility within a month before later passing away from an unrelated cause. His companions, Magnolia and Thatcher, continue the same daily exercises as preventive care and have remained free of mobility problems, supporting potential benefits of proactive physical therapy in aging animals.
- **CASE 2 (KRIS THE CHEETAH):** Following a burst spinal disc injury, Kris experienced paralysis in her hind legs. With intensive care and structured physical therapy, she regained mobility and was walking within weeks and returned to ambassador programs after a year, but with a restriction from participating in high-speed runs.
- **CASE 3 (BRUNO THE GALÁPAGOS TORTOISE):** Advanced imaging revealed scoliosis-like spinal deviation, explaining his limp. Tailored physical therapy, environmental modifications, and seasonal adjustments to exercise intensity, resulted in significantly improved mobility and easier movement throughout his habitat.

Overall, positive reinforcement and strong human-animal relationships were crucial in these cases, allowing for stress-free participation in rehabilitation. These success stories have inspired discussions with other zoos to implement similar programs for their animals.

A TURTLE RESCUE

This past fall, our team partnered with the Ohio Division of Wildlife to help rescue nearly 30 box turtles from a local school slated for demolition. Our veterinarians and keepers assessed the turtles' health and provided ongoing care, eventually releasing some at Bowyer Farm.





30

box turtles rescued from a local school slated for demolition









700

diet changes implemented by the Zoo's clinical nutritionist



GRASSY GALAPAGOS UPGRADES

To better meet the needs of our Galapagos tortoises, we upgraded their yard and indoor habitat this past year to include grassy substrate. Recognizing the value of natural surfaces both indoors and outdoors, we selected a blend of soil, sand, and compost topped with sod for the outdoor space, creating a softer, more natural environment that supports the tortoises' comfort and well-being.

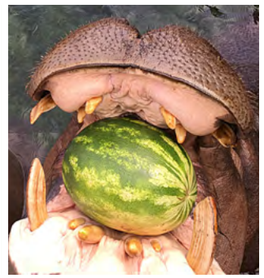
SUCCESSFUL AZA ACCREDITATION

Last fall, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden successfully completed our Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation! Our Zoo has been accredited since 1978 and goes through the accreditation process every five years to ensure that we are adhering to the constantly evolving standards of animal care and welfare.

The AZA carefully selects an expert group of Accreditation Commission members who evaluate the animal welfare, care, and management, the veterinary program, involvement in conservation and research, education programs, safety policies and procedures, security, physical facilities, guest services, and the quality of the institution's staff. So, every area of our Zoo is checked out through this process, and we passed with flying colors!

