

Dear Friends and Supporters:

campaign.

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Zoo Society's A Wilder Vision

For more than sixty years, Seneca Park Zoo Society donors like you have helped Seneca Park Zoo thrive, grow and evolve. As the nonprofit partner to Monroe County's Seneca Park Zoo, we share a common mission to inspire our community to connect with, care for, and conserve wildlife and wild places.

Our joint vision is to be a national leader in education and conservation action for species survival. And together, we are achieving amazing results.

Since the opening of the Genesee Trail in 1992, the Zoo Society has raised and provided nearly

\$20 million in funding for the Zoo's capital improvement projects, from past projects including Rocky Coasts and the Animal Hospital, to the extraordinary habitats in *A Step Into Africa*. In 2018, the openings of Cold Asia, the Savanna Outpost, Animals of the Savanna, and the new tram service were made possible in part by the generosity of donors to the Zoo Society's *A Wilder Vision* campaign.

Each year, the Zoo Society raises more than \$700,000 to operate vital education and conservation action programs ranging from KinderZoo and ZooCamps to school programs

meeting NextGen and NYS Science Standards. The Society's Programming and Conservation Action Department inspires regional environmental stewardship through pollinator habitat restoration, nature hikes, park clean ups, and our new Urban Ecologists workforce development program.

On site, the Center for Biodiversity Exploration (CBE) was launched in beta testing in 2018, and is an immersive gaming space designed to connect our guests with the impact of their actions on our regional watershed. CBE was designed

in-house and fully funded by the Seneca Park Zoo Society.

Annually, the Zoo Society raises and grants nearly one hundred thousand dollars to support international conservation efforts aimed at saving the species and ecosystems represented at Seneca Park Zoo.

The Zoo Society is proud to partner with Monroe County in serving this community to save species internationally and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

Thank you for making it possible.



Pamela Reed Sanchez
President and CEO
Seneca Park Zoo Society



Gavin BrownlieBoard Chair, 2018
Seneca Park Zoo Society

The transformation begins!

In 2018, years of planning and preparation for the first phase of the Zoo's Master Plan came to fruition. The year included many significant improvements to the Zoo campus and experience:

June 1, 2018:

Cold Asia opens

Members and guests encountered an entirely new type of animal experience with the openings of red panda and snow leopard habitats. With naturalistic spaces and viewing that enables close proximity to the animals, the habitats started to shift perspectives on what a zoo experience can be.



The Zoo Society is proud to have raised funds to ensure the opening of Cold Asia. Lead gifts from Empire State Development and Leonard and Lorraine Bayer were instrumental to the effort.







Top: Len and Lorri Bayer, with Pamela Reed Sanchez and Larry Staub, Director of Parks and Seneca Park Zoo, at the dedication of the Leonard and Lorraine Bayer Snow Leopard Habitat. Bottom Left: Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo with Gavin Brownlie, Board Chair, Pamela Reed Sanchez, Larry Staub and other staff, at the ribbon cutting for the Cold Asia habitats.



September 13, 2018:

Animals of the Savanna opens

The five-acre Animals of the Savanna expansion wowed guests, with its sweeping habitats for Masai giraffes, plains zebras and our southern white rhino. The extraordinary indoor space features multiple species representing the ecosystem of the African Savanna, and one of the biggest indoor giraffe barns in the United States.



Seneca Park Zoo Society was thrilled to announce the largest individual gift in Zoo Society history, a \$2.5 million donation from Mark and Maureen Davitt. Complemented with dozens of gifts from other donors, the Zoo Society met their funding obligation for this portion of the transformation.







Top: Mark and Maureen Davitt, with their family, at the dedication of the Animals of the Savanna Building. Bottom left: Kathy Purcell and her son at the dedication of the outdoor giraffe habitat. Bottom right: A family enjoys The Animals of the Savanna on giraffe day.



Savanna Outpost opens

In addition to world class animal experiences, Animals of the Savanna features a new gift and food retail location, the Savanna Outpost. With a wide array of new merchandise and a convenient "grab and go" menu, the Outpost provides much needed services to the expanded Zoo.





