

DENVER ZOO MISSION

SECURE A BETTER WORLD FOR ANIMALS THROUGH HUMAN UNDERSTANDING

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DO YOUR BEST TO PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE



Dear Denver Zoo Supporter:

In our 120 year history, Denver Zoo has meant so much to so many. To our guests, it has been a special place to explore, learn and make memories. Since our founding in 1896, the Zoo has not only enriched visitors' lives, but it has also been a home to thousands of animals. Today, more than 4,000 animals call Denver Zoo home. Through outstanding enrichment, nutrition and veterinary medicine, our staff provides devoted care to our residents—animals who have really become family members to us all.

Denver Zoo's conservation efforts span the globe and our impact touches far beyond our campus. From Botswana to Peru, the Rocky Mountains to Vietnam, we passionately commit our expertise and resources to saving animals worldwide. The Zoo's Department of Conservation & Research works with communities, local governments and various non-governmental organizations to develop innovative solutions to conservation issues around the world. This year, we celebrated 20 incredible years of field work in Mongolia alone and have no plans of slowing down such efforts. Rather, we plan to proudly build upon the 600 projects in 62 countries we've participated in since 1996.

Our mission is clear: to secure a better world for animals through human understanding. Strengthening the public's understanding of the important role accredited zoos play in animal welfare, science education and species and habitat conservation is paramount in moving forward with our mission. Denver Zoo strives to inspire a love of science-learning and to educate our more than two million annual visitors about the issues surrounding animal conservation. According to national studies conducted by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), visits to accredited zoos and aquariums prompt people to reconsider their role in environmental problems and conservation action, a critical step for saving the world's animals.

Simply put, you do your best to protect what you love. We love all of our animal residents at Denver Zoo and strive to inspire millions of visitors to care about protecting species around the globe.

The past 120 years have been truly inspiring and have lit the path to doing even more in the century ahead. Now, we continue with our commitment to excellence. Here's to the many years ahead for Denver Zoo. Thank you for joining us on the journey.

Sincerely,

Louis L. Clinton III
Chairman

Shannon Block
Denver Zoo President/CEO



ANIMAL CARE

We provide the highest standard of progressive animal care and continuously seek to innovate and improve.

Denver Zoo is home to more than 4,000 animals, many of which are endangered or threatened.

"THE EDGE" CONTINUES ZOO'S INNOVATIVE USE OF ROTATIONAL EXHIBITRY

By the end of 2016, construction was nearly complete on *The Edge*, a new exhibit that brings guests closer than ever to the Zoo's Amur tigers. In addition to offering the 450-pound cats an expansive new space, *The Edge* continued the Zoo's evolution toward rotational exhibitry and flexible habitats.

This evolution began in 2004 with the opening of Benson Predator Ridge. Improving upon the industry-standard model for housing animals with a static yard and holding, or "night quarters," designers created three yards for three species to rotate through on a daily basis, and a very flexible holding building. This provides a wealth of enrichment and a step forward in animal care for the exhibit's lions, spotted hyenas and African wild dogs, allowing them to explore different yards and smell the animals that walked there just moments before.

This philosophy was expanded with Toyota Elephant Passage in 2012. Now the Zoo's Asian elephants, greater one-horned rhinos and Malayan tapirs walk through two miles of trails and swim in more than one million gallons of aquatic habitat across five interconnected yards included in their 10-acre exhibit.

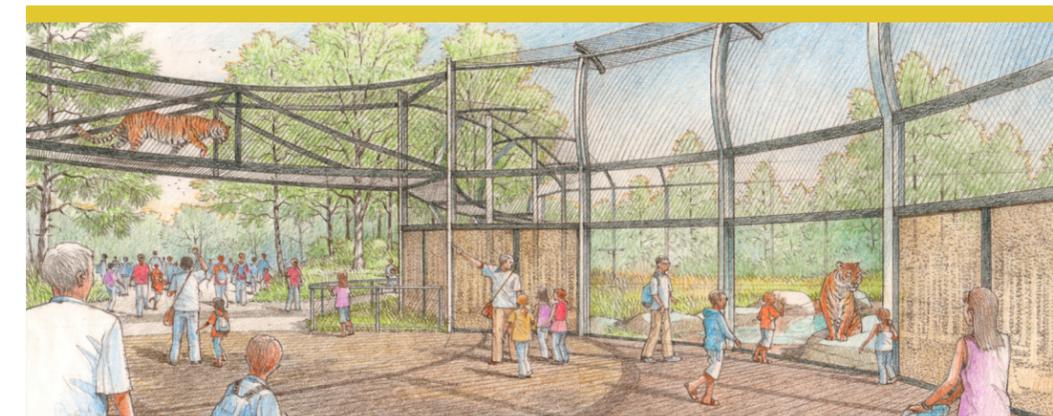
In both cases, guests' experience is enhanced as a different animal could inhabit the same yard during one visit.