ANIMAL EXCELLENCE

Around The Zoo





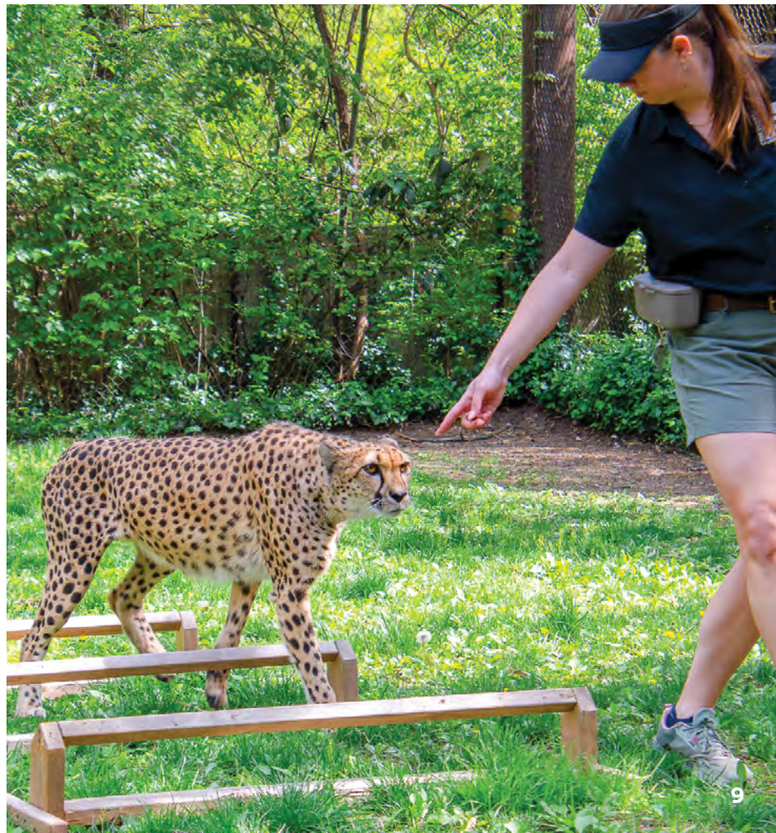


81,375

visitors connected with the Children's Zoo, including the Grippo's Barnyard Bonanza





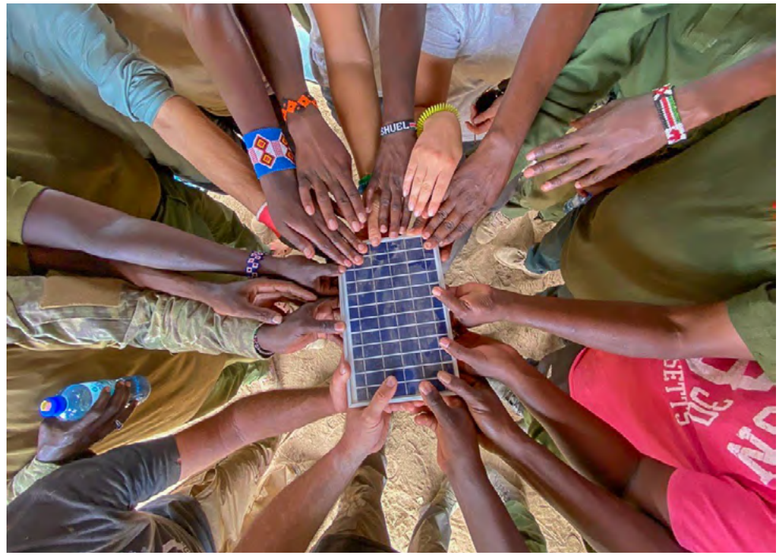


CONSERVATION IMPACT



ZOOTEENS TAKING ON A NEW CHALLENGE IN COSTA RICA.

International trips provide the teens with the transformative experience of global conservation research projects while also enjoying rich cultural exchanges.





35,858

Zoo visitors chose to “Round Up for WIldlife”, raising over $64,500



10%

of full-time staff have experienced coexistence opportunities directly from our global partners through our Coexistence Champions program





138,000

hours of service to the Zoo contributed by adult volunteers, ZooTeens, and corporate volunteers



3,000

surveys have been conducted by community-driven partners supporting 8 coexistence impact evaluations



HOFFMAN COEXISTENCE IMPACT FELLOWSHIP

Since 2023, our **Hoffman Coexistence Impact Fellowship Program has worked to support and connect groups of conservationists from around the world,** empowering them to engage in projects and research that will help both people and wildlife thrive. Participating partner organizations identify emerging leaders from within their own organizations to nominate as Fellows, allowing for additional individual support and capacity-building to drive forward their coexistence-based approaches to conservation.