Tram service begins

Opening with the Animals of the Savanna expansion, the seasonal Tram service was an immediate hit. Guests enjoyed the scenic ride through Seneca Park while being transported from one end of the Zoo to the other.

The Zoo Society is proud to have raised the funds from the community to help make these guest service additions possible.



Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, wtih Larry Staub, Pamela Reed Sanchez and Assistant Zoo Director - Facilities Richard Mikiciuk each hold a brick from the main building as demolition began.

November 5, 2018:

Main Zoo Building Razed

The transformational year ended with the demolition of the antiquated 1931 Main Zoo Building. While it was a bittersweet moment to say goodbye to a building that held so many memories, the mood quickly shifted to anticipation for the future Tropics complex.



Historic photo of the 1931 Main Zoo Building.

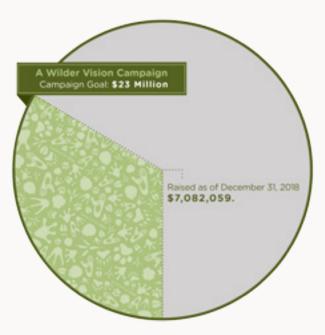








Top: Jim and Linda McElheny and Scott Hecker with the dedication of the areas they supported. Bottom: Kathleen Gamlen, one of our first donors to the capital campaign.



The changes in 2018 are just the beginning of the implementation of the Seneca Park Zoo Master Plan. Future stages include a new café, tropics complex, conservation center, and guest services facilities.

None of this would be possible without generous support from the community. The Trustees of the Seneca Park Zoo Society committed to raising \$23 million to complement \$37 million from Monroe County. At the end of 2018 we had raised more than \$7 million through the *A Wilder Vision* capital campaign. Many thanks to our supporters.



ENGAGING our community

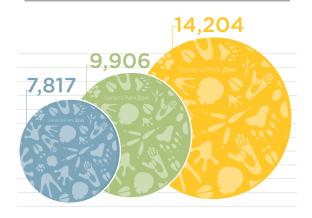
Our efforts to engage the community expanded, just as the Zoo campus did. We achieved significant boosts in key measures of engagement with the Zoo.

Zoo attendance





Instagram followers



2016 2017 2018

school children



school children visited as part of field trips

Zoo Scholars program launched in conjunction with RCSD



In 2018 we partnered with Rochester City School District to launch ZooScholars, an inquiry-based program addressing standards for science, math and language arts for 2nd graders. In April, two-thirds of the RCSD students participated in the program, which included a visit to the Zoo followed by additional projects and assignments back in the classroom. The program was a success and will be expanded in 2019.

Urban Ecologist Workforce Development Program piloted



In 2018 we piloted an innovative new program designed to introduce urban youth to careers in environmental science and ecology, while empowering them to be ambassadors for the environment in their own neighborhoods. Partnering with the City of Rochester's Summer of Opportunity Program, we were able to hire three participants in the program in 2018. These youth will continue with the program in 2019, while we also add a new class of 8 year-one participants.

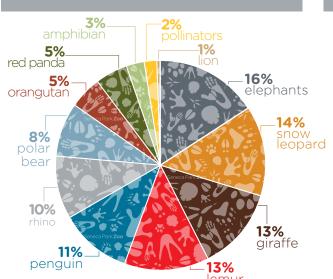


CONSERVING wildlife

Our efforts to conserve wildlife locally and globally continue to be the bedrock of what we do.

Funds Dedicated to Conservation Priorities

Butterfly Beltway Plantings in 2018:



22 Million Seeds

covering 10 acres of land

Genesee

Gateway Park

Zoo Society leads Madagascar Reforestation Effort

Seth Green

Island - Park

Turning

Point Park



In 2018, we partnered with Centre ValBio, including prior researcher in residence at the Zoo, Mahandry Hugues Andrianariosa, to launch a reforestation project. Over 12,000 saplings were planted in 2018 alone. Each individual sapling is being tracked using blockchain technology to understand the health and success of the plantings, and to monitor the impact of the donation for each investor.