The Edge sits on almost a full acre of the Zoo's campus with yards that can be altered to leverage the most amount of space possible for the animals. The yard provides different sights and pathways for the tigers, as well as management options for zookeepers, such as providing a new mother more room for her cubs. This adds to the already dynamic environment where visitors can connect with these magnificent creatures, safely watching them stalk, climb and perch in places close enough that guests are able to smell their breath.

Long time Denver Zoo staff member Mary Jo Willis was awarded the Plume Award from the AZA Avian Scientific Advisory Group for long-term propagation of cinereous vultures.



The Edge was made possible by \$2.2 million in Better Denver Bond funding from the City and County of Denver.



INNOVATIONS IN ELEPHANT MANAGEMENT

ELEPHANT INTRODUCTIONS

Denver Zoo's male Asian elephants—Groucho, Bodhi and Billy—are now spending time in the same yards at the Zoo's Toyota Elephant Passage exhibit. Denver Zoo is one of a small number of institutions in North America to accomplish placing unrelated males in shared spaces.

Traditionally, bulls are thought to be social with other elephants only when they are young or interested in breeding. In zoos, older bulls are usually separated due to the potential for aggression. Experts do know, however, that some bulls in the wild will form loose associations after they leave their maternal herds. Denver Zoo's animal care team, in their pursuit to provide the greatest care to their animals, took this behavioral knowledge and began applying it to provide a better social experience for their bulls once they reached the appropriate age.

In 2016, zookeepers began careful introductions behind the scenes with 8-year-old Billy and 12-year-old Bodhi. In early 2017, 46-year-old Groucho was introduced to them as well. When Denver Zoo designed Toyota Elephant Passage, it was with the intention of being able to manage multiple male elephants and provide them social interaction, as they showed interest.

Each of the bulls bring their own personality but they cohabitate well. While they won't be together full-time, this is a significant step and Zoo staff believe the trio will benefit socially from these interactions and that Groucho may teach Bodhi and Billy some adult behaviors.



Denver Zoo is one of only a handful of accredited zoos that have successfully integrated unrelated male elephants.



TUSK CAPS: DENVER ZOO PIONEERING NEW TECHNIQUES

When our youngest Asian elephant, Billy, broke his left tusk during horseplay in April, staff veterinarian Betsy Stringer helped devise an innovative solution to fix it. The very common elephant injury, similar to a cracked tooth in humans, is often treated with metal caps to avoid infection. Unfortunately, these caps are heavy and potentially distracting to a young elephant. Instead, Stringer developed a fiberglass and Kevlar cap with the assistance of a local aerospace engineer. The cap is lightweight, matches the color of Billy's trunk and is even conducive to X-Rays to check on his tusk growth. Other zoos have since inquired for tips about this innovative animal care idea.

SAYING GOODBYE: BELOVED 30-YEAR RESIDENT DOLLY PASSES AWAY

Dolly, Denver Zoo's cherished, female Asian elephant, passed away on September 2, 2016. Zookeepers had been monitoring her quality-of-life with hospice-style care during her last weeks of life as she had shown a significant decline in health, partially due to her old age. Born in the wild, Dolly's exact age was unknown. At the time of her passing, she was believed to be at least 52-years-old, making her the 10th oldest elephant in a North American zoo accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). She was a Denver Zoo resident for the better part of 30 years, arriving in 1986 and leaving only for a year in an attempt to breed at another zoo. Her caretakers remember her as one of the "sweetest and most trusting" animals who was always "young at heart."