Advancing the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's commitment to creating thriving ecosystems requires recognizing that conservation and community well-being are deeply interconnected. Lasting conservation success depends on meaningful partnerships, shared learning, and mutual understanding among conservation practitioners, local communities, and supporting institutions. In the last three years, the Hoffman Coexistence Impact Fellowship Program has welcomed 10 Fellows from 8 countries. **Through mentorship, collaboration, and peer learning, the program fosters a global community of coexistence practitioners whose relationships and collective impact extend far beyond the Fellowship itself.**

COMMUNITY-LED CONSERVATION

The Zoo was awarded the prestigious William G. Conway International Conservation Award for our coexistence initiatives in Kenya. This award recognizes our 19-year partnership with the South Rift Association of Land Owners (SORALO), which is **rooted in community-led conservation across a vital corridor supporting lions, elephants, cheetahs, giraffes, and other threatened species.**



19

Masters students graduated from the Advanced Inquiry Program through the Cincinnati Zoo



The O'dell Owens Urban Learning Garden, part of the 2025 Reds Community Makeover in Walnut Hills, saw the transformation of an abandoned bus turnaround into a biodiverse greenspace of over 1,500 plants of 160 species.



188,661

total plants planted across the Zoo over the past year







THE BEST BOTANICAL GARDEN **IN THE NATION**



13,775

native plants sold to local gardeners



120,000

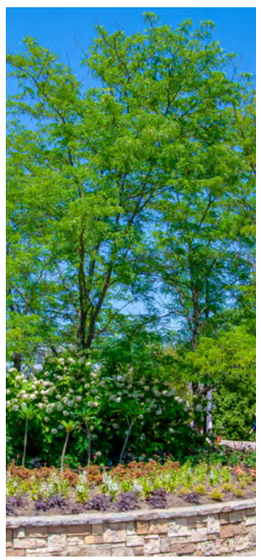
tulips planted for Zoo Blooms





THIS PAST YEAR, THE TEAM INSTALLED FOUR COMMUNITY GARDENS:





OUR DEDICATED horticulture team has had another busy year, both within the Zoo and throughout the community. **The Zoo's gardens secured the top spot in the Best Botanical Garden category in the USA Today 2026 Readers' Choice poll,** which is a testament to the outstanding commitment of our horticulture team! Horticulture's goal is for every garden path, every bloom, and every green space to inspire our guests and deepen their connection to the natural world.

In addition to offering spectacular seasonal displays, the Zoo implements an extensive plant trials program in collaboration with breeders, growers, nurseries, and garden centers. The trials result in recommended plant lists for public and green industry use.

The team created the landscape for our new Bear Ridge habitat, an area that pays homage to Appalachian mixed mesophytic forests, including a densely planted micro-forest containing 30 trees and 40 shrubs for the Adventure Trail.

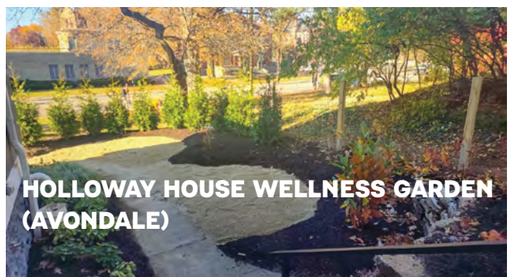
Additionally, **we continued our efforts to enhance beauty and resources in our community's neighborhoods.** We understand that not everyone can visit the Zoo, but we believe that everyone deserves to have a daily connection with the natural world around them, no matter where they live.



2,318

plants grown at the Rockdale Urban Learning Garden and donated to school and community members









181

rhino wellbeing reports shared by CREW's AIRS across 56 North American zoos —finding that 100% of female black rhinos and 72% of white rhinos in AIRS were reproductively active



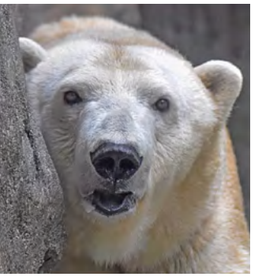
The Lindner Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife

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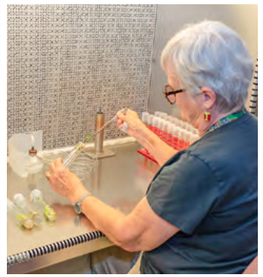


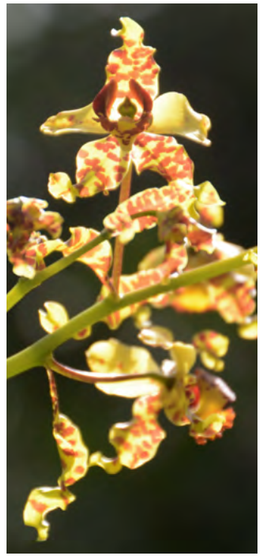
450,931

temperature measurements have been collected to better understand pregnancy in polar bears.













