message

Dear Zoo Supporters,

2019 was an exciting time to serve my second year as board chair for the Sacramento Zoological Society.

The Society assumed daily operation of the zoo from the City of Sacramento in 1997, and I am so very proud to lead this dedicated team of community leaders who have worked tirelessly over the past several years to create a better future for our animals, the community, and ultimately, our planet.

I am not just the board chair – I am also a dedicated zoo fan. My family visits zoos throughout the nation and beyond when we travel, just like I did with my family when I was a child. In February of 2019, I had the honor, along with several other fellow trustees, to accompany our docents on a trip to Florida to visit four different Association of Zoos and Aquariums-accredited (AZA) institutions. This trip included visits with zoological professionals to compare and benchmark our zoo’s operation to these other institutions. Every zoo I visit only increases my resolve to build a better zoo for Sacramento.

Our trustees have supported the zoo’s staff in making a number of improvements at the Land Park site, but the reality is that without expansion or relocation, the potential future of our zoo is limited. That is precisely why trustees have relentlessly worked over the past two years with our partner, the City of Sacramento, to come up with a sustainable vision for the zoo’s future.

I confess that, as a mother, I am proud that “okapi” is now a common word in my household. I also take great pride and feel tremendous joy when I see my children look into the eyes of our lions in their new expanded habitat. I hear from families throughout the community about our improvements, and I know that these incredible experiences confirm our zoo inspires children and creates lifelong memories for families, just as it has for my own family. There can be no doubt that children – and adults – who make a connection at the zoo will go on to care about endangered species and the environments in which they live, think about their role in protecting our planet, and make our community better.

I hope I can count on you to join me in this effort, and help us take the next step in the Sacramento Zoo’s journey by renewing your commitment. Working together, we will keep fighting to give our community the zoo it deserves not only now, but also in the future.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stallard
Board Chair
Sacramento Zoo
Dear Zoo Friends,

2019 was a fantastic year for the Sacramento Zoo. On Valentine's Day, the zoo opened a habitat for the okapi. Okapi are a rare species of forest giraffe that are only found in forests of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Okapi are one of the oldest species of mammal. Sacramento Zoo is one of only three institutions that care for okapi on the West Coast, the other two being San Diego and Los Angeles. The okapi at Sacramento Zoo are the first to be seen in Northern California in over 45 years. The habitat was built by zoo staff, trustees and volunteers and is a testament to the incredible experiences the zoo can create when supported by the community.

Building on the success of the opening of the okapi habitat was a visit from John Lucas and Lucas Meers, program officers for the Okapi Conservation Project. The project works in the heart of the Democratic Republic of Congo to protect the natural habitat of the endangered okapi and indigenous Mbuti people living in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve. Designated as a World Heritage Site, the Reserve is one of the most biologically diverse areas in all of Africa. Its model programs in sustainability and stewardship promote the viability of the region’s biodiversity and survival of native species like the okapi, which is under increasing threat from habitat destruction and illegal human activities.

The Okapi Conservation Project focuses on developing an economic and educational foundation on which the Okapi Wildlife Reserve can operate. This is achieved through programs in wildlife protection, alternative agriculture, and community assistance, and by working with the Institute in the Congo for the Conservation of Nature (ICCN), a government organization responsible for the protection of the Reserve. Support for OCP activities comes from a global network of zoos like the Sacramento Zoo.

September saw the arrival of “Discover the Dinosaurs” - a temporary exhibit, millions of years in the making. The roar of *Tyrannosaurus rex* and other huge dinosaurs was heard throughout the zoo as these prehistoric animals took up temporary residency within Land Park. The dinosaurs were very popular with our guests and due to their “mechanical” nature, an easy species to care for during their stay.

A roar of a different nature returned to the zoo in October, as the lions received a renovated and expanded habitat. The zoo made the difficult decision to close the tiger habitat so we could double the living space for the lions. We were very fortunate that our good friends at River City Glass donated the glass windows for the exhibit (which are more than an inch thick). The windows provide an eye-to-eye experience for our guests and the new den at the front of the habitat provides a
heated area for the lions in winter and shady respite for our hot summers.

The departure of our last tiger is symbolic of the story the zoo has faced over the past 30 years. Over three-quarters of the zoo’s animals have left for new homes as our space restraints and ever-increasing standards for animal husbandry have dictated these changes. Unfortunately, this means that animals such as tigers, hippopotamus and bears that generations of zoo goers have enjoyed viewing and learning about in Sacramento are now gone and unless we expand our footprint, these animals will most likely never return.