Urban Wildlife Information Network launched in Rochester

Durand

Eastman Beach

Seneca Park

Trout Pond



In 2018 we launched a local branch of the Urban Wildllife Information Network, coordinated by Lincoln Park Zoo's Urban Wildlife Institute. The program uses camera traps to understand how wildlife and people co-exist in urban environments. Monitoring is done in over a dozen cities, now including Rochester! With wildlife and people sharing more and more space locally and globally, this data can help educate and engage people in our community about protecting wildlife right near home.



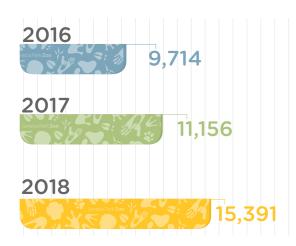
A STRONG BASE OF supporters and partners

An engaged, and growing cadre of supporters make it all possible. This year was no exception with new achievements in individual donors, event attendance and more.

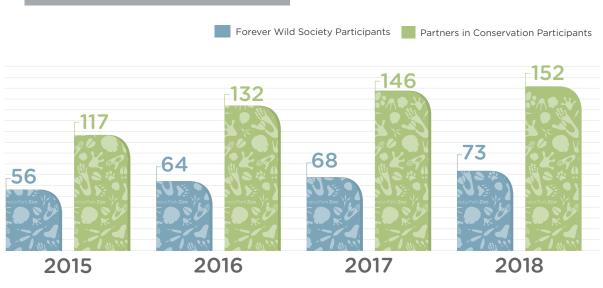
Member households

ZooBrew attendance





Individual donors



Cinco de Rhino Craft Beer and Cider Festival has record year



Since its inaugural year in 2016, Cinco de Rhino Craft Beer and Cider Festival has grown year over year. In 2018, the event sold out days in advance, raising more than double the funds we raised in 2016 for rhino conservation. The 500 guests enjoyed tastings from over a dozen craft breweries and cideries, while learning about ways they can support rhino conservation. We even had a marriage proposal at Cinco de Rhino, pictured above.

Inaugural Environmental Innovation Awards and Symposium held



To celebrate environmental leadership in our area, Seneca Park Zoo Society hosted its first Environmental Innovation Awards and Symposium. Awards were given to leaders in the large business, small business, nonprofit, youth and individual categories. Bill Browning, a national leader in sustainable design solutions delivered the keynote address and a symposium following the breakfast.



A STRONG FOUNDATION ready for our future

Recognition as a Top Workplace

For the second consecutive year, Seneca Park Zoo Society was recognized as a Top Workplace by the D&C Digital and Energage. This honor is awarded based on employee responses to a workplace satisfaction survey.

20+ years of Balanced Budgets and Clean Audits

We have achieved balanced budgets and clean audits for more than 20 years, and 2018 was no exception. Our members and supporters can feel confident of our stewardship of funds they provide in support of our mission.