600

shoot tips of rare plant species cryopreserved

3.7 billion

sperm cryopreserved from 9 species providing reproductive support for 25 cats from 11 species across 15 zoos





CELEBRATING DR. BILL SWANSON

Bill Swanson (DVM, PhD), who has led the charge for small cat conservation and science since the early 1990s, is retiring from CREW this year. Much of Bill's work focused on developing and implementing assisted reproduction technologies (ART) for small cats to improve their reproduction, genetic health, and sustainability, especially via the transfer of genes between wild and managed populations to ensure both thrive. Bill's cat ART success is unrivaled, encompassing 22 pregnancies produced by artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization/embryo transfer across an impressive list of seven different felid species. **We are grateful for his achievements and excited that he has trained the next generation to continue his vital work.**

REPRODUCTION IN RHINOS & POLAR BEARS

Scientists at CREW continued their ongoing work to unlock the keys to reproduction in two of their signature projects, rhinos and polar bears. One recent study focused on how black and white rhinos in managed care have lower UV exposure than wild rhinos, impacting vitamin D production, a key regulator of calcium and phosphorus absorption, bone health, and other physiological processes including reproduction. However, in the AIRS study, the team found no significant link between vitamin D levels and reproductive status, pregnancy, or lactation.

In another study, CREW researchers measured dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA), a hormone linked to stress and health, in rhinos for the first time. As part of CREW's American Institute of Rhinoceros Science (AIRS) v1.0, more than 1,000 serum samples were analyzed from 40 black and 71 white rhinos across 37 North American facilities. The study found DHEA may help monitor pregnancy health: levels were markedly higher in pregnant females, increased throughout gestation, and showed early differ-ences between successful and unsuccessful pregnancies.

With a limited number of polar bears in zoos, strategic breeding is crucial for a sustainable population. Scientists at CREW are exploring the AntiMüllerian hormone (AMH) as a fertility marker in polar bears. This past year they analyzed 165 blood samples from 48 bears and found that, unlike in humans and domestic animals, AMH levels fluctuate seasonally in polar bears. While AMH cannot be used as a sole fertility test due to the overlap between fertile and infertile groups, it offers a promising tool for understanding reproductive biology and supporting the sustainability of polar bear populations in human care while advancing efforts to secure the species' long-term future.

RARE & EXCEPTIONAL PLANTS

In 2026, the CREW Plant Lab initiated 1,671 test tubes of rare and exceptional plant species, including oaks and the Florida jujube, into tissue culture and cryopreserved over 600 shoot tips of rare plant species. **The Plant Lab also produced and collected over 300,000 rare Kentucky clover seeds for restoration projects** and analyzed 3.2 billion DNA sequences of rare oak species for conservation genetic studies.





EXPANDING EDUCATION AT BOWYER FARM

5,818

children & adults participated in our evening and overnight educational programs





57,353

students & adults participated in educational field trips at the Zoo

A counselor helps a spring break camper hold a Madagascar hissing cockroach for the first time.











AmeriCorps volunteers supplement their year at the Zoo with cohort service days in the community. They prepared and served 286 meals for children and families at Ronald McDonald House and packaged 400 family meals (2,000 servings) at La Soupe.