DENVER ZOO: SAVING SPECIES DAILY



BACHELOR LION PRIDE

Denver Zoo welcomed four, male, one-year-old African lion cubs in 2016. Their African-based names are Kito, which means jewel; Bahati, which means lucky; Usiku, which means night; and Jasiri, which means adventurous. The cubs, weighing more than 200 pounds each, came to Denver through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Lion Species Survival Plan (SSP). The male cubs were beginning to be pushed out by their father at Lee Richardson Zoo, a natural occurrence that is common in prides as males start to reach sexual maturity. The cubs are grandchildren of past Denver Zoo pride members and guest favorites, Krueger and Baby.

SUMATRAN ORANGUTAN

Denver Zoo was thrilled to welcome the arrival of an 8-year-old, female Sumatran orangutan, Eirina. She arrived from Germany's Zoo Dortmund under a recommendation of the AZA's SSP. Orangutan means "person of the forest" in the Malay language and the species is among the closest relatives to humans. Sumatran orangutans are classified as "critically endangered" by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) with a wild population estimated at 14,600 individuals. Only found on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia, their survival is seriously threatened by habitat loss stemming from logging, mining, forest fires and timber clearing for agriculture, including palm oil plantations and human settlements.



BLACK RHINO ARRIVAL

Denver Zoo welcomed a 22-year-old, male, black rhinoceros, named Rudy, from Oklahoma City Zoo in 2016. The black rhino is critically endangered. According to the IUCN, there were an estimated 100,000 individuals in 1960. Today, there are less than 5,000 individuals, through some black rhinos are slowly making a comeback in well-protected areas. Many black rhino populations have been decimated as poaching actively focused on their horns has dramatically increased in recent years. The species is also threatened by habitat loss.

GORILLA BABY

Denver Zoo staff and guests celebrated the birth of Western lowland gorilla, Whimsie Adepa. This species is considered critically endangered by the IUCN with a wild population estimated at 112,000 individuals. Their greatest threats come from habitat loss due to logging and agriculture. Recently, the hunting of primates for the growing bush meat trade has further threatened their survival. Western lowland gorillas live in the lowlands, swamps and forests of western central Africa.



RED PANDA BABIES

Resident Denver Zoo red pandas, Faith and Hamlet, welcomed the birth of two female cubs, Lali and Masu. This is both parent's first litter. The two were brought to Denver Zoo in 2015 under a breeding recommendation by the AZA's SSP. Red pandas are native to Asia. As their name suggests, the pandas are red and have off-white markings, large puffy tails and pointed ears. Red pandas, like giant pandas, have very specialized diet requirements and eat a large amount of bamboo.



*198 animals were born
at Denver Zoo in 2016,
representing 35 species.*



Denver Zoo is the only institution in the northern hemisphere to house the critically endangered Lake Titicaca frog.

CONSERVATION

We commit to saving wild animals and wild places through research, sustainable practices and engagement with local communities.

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Each year Denver Zoo invests more than \$2 million in conservation and research initiatives, helping to save wild animals and wild places.

CONSERVATION AWARD WINNER

Since 1997, the Zoo has presented its annual Conservation Award to an individual who has made a significant contribution to wildlife conservation for at least 10 years, but remains largely unrecognized for their work. This year, Denver Zoo presented its Conservation Award to Dr. Amgalanbaatar Sukh, the Director of Mongolia's Ikh Nart Nature Reserve. Dr. Amgaa, as he prefers to be called, has been a partner of the Zoo's longest-standing conservation project for the past 19 years, helping place the first-ever radio telemetry collar on an argali sheep in 2000. Since then, he has significantly advanced wildlife research and program management, from gathering data on local wildlife to creating and fostering productive relationships with universities and other organizations throughout the country.

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER CLEANUP

Much closer to home, two zookeepers, Mike Kainuma and Gabe Kibe, coordinated a series of river cleanups along the South Platte River to conserve habitats for local species of fish, deer and waterfowl. These four cleanups were linked to the Zoo's traveling exhibit "Washed Ashore, Art to Save the Sea," presented by CH2M, which featured more than 15 giant sculptures of marine

life, made almost entirely from trash collected from beaches. More than 100 volunteers from Denver Zoo and CH2M dredged up countless plastic bags, bottles, cans and even furniture in order to clean up the waterway and give back to the community.