The modern zoo does more than just display animals. We have a responsibility to save them in the wild by educating the public and encouraging actions of stewardship. Many species such as big cats, great apes, rhinoceros and amphibians face incredible challenges in the wild and zoos play a critical role in their future.

In May of 2019, the City of Sacramento’s Mayor and Council voted unanimously to proceed with a zoo relocation viability study. This is the first step in finding a new home for many of our animals and would allow the zoo to bring back several species and increase our commitment to education and conservation. If this exciting plan comes to fruition, the zoo would either relocate or perhaps see an expansion of its current footprint within Land Park. Either scenario would mean new experiences for our guests and further strengthening of our community by continuing to build upon your Sacramento Zoo - the City of Sacramento's #1 attended cultural venue.

Thank you for your support and your commitment to the future of the Sacramento Zoo.

Jason Jacobs
Director and CEO
Sacramento Zoo
education
[HIGHLIGHTS]

The Sacramento Zoo was filled with fun and facts in 2019, providing learning opportunities for everyone. Field trips, school visits, overnights, and animal encounters are a few of the most popular activities offered by the Education Department. Visitors connect with wildlife and nature in opportunities not available except in zoological settings. The Wildlife Stage Shows, Animal Encounters and Keeper Chats were presented to over nearly 100,000 people. Schoolchildren numbering in excess of 50,000 participated in zoo programs and field trips, building the future of animal conservation by exposing the children of today to the needs of tomorrow in the preservation, caring, and husbandry of our animals.

- 36,641 Stage show attendees
- 945 Camps and classes
- 50,083 Field trip attendees
- 165 Zoo teen volunteers
- 16,610 hours
- 172 Tea and Tours Seniors
- 42 Keeper Tag-alongs
- 957 Group Overnights
- 1,767 College research passes distributed
- 7,660 ZooMobile visit participants
- 34,815 Animal Encounter participants
- 140 Docents
- 11,743 hours
- 21,415 Keeper Chat guests
- 558 attendees Nature Explorers
- 332 attendees Family overnights
- 671 Peeps preschool participants
- 13,454 hours

Other volunteers (Keeper Aide, event, greeters, grounds, groups)
The Sacramento Zoo is home to 463 animals representing 127 species. Of that number, 41 species have been listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable. Of the species that are housed at the zoo, 57 are managed cooperatively as part of the zoo’s participation in programs of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

mammals  
[SPECIES: 32; INDIVIDUALS: 89]

reptiles  
[SPECIES: 42; INDIVIDUALS: 99]

fish  
[SPECIES: 2; INDIVIDUALS: 9]

birds  
[SPECIES: 32; INDIVIDUALS: 138]

amphibians  
[SPECIES: 16; INDIVIDUALS: 124]

invertebrates  
[SPECIES: 3; INDIVIDUALS: 4]
2019

[BY THE NUMBERS]

Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2019

ASSETS

Cash and equivalents $2,362,218
Accounts receivable $60,101
Prepaid expenses and other current assets $86,521
Total current assets $2,508,840

Investments $5,747,205
Property and equipment – Net $6,312,232
Charitable remainder trust assets $695,271

TOTAL ASSETS $15,263,548

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities
Accounts payable $235,185
Accrued and other liabilities $411,029
Deferred revenue $640,338
Total Liabilities $1,286,552

Net assets
Without donor restrictions $8,621,788
With donor restrictions $5,355,208
Total net assets $13,976,996

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $15,263,548
As a conservation organization, the Sacramento Zoo is committed to supporting local and global wildlife conservation through both financial and in-kind support.

In 2019 the zoo contributed more than $167,000 towards wildlife conservation projects and the work of conservation partners throughout the world. Those funds supported 32 conservation organizations or in-the-field (in-situ) projects dedicated to, and working toward, saving and protecting vulnerable animal species, populations and their habitats across the globe.

The zoo’s 2019 Quarters for Conservation partners were Grevy’s Zebra Trust, Tuleyome (a local nonprofit conservation organization), and CLAWS (Communities Living Among Wildlife Sustainably) Conservancy a nonprofit organization working to balance the needs of wildlife and local livelihoods in our backyard and around the globe.