17,000

children benefited from the Zoo's educational experiences, thanks to our Living Classroom Education Access Fund (LCEAF), which helps to reduce economic barriers



3,472

children participated in the Zoo's camp programs



AmeriCorps service volunteer Gaby introduces Ronald McDonald House residents to a blue-tongued skink, offering a fun and memorable experience for families facing difficult medical situations.

WE ARE CONTINUALLY DISCOVERING new ways to utilize our amazing Bowyer Farm property in Mason. The 600-acre farm features a native plant program, restored wetlands, a browse program, beekeeping, a cheetah run area, and both sun and sheep farming.

In recent years, our Education Team has offered a summer camp at the farm. Kids participating in this camp become backyard biologists, exploring fields, forests, and wetlands! They learn to protect wild spaces through activities such as bird watching, butterfly tagging, and animal tracking. The success of this camp has encouraged the team to seek additional ways to use this unique property to foster the next generation of conservationists.

This past year, the team conducted a pilot program with 6th graders from Mason Middle School to test special science field trips at Bowyer. On these trips, they tried out activities like catching and identifying invertebrates using the Seek app.

Experiencing Bowyer Farm's wetlands and prairies firsthand allows students to understand the vital role these ecosystems play in our region. They witness how healthy habitats protect water quality, provide wildlife shelter, reduce flooding, and maintain water flow during dry periods. Bowyer Farm is also a refuge for native and migrating wildlife, with over 200 bird species and around 40 reptile and amphibian species documented, including the rare tiger salamander. We aim to continue offering these meaningful, hands-on experiences for local children.





173

solar panels and 600 plants installed at Talbert House in a collaboration between our horticulture and sustainability teams

500

gallons of water saved through solar-powered irrigation pumps





129

kW of on-grid solar panels at local non-profits & schools

COMMUNITY SOLAR RESILIENCY PROGRAM

WITH OVER 15 YEARS of experience in leading sustainability efforts, the Zoo's Community Solar Resiliency Program offers technical support, funding, and hands-on assistance to make solar energy more accessible. Our goal is to reduce costs, build local capacity, and promote sustainability both within our community and globally.

We collaborate with trusted partners such as SonLight Power, Melink Solar, and others to install solar arrays at various public schools and community sites. Our impact continues to grow as we share the benefits of clean and reliable energy and partner with neighbors in Avondale and other historically under-resourced communities that are disproportionately affected by climate change.

Additionally, we launched two off-grid solar projects. The first, in collaboration with our community partner Horses on the Hill, involved adding a 1.2 kW array to power a solar irrigation system that waters 1,500 square feet of community garden space. The second project was with the Boone County Conservation District, where we installed a 0.83 kW solar array to provide power and lighting for an educational barn space.

These projects highlight our commitment to energy independence and community resilience. They enhance energy, climate, and financial stability through solar power while also improving air quality and public health for residents of Southwest Ohio.

At Bowyer Farm, more than 400 sheep are now grazing beneath the solar panels as part of an agrivoltaics program that integrates solar energy production with agriculture. This initiative has prevented the emission of 14,000 metric tons of CO^2 annually, which is equivalent to preserving 5,600 acres of forest or powering 3,170 homes with clean energy.

225

solar panels installed by the Zoo team at local non-profits and schools, supporting local sustainability efforts



4,600

pounds of food went to neighbors in need and

14,000

pounds of waste diverted from the landfill **through our 2025 Zero Waste Events**