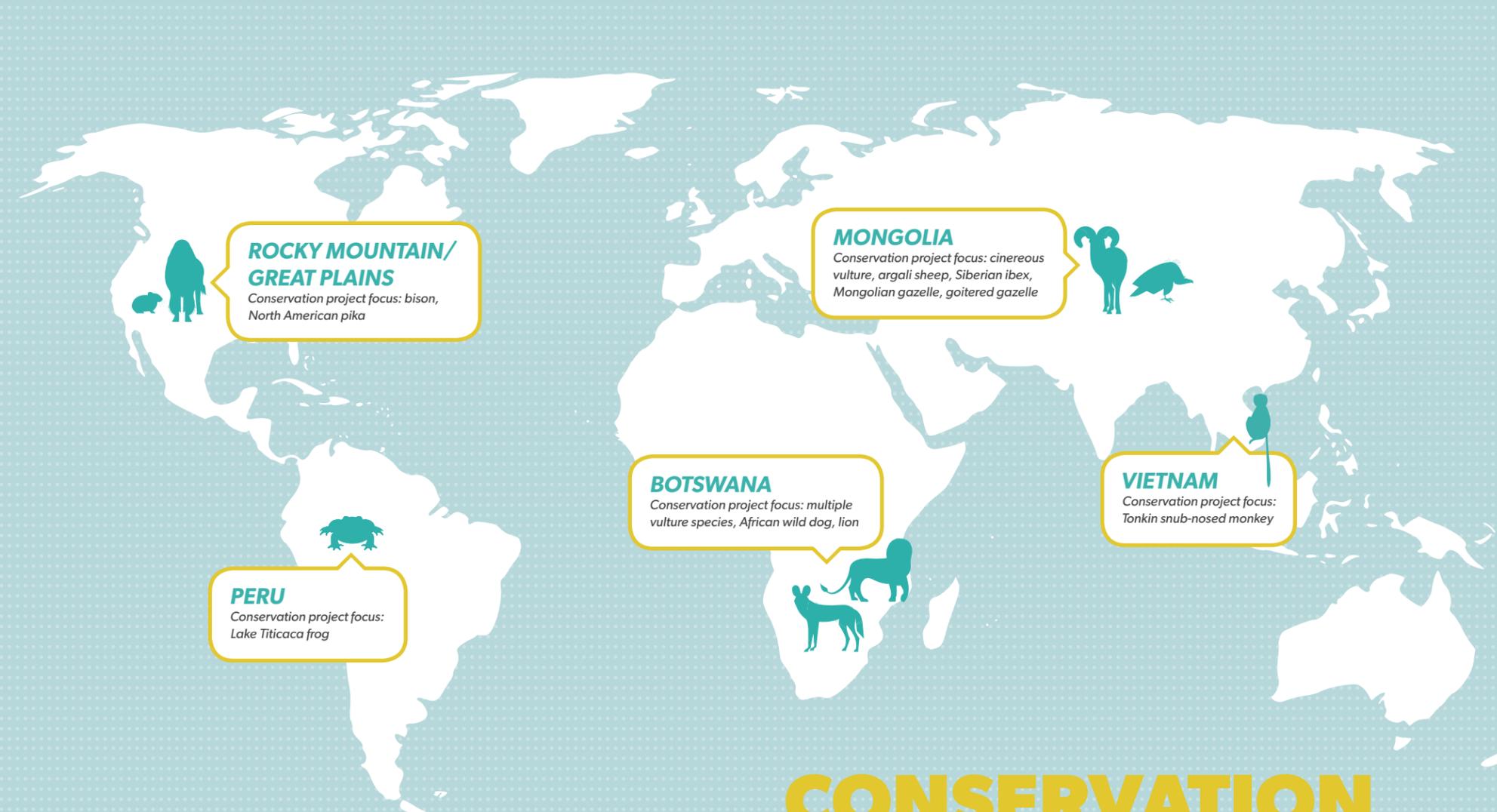


Denver Zoo was once again accredited with ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 certifications. Both prestigious certifications commit the Zoo to the utmost level of sustainable practices and health and safety.