Thank you for your role in helping the Sacramento Zoo to maintain its commitment to supporting global wildlife conservation projects.
GIFTS $500 TO $999
Samira Zara Al-Qazzaz
Alice Suzanne Hamilton Charitable Foundation
Kimberly Anderson
Kris Applegate
Aurora World, Inc.
Barbara Balliet
Kevin & Ja Beers
Richard Biddle
Bike Route Sacramento
Katy & Ian Boase
Sharon & Steven Bogart
Cristina & Bryan Bonino
Delores Boumliman
Charles & Susan Brownridge
Becky Buckman & William Corrigan
Janet Burger
Lynn Catania
Kathy Castillio
Anne R. Cavanagh
Lois & Grant Chappell
Children's Choice Pediatric Dental Care
Peter Chin & Ruby Lim-Chin
Robert & Tracey Churchill
The Citizen Hotel
Samuel & Pippa Clarke
Robert & Elizabeth Cole
Jeanne Coleman
Dee Contreras
Linda L. Copes
Crowe LLP
Douglas Cummings
Bill Davies
Tammy Davis
Deborah Deatherage Hand & Mark Hand
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Ryan & Ariel Doyle
Connie Edwards
Patricia Eichner
James & Dorothy Elam
Eklohn Peak Cellars
Sylvia Enoch
Art Flores
Jim & Janice Freeberg
Joanne & Jim Fuller
Judith A. Funari
Gregory S. Geeting & Glee Johnson
Raminder & Amardeep Gill
Genetha & Rob Gray
Fran Halkkken
Angela Handler
Carol & Jack Harris
Mark Heller & Todd Koolakian
Rosanna Herber & Kim Lundquist
Mark Hill
Pat Hines
David & Regina Hinnenkamp
Marie Horton
Jan & Mark Houghton
Jason Jacobs
Claire & James Jewell
Dennis J. Johnson
Laura & Keith Kanegawa
Billee Kanelos
Ranade Kanouse & Leslie Tom
Marcia Kimura
Katherine & Roger Kingston
Margarette Kohun
Elyssa & Paul Lakin
Diana Leszczynski
The Lenhart Family
Shana Levine & David Gius
Timothy & Kim Lien
Richard & Lisa Lockmiller
Jamal Lopez
Doris & George Loughner
Michael & Julie Mallet
Heather & Samuel Maloy
Nancy & Dennis Marks
Tracy Mattos
Timothy & Linda McKenna
Mary Jane Mercer
Kathleen Merz
Jacob Mier
Susan & Carl Miller
Martin & Elizabeth Mojzis
Thomas & Celia Dawn Montgomery
David Muth & Laura Sweet
J. Eric Noblet
Patricia L. Oehler
Jack & Mary Lyn Padley
Anastazia Pascua
Amisha Patel
Elizabeth Paul
Nirvana Petlick
John & Annie Pickett
Tera Pitman & Aaron Danielson
Leslie & Richard Pratt
Premier Orthodontics
Susan Roberts
Eileen & Gil Rodriguez
Becci & Lynn Rogers
Tracy Romo
Patricia & Steve Rosenbaum
Lois Ann & Martin Rosenberg
Susan & Fermin Rubio
SAFE Credit Union
Heather & Stephen Salzman
Liz Schmal & Eric Montgomery
Karen & Douglas Shaw
Stephen & Marilyn Skinner
Barbara J. Spencer
Margaret & Tom Stallard
Thea Stidum
Sudwerk Brewery
Ronald & Margaret Taylor
The Citizen Hotel & Grange Restaurant
Christine & Ron Tibbs
Viviana Toro
Heidi Truitt & Heather Albin
Lindsay Vest
Jerry Walton
Janda & Harold Warraas
Deanna & Jason Wasserman
Muriel Weimer
Monique Witchen
Julia Wilson
Lawrence Wong & Nicole Darby
Toni & Jerry Yaffe
Jonel Yelverton-Reis