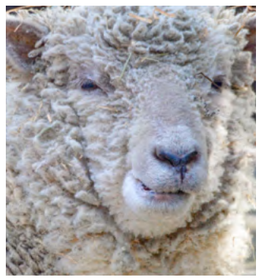
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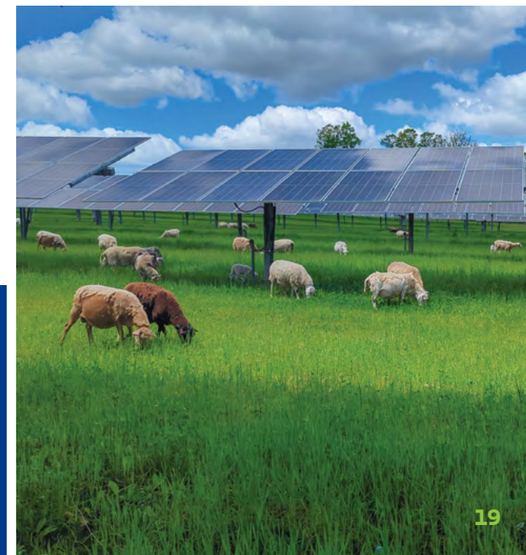
kWh of clean electricity generated from on-site Zoo campus solar panels





ADOPT A CLASS'S BEST NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR





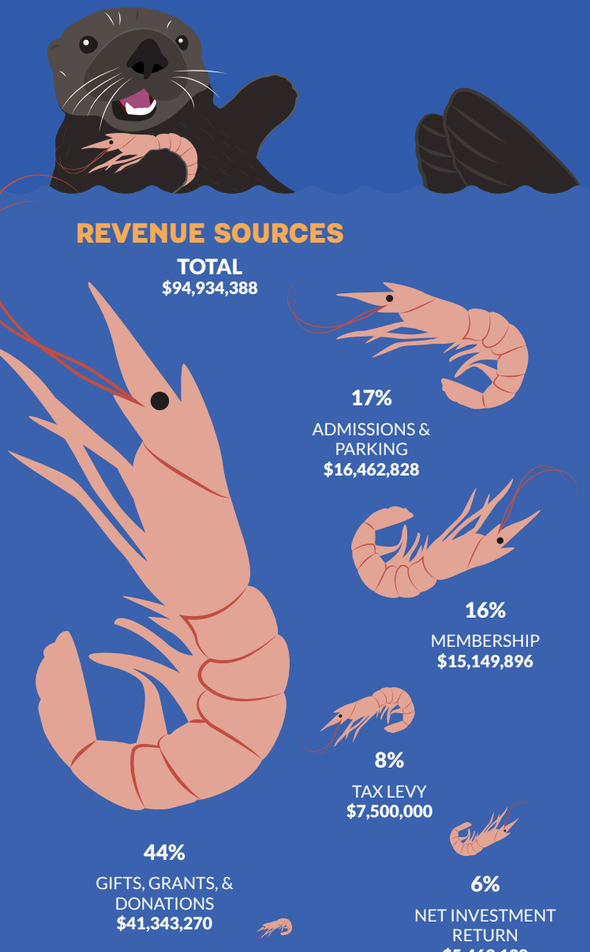
Students from Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School spent a year designing animal habitats with our Facilities Team through the Adopt A Class program. They celebrated their success with a Zoo field trip! The Zoo and its dedicated mentors were honored as Adopt A Class's Best Nonprofit of the Year, but the greatest honor is supporting curiosity, connection, and equal access to opportunity for local students.