MONGOLIAN VULTURE STUDY

Denver Zoo made interesting new findings this year about the migration patterns of Mongolia's cinereous vultures. Using cell phone "frequency" transmitters, conservation biologists have discovered that while adult vultures travel in or around the country, juvenile vultures will journey as far as South Korea or China. This is believed to be due to the fact that while juveniles have to fly farther to find food and resources, adults have established territories within Mongolia. Zoo staff hopes to use this knowledge to manage bird populations around Ikh Nart and continue to build awareness and appreciation for the vultures among the local residents.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN/ GREAT PLAINS

Conservation project focus: bison, North American pika

MONGOLIA

Conservation project focus: cinereous vulture, argali sheep, Siberian ibex, Mongolian gazelle, goitered gazelle

BOTSWANA

Conservation project focus: multiple vulture species, African wild dog, lion

VIETNAM

Conservation project focus: Tonkin snub-nosed monkey

PERU

Conservation project focus: Lake Titicaca frog

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Since 1996, Denver Zoo has participated in more than 600 conservation projects in 60 countries.



Nearly 600,000 guests visited Denver Zoo during the summer of 2016 to experience "Washed Ashore."

EDUCATION

We bring science education alive; sparking curiosity in, and creating connections with, animals and nature.

"WASHED ASHORE" EXHIBIT LEADS TO ACTION BY GUESTS

Denver Zoo welcomed the traveling exhibit *Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea*, an exhibit showing 15 large-scale marine life sculptures made entirely out of trash from the ocean, collected by artist Angela Haseltine Pozzi and a team of volunteers. *Washed Ashore* was brought to Denver Zoo with sponsorship support from CH2M.

The sculptures of *Washed Ashore* are beautiful and intricate, but also carry a powerful message: single-use plastic is often improperly disposed of and ends up polluting our waterways and oceans. Even here in Colorado, our actions can have an impact—we're connected to the coasts by rivers and streams, which our pollution can easily flow down. Denver Zoo staff, volunteers, community partners, and sponsor CH2M organized four river clean-ups on local waterways to highlight this point.

The Zoo also learned from a local teacher that the exhibit directly influenced her school. She, her fellow teachers, and five classes of 5th graders attended the *Washed Ashore* exhibit as the kick-off of their earth science unit, which targeted how humans affect our environment. Their final project (inspired by *Washed Ashore*) was to choose environments or animals in Colorado and create sculptures that depict them. Additionally, at the Zoo's annual Scout Night, young troops collaborated to make their own sculptures for a recycled art challenge.



Denver Zoo's Conservation & Research Department celebrated 20 years in 2016, marking two decades of commitment to impactful field conservation around the globe.

EMPOWERING LEARNERS TO CONNECT TO NATURE

STEM PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS ZOO FIELDWORK

Denver Zoo partnered with St. Vrain Valley Schools to design and build a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) to assist with the Zoo's Peru-based fieldwork to save the critically-endangered Lake Titicaca frog.

Supported by education, science and engineering staff from the St. Vrain Innovation Center and Denver Zoo, the students solved the problem of not being able to safely dive deep enough in Lake Titicaca to capture images and information about the frogs. Students had the opportunity to work alongside real engineers to build this robot, evaluating challenges in real-time and addressing how to make the ROV operate more efficiently.

The ROV project showcases the Zoo as both a successful conservation entity, as well as a progressive leader in education, teaching students practical application of STEM-based problem-solving and collaboration with actual experts in the field.

This project was funded by Denver Zoo's Advisory Committee for Conservation & Research, which utilizes resources from the Zoo's Conservation Carousel and the Round-Up bookmark program.

NURTURING BUDDING SCIENTISTS THROUGH NATURE PLAY

Denver Zoo completed its second year of an innovative partnership with Clayton Early Learning. The program engages preschool children, their teachers and caregivers in nature play and exploration. The program encourages children to "think and do like scientists" through the lens of animals and nature.

Denver Zoo staff visited each of Clayton's seven participating classrooms multiple times, and welcomed the children to the Zoo on four other occasions. Teachers participated in two professional development workshops and adult caregivers attended four special family-themed events. At the Zoo, preschoolers explored natural areas—digging in leaf litter, stacking stones—in developmentally appropriate ways. At school, they met the Zoo's animal ambassadors, and learned how to play in nature in even the most urban of environments. The Nurturing Scientists Program encourages free exploration and guided discovery for all ages, empowering learners to feel connected to nature and more confident in their own abilities as scientists.

Denver Zoo provides free access for more than 350,000 guests each year, assuring access to explore the wonder of nature for all.

The Zoo's Scholarship Fund provides nearly \$250,000 in financial assistance, expanding access to learning experiences and field trips for more than 40,000 guests.





ENGAGING GUESTS

We value our staff and volunteers, who are essential to our success. We empower them to provide lasting memories for our guests.