**GIFTS $250 TO $499**

Ace Lineup Athletics
Leah & John Adams
Tom Ainsworth
Allied Integrated
Marketing
Nancy Alvarez
Ashley Anichik
Brian & Allison Andres
Anonymous
Vianca Arana
Steve Archibald
Archival Gallery
Swan Ashby
Linda & Brian Baker
Michael & Carolyn Baker
Vanessa & Patrick Barbieri
Brandi & Matthew Barrett
Roy & Audrey Bartholomeu
Stephanie & Carl Baughman
Lauren Beaudry
Sylvia Bender
John & Jennifer Benton
Laura & Scott Berger
Joseph Berg
Big Oak Nursery
Brooke Blake
Jon M. Blank
Susan & Kenneth Blas
Frances Boland
Janet Bollinger
Jeanne Bonomini
Mary Jane & Brian Boxer
Jenna Boyer
Marisa & Mitch Brand
Broadway Sacramento
Linda C. Brown
Heath Buckmaster
Valerie & Richard Burns

Cristina Buss & Eric Halverson
Valari Byrn
Paul & Valerie Cadrett
Darcina & Josh Calista
Sophia & Pete Callas
Jon Campbell
Steve & Marika Campbell
Susan E. Carey
Caryl Cartwright
Carvalho Family Winery
Mary Castro
Nyla Chantry & Chris Holbrook
Elaine & Winston Chor
Chardonnay Golf Club
Linda & Richard Chin
Aurora Chong
Austin Cipres
Crystal Clark
Lisa J. Clement & Stephanie Hicklin
Lindsey & Jason Clements
Cline Family Cellars
Donna & Richard Coakley
TJ. "Pinky" Cockrell
Charles & Joan Collins
Tim Collom
Lynn S. H. Cooke
Concetta & Donald Cotter
Diana Cox
Carolyn & Larry Cranford
Tracie Cross
John & Susan Culbert
Olena Darmohray & Dmitriy Bagenniko
Lori & Ryan Daughtery
Brian Davis
Donna Davis-Gray & Mikko Lopez
Mike Day
Marianne Iniguez Dayton & Marie Elena Fonseca
Antoinette & Ralph de Vere White
Julie & Rich DeBorba
Elizabeth Del Pozo

Natasha Delgado & Mandarise Moore
Biserka G. Delich
Annette Deluna & Chrisan Glaspey
Wally DeMayo
Brett Diede
Mary & Frank Dobosz
James & Kimberly Dobrinski
Jill Dolce
Craig & Debbie Domeyer
Heather & Avery Dority
Kimberly Dornback & Dominic Hatfield

Susan & Jonathan Ducore
Heather Ransom Duong & Huy Duong
Suzanne Eaker
Tad Egawa & Jennifer Chmura
Mark & JoAnn Eldem
Heather Elliott
Marleen & Jim Emig
Paula Emigh
Julie & Brent Enck
Melody & Curtis Epley
Candace Epstein & Daniel Buchanan-Palmer
Gregory & Jennifer Erlt
Katrina & Jordan Espy
Barbara I. Evans
Kenneth & Nancy Evans
Noreen Evans
Megan & Devin Farren
Janet Fell
Roger Fellows
Mary Ellen Ferguson
Elizabeth Fiske
Fitness System
Elizabeth & Travis Fitzgerald
Linda & Shaw Flanagan
Marllyn & Steven Flynn
Judith & Paul Fong
Darlene & Tom Fong
Catherine & Scott Franklin

Theresa & Joseph Franks
Charles & Lori Franz
Stephanie & David Frederici
Autum & Kevin French
Premton Fung & Charlotte Harter
Marlyn Fyelling
Kieran Gaeta-Carrero
Barbara Garcia
Chuck & Jerri Gard
Erin Garth
Amanda Gates
Brittany Gholson

Jeff & Sandie Glorioso
Golden Gate Ferry
Kathy & Larry Gomez
Luwia & Timmy Gonsor
David & Deborah Gordon
Janene Gordon
Cynthia & John Gustafson
Connie Gustafson
David Hager
Margaret Halford & Sandra Eckhardt
James & Kristine Hancock
James R. Hargrove
Harrah's/Heaven's Lake Tahoe
Linda & Neal Harrell
Andrew & Kerri Hart
Debbie J. Hart
Diana Hearn
Eric & Jennifer Hemminger
M. Paige Hensley
Kristin & Brett Hickinbotham
Terese & David Hinze
Karen & Robert Hobson
Susan Hoeft
Mikelynn & Chris Holt
Luther & Suzanne Hopp
Andrew G. Hudnut & Sara Dougerty
Dawn Humphrey
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Monte Ilemire & Beth Ilemire

Mohammad Islam & Zahida Perveen