400

sheep grazing beneath the solar panels at Bowyer Farm

Fiscal 2026
Revenue & Expenditures



REVENUE SOURCES

TOTAL
$94,934,388

17%
ADMISSIONS & PARKING
$16,462,828

16%
MEMBERSHIP
$15,149,896

8%
TAX LEVY
$7,500,000

6%
NET INVESTMENT RETURN
$5,469,138

44%
GIFTS, GRANTS, & DONATIONS
$41,343,270

3%
OTHER
$2,628,833

5%
COMMISSIONS
$4,307,825

2%
PROGRAMS
$2,072,598

Statement of Financial Position as of 3/31/26 and 3/31/25

	March 31, 2026	*March 31, 2025*
ASSETS		
Cash	$14,354,335	$1,970,806
Trade & Other Receivables	1,532,657	2,961,626
Pledges Receivable, Net	41,967,232	45,313,145
Prepaid Expenses & Supplies	546,518	491,807
Investments	119,773,162	94,033,126
Beneficial Interest in Trusts	483,715	330,161
Property & Equipment, Net	197,049,376	202,886,036
Total Assets	**$375,706,995**	**$347,986,707**
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts Payable	$3,797,251	$3,965,900
Accrued Expenses	3,815,225	3,557,052
Bonds Payable	0	35,000
Deferred Memberships	6,914,401	6,453,755
Other Liabilities	2,690,206	2,748,836
Total Liabilities	**$17,217,083**	**$16,760,543**
Without Donor Restrictions	246,331,333	262,072,389
With Donor Restrictions	112,158,579	69,153,775
Total Net Assets	**$358,489,912**	**$331,226,164**
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**$375,706,995**	**$347,986,707**

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



EXPENSE SOURCES

TOTAL
$67,670,640

40%
ANIMAL & PLANT CARE
$27,070,916

15%
PARK OPERATIONS
$10,106,921

14%
FACILITIES & EXTERNAL PROPERTIES
$10,106,921

9%
ADMINISTRATION
$5,774,734

8%
RESEARCH & CONSERVATION
$5,331,966

7%
EVENTS & GROUP FUNCTIONS
$4,632,461

5%
EDUCATION
$3,303,468

3%
FUNDRAISING
$2,009,157

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended 3/31/26 with Comparative 3/31/25 Totals

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total March 31, 2026	Total March 31, 2025
ATTENDANCE			**1,852,487**	**1,901,473**
REVENUES				
Admissions, Parking & Attractions	$16,462,828	$0	$16,462,828	$16,083,925
Memberships	15,149,896	0	15,149,896	14,174,821
Programs	2,072,598	0	2,072,598	2,090,647
Commissions	4,307,825	0	4,307,825	4,161,115
Tax Levy Income	7,500,000	0	7,500,000	7,500,000
Gifts, Grants & Donations, net	4,382,746	35,437,237	39,819,983	20,845,304
Net Investment Return - Operating	1,524,418	0	1,524,418	2,831,668
Other Revenues	2,628,833	0	2,628,833	2,238,582
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	16,884,252	(16,884,252)	0	0
Transfers	(21,334,433)	21,334,433	0	0
Total Revenues	**49,578,963**	**39,887,418**	**89,466,381**	**69,926,062**
EXPENSES				
Programs:				
Animal Care & Health	24,482,538	0	24,482,538	23,485,311
Research & Conservation	5,331,966	0	5,331,966	4,953,388
Horticulture	2,588,378	0	2,588,378	2,337,479
Events & Group Functions	4,632,461	0	4,632,461	4,339,400
Membership and Park Operations	10,106,921	0	10,106,921	9,835,569
Education	3,303,468	0	3,303,468	3,128,284
Supporting Services:				
Facilities & External Property	9,441,017	0	9,441,017	8,597,676
General & Administrative	5,774,734	0	5,774,734	5,835,149
Fundraising	2,009,157	0	2,009,157	1,726,141
Total Expenses	**67,670,640**	**0**	**67,670,640**	**64,238,397**
Increase (Loss) from Operations	**(18,091,677)**	**39,887,418**	**21,795,741**	**5,687,665**
ENDOWMENT ACTIVITY				
Gifts, Grants & Donations	356,872	1,012,861	1,369,733	396,930
Change in Beneficial Interest in Trusts	128,763	24,791	153,554	(56,605)
Net Investment Return - Non-Operating	1,864,986	2,079,734	3,944,720	1,776,530
Total Endowment Activity	**2,350,621**	**3,117,386**	**5,468,007**	**2,116,855**
Change in Net Assets	**(15,741,056)**	**43,004,804**	**27,263,748**	**7,804,520**
Net Assets Beginning of Year	**262,072,389**	**69,153,775**	**331,226,164**	**323,421,644**
Net Assets End of Year	**$246,331,333**	**$112,158,579**	**$358,489,912**	**$331,226,164**