VOLUNTEERS

In 2016, Denver Zoo benefited from the help and contributions of more than 670 adult and teen volunteers. Last year alone, our dedicated team donated nearly 75,000 community service hours, the equivalent of nearly \$2 million of paid time.

DENVER ZOO RAILROAD

The new Denver Zoo Railroad chugged into the station in 2016 to replace the historic Pioneer Train, which was custom-made and installed in 1966. The new train, a C.P. Huntington, features larger, more comfortable seats and higher coaches that provide better views of the surrounding areas during the ride.

UP-CLOSE ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Up-Close Animal Encounters more than doubled its number of participants in 2016 to almost 1,300 guests. The program, which celebrated its fourth year, provides one-of-a-kind experiences by combining exclusive animal encounters, direct keeper interactions and guided tours with species like elephants, rhinos and penguins.



SHARED IMPACT

We strive to make local and global impacts, helping to secure a better world for animals through innovate partnerships and capacity-building programs.

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PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE

Since 2013, Denver Zoo and the US Fish and Wildlife Service have co-managed the Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Conservation Area in northern New Mexico. Rio Mora NWR consists of more than 4,224 acres of protected land including critical grassland, riparian and forest habitats. Over the last four years, Denver Zoo and its partners have established strong research, restoration, education and outreach programs focused on wildlife habitat conservation. The Pueblo of Pojoaque manages the refuge bison herd, representing more than 50



animals. The Pojoaque are also involved in the Zoo's education and outreach efforts, encouraging residents and community members to participate in informational opportunities hosted by Zoo staff. These programs reach more than 250 individuals each year.

NORTHEAST DENVER LEADERSHIP WEEK

Founded by Councilman Chris Herndon, Northeast Denver Leadership Week offers high school students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to connect with civic and industry leaders throughout Denver.

The program consists of a week-long series of site visits across Denver and is free for all participants. In June of 2016, Denver Zoo hosted approximately 100 students from Councilman Herndon's district for the kick-off of the week-long event. The day's event consisted of a career assembly, animal demonstrations and an open house where students were provided the opportunity to talk one-on-one with staff members serving in different roles at the Zoo.

LAKE TITICACA FROG

Denver Zoo is the first North American AZA-accredited zoo to bring a small population of Lake Titicaca Frogs to its campus. The frogs serve as ambassadors for their wild counterparts and educate visitors about the work the Zoo is doing abroad. Since 2007, Denver Zoo has been involved in the conservation of Lake Titicaca frogs and is committed to helping preserve this species. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, they are critically endangered. Lake Titicaca frogs are harvested and sold in marketplaces in the form of a smoothie, which is falsely believed to cure various ailments.

SCFD

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SCFD renewal measure 4B Approved!!!

SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT

Once again residents of our seven-county region showed a strong commitment to support SCFD, which was initially authorized in 1988. For the fourth time in its nearly 30 year history, voters registered their overwhelming support for the district which provides funding to more than 300 scientific and cultural organizations in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Funds from SCFD are reinvested back into the community in the form of art and science education, free access, employment opportunities and enriching access to art, music, theatre, dance, zoology, botany, natural history and cultural history. The organizations funded by the district contribute more than \$1.8 billion to the regional economy and employ more than 10,000 people. About 14 million people, including 4 million children, attend SCFD funded programs each year. Again, many thanks to the voters, SCFD Board leadership, and fellow SCFD organizations for securing art, science and culture funding through 2030!