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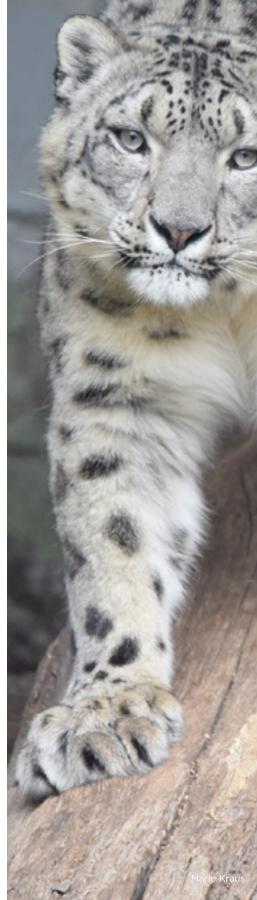
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	General Operating Fund	Board Designated Fund	Restricted Gifts & Grants Fund	Capital Campaign Fund	TOTAL
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$310,601	\$0	\$0	\$14,152	\$324,753
Investments	\$531,485	\$466,335	\$122,045	\$2,938,903	\$4,058,768
Endowment - General	\$0	\$879,610	\$183,386	\$0	\$1,062,996
Endowment - Intern Program	\$0	\$0	\$177,314	\$0	\$177,314
Accounts Receivable	\$13,896	\$8,216	\$0	\$0	\$22,112
Grants Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$3,720	\$1,500,000	\$1,503,720
Promises to Give-Net	\$15,416	\$0	\$2,850	\$860,611	\$878,877
Due from other funds	\$0	\$268,000	\$0	\$0	\$268,000
Inventory	\$111,152	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$111,152
Prepaid Expenses	\$19,746	\$4,140	\$0	\$0	\$23,886
Property & Equipment Net	\$98,052	\$0	\$591	\$0	\$98,643
Total Assets	\$1,100,348	\$1,626,301	\$489,906	\$5,313,666	\$8,530,221
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS					
Accounts Payable	\$165,624	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,665,624
Accrued Payroll	\$46,383	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$46,383
Accrued Vacation	\$68,533	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$68,533
Deferred Income	\$54,193	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$54,193
Due to other funds	\$268,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$268,000
Total Liabilities	\$602,733	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$2,102,733
Beginning Net Assets	\$494,706	\$1,503,936	\$450,769	\$1,938,376	\$4,387,787
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,909	\$122,365	\$39,137	\$1,875,290	\$2,039,701
Total Net Assets	\$497,615	\$1,626,301	\$489,906	\$3,813,666	\$6,427,488
TOTAL LIABILITIES					
& NET ASSETS	\$1,100,348	\$1,626,301	\$489,906	\$5,313,666	\$8,530,221

Statement of Operating Finances

Seneca Park Zoo Society for the year ended December 31, 2018

	20	18	2017	
SUPPORT AND REVENUE	Amount	% of Total Revenue	Amount	% of Total Revenue
Membership & Admissions	\$2,861,207	42.90%	\$2,570,992	45.39%
Retail Operations	\$1,618,223	24.27%	\$1,341,791	23.69%
Fundraising & Events	\$810,715	12.16%	\$824,215	14.55%
In Kind Contributions	\$544,021	8.16%	\$431,795	7.62%
Education & Conservation Action Programs	\$348,662	5.23%	\$315,916	5.58%
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$483,295	7.25%	\$177,894	3.14%
Interest Income	\$2,645	0.04%	\$1,878	0.03%
=	\$6,668,767	100.00%	\$5,664,481	100.00%
	2018		2017	
EXPENSES	Amount	% of \$'s Raised	Amount	% of \$'s Raised
Retail Services	\$1,209,987	18.14%	\$1,068,016	18.85%
Education & Conservation Action Programs	\$703,524	10.55%	\$639,349	11.29%
Communications	\$838,333	12.57%	\$617,724	10.91%
Fundraising & Events	\$599,873	9.00%	\$614,925	10.86%
Administration	\$567,003	8.50%	\$535,976	9.46%
Membership & Admission Services	\$541,985	8.13%	\$519,723	9.18%
Conservation Initiatives	\$149,419	2.24%	\$65,199	1.15%
Depreciation	\$32,047	0.48%	\$33,078	0.58%
_	\$4,642,171	69.61%	\$4,093,990	72.27%
Increase in Net Assets	\$2,026,596		\$1,570,491	
Net Assets At Beginning of Year	\$494,706		\$488,165	
Support to Seneca Park Zoo Fund	\$(82,267)		\$(70,729)	
Revenue Share with Monroe County Parks Dept	\$(1,673,420)		\$(1,478,221)	
Board Designated Restrictions	\$(268,000)		\$(15,000)	
Net Assets At End Of Year	\$497,615		\$494,706	_

A complete financial statement including Board Designated, Restricted Programs and the Capital Campaign is available upon request.