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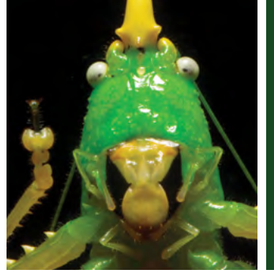
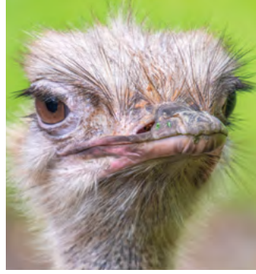
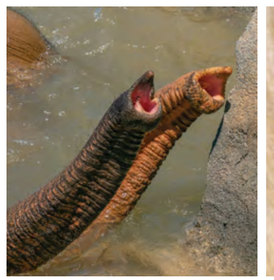
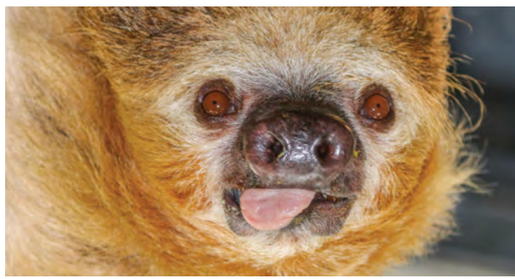
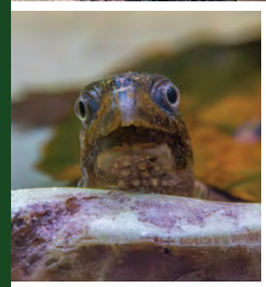
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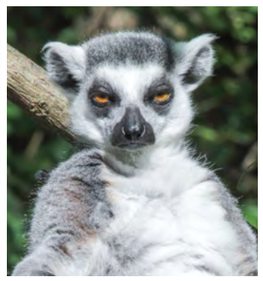
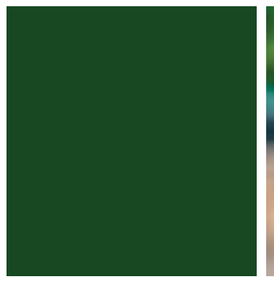
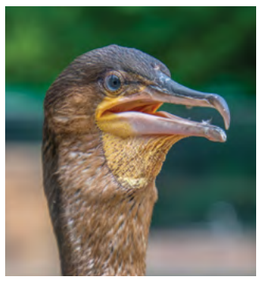
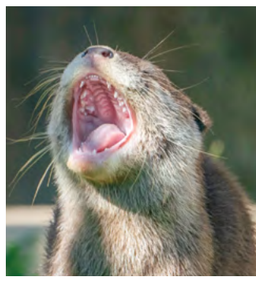
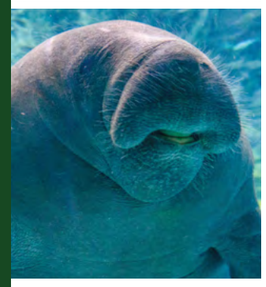
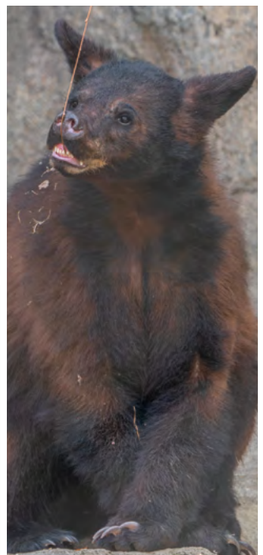
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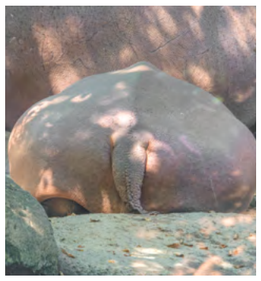
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