PAW IT FORWARD



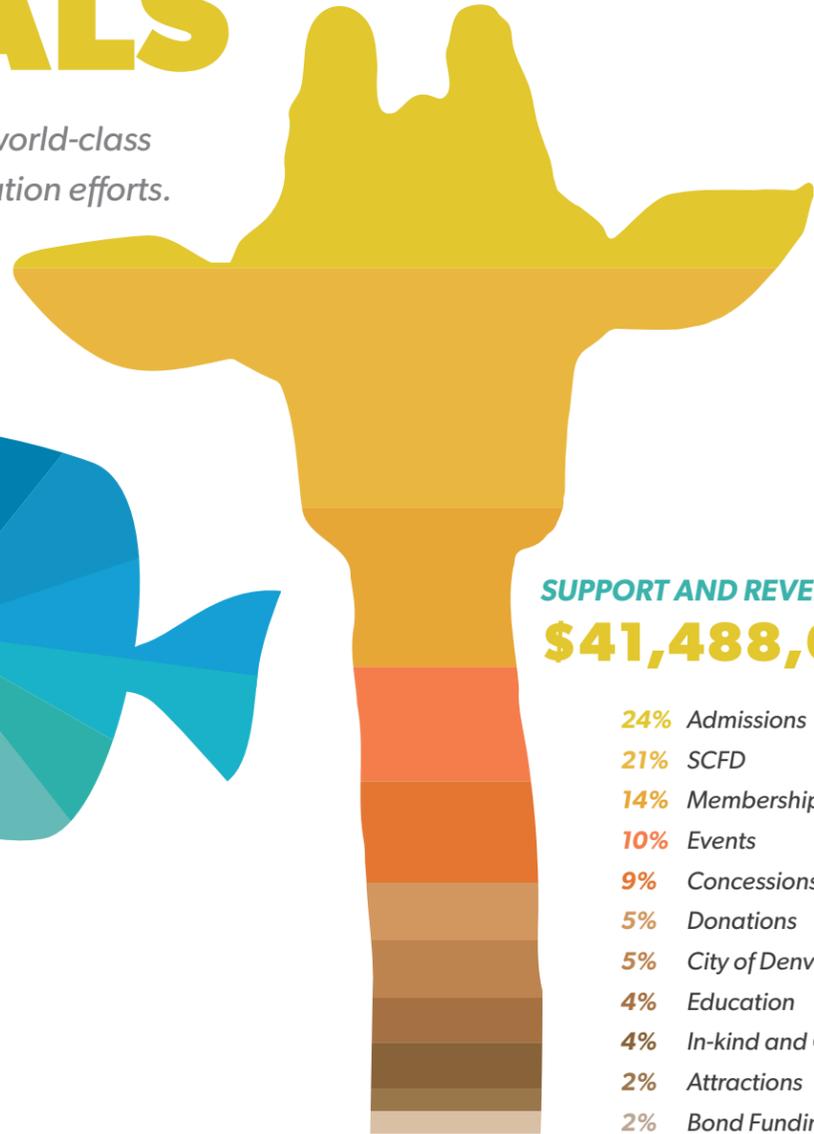
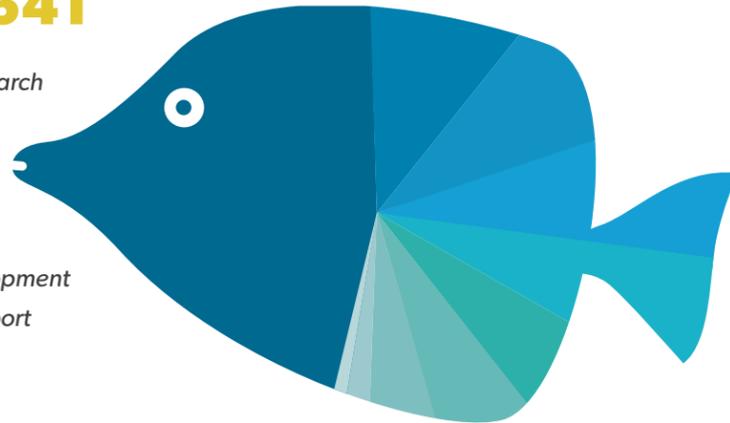
FINANCIALS

Sound stewardship ensures resources to provide world-class animal care, enhanced experiences and conservation efforts.

OPERATING EXPENSES

\$41,396,641

- 47% Animal Care & Research
- 10% Zoo Improvements
- 9% Guest Services
- 8% Education
- 6% Fundraising and Membership Development
- 6% Administrative Support
- 6% Horticulture
- 5% Events & Marketing
- 2% Certificates of Participation
- 1% Member Services and Promotions



SUPPORT AND REVENUE

\$41,488,607

- 24% Admissions
- 21% SCFD
- 14% Memberships
- 10% Events
- 9% Concessions
- 5% Donations
- 5% City of Denver
- 4% Education
- 4% In-kind and Other
- 2% Attractions
- 2% Bond Funding



2016 YEAR-END STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Denver Zoological Foundation, Inc.			Colorado Zoological Trust			Total 2016
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total Foundation	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
Support and Revenue							
Memberships	\$ 5,931,470	—	5,931,470	—	—	—	5,931,470
Donations, gifts and grants	920,032	927,931	1,847,963	60,156	25	—	1,908,144
Bond income (note 10)	—	897,441	897,441	—	—	—	897,441
City and County of Denver support (note 1a)	2,139,230	—	2,139,230	—	—	—	2,139,230
In-kind contributions	287,176	—	287,176	—	—	—	287,176
Fund raising events revenue	768,409	—	768,409	—	—	—	768,409
Fund raising events expenses	(334,181)	—	(334,181)	—	—	—	(334,181)
Admission revenue	9,854,810	—	9,854,810	—	—	—	9,854,810
Attractions	871,545	—	871,545	—	—	—	871,545
Concessions commission	3,670,250	—	3,670,250	—	—	—	3,670,250
Investment return (note 3)	45,874	—	45,874	473,773	653,642	—	1,127,415
Marketing and membership events	3,858,586	—	3,858,586	—	—	—	3,858,586
Education revenue	1,571,225	—	1,571,225	—	—	—	1,571,225
Other revenue	191,964	—	191,964	—	—	—	191,964
Scientific and Cultural Facilities District revenue (note 1e)	8,699,249	—	8,699,249	—	—	—	8,699,249
Transfers from CZT to the Foundation (note 9)	730,000	61,000	791,000	(165,000)	(626,000)	—	(791,000)
Net assets released from restrictions (note 8)	3,176,695	(3,176,695)	—	—	—	—	—
Total support and revenue	42,382,334	(1,290,323)	41,092,011	368,929	27,667	—	41,488,607
Expenditures							
Program services:							
Zoo improvements	4,130,246	—	4,130,246	—	—	—	4,130,246
Certificates of Participation (note 10)	630,692	—	630,692	—	—	—	630,692
Member services and promotions	363,774	—	363,774	—	—	—	363,774
Animal care and research	19,591,594	—	19,591,594	—	—	—	19,591,594
Horticulture	2,517,227	—	2,517,227	—	—	—	2,517,227
Public education	3,306,701	—	3,306,701	—	—	—	3,306,701
Guest services	3,649,848	—	3,649,848	—	—	—	3,649,848
Total program services	34,190,082	—	34,190,082	—	—	—	34,190,082
Support services:							
Office and administration	2,296,624	—	2,296,624	31,173	—	—	2,327,797
Fund raising	2,325,826	—	2,325,826	—	—	—	2,325,826
Marketing	2,271,293	—	2,271,293	—	—	—	2,271,293
Membership development	281,643	—	281,643	—	—	—	281,643
Total support services	7,175,386	—	7,175,386	31,173	—	—	7,206,559
Total expenditures	41,365,468	—	41,365,468	31,173	—	—	41,396,641
Change in net assets	1,016,866	(1,290,323)	(273,457)	337,756	27,667	—	365,423
Net assets at beginning of year	12,164,073	8,237,878	20,401,951	7,359,635	7,308,896	3,934,103	39,004,585
Net assets at end of year	\$ 13,180,939	6,947,555	20,128,494	7,697,391	7,336,563	3,934,103	39,096,551

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CRYSTAL LION AWARD

In July, longtime supporters Lee and Dolores Schlessman and the Schlessman Family Foundation were presented with the Zoo's highest honor, the Crystal Lion Award. The award recognizes those who have shown outstanding commitment, generosity and leadership to the Zoo, as well as a commitment to fulfilling the Zoo's mission: to secure a better world for animals through human understanding. The award paid tribute to the Schlessman's unwavering and longstanding support of Denver Zoo for more than 50 years, spanning four generations. The Schlessman family and their foundation have supported many areas across the Zoo including: Tropical Discovery, Toyota Elephant Passage, Primate Panorama, Gates Education Center, Predator Ridge and the Zoo's entry plaza.

DO AT THE ZOO

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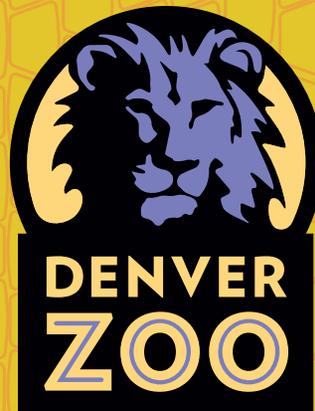
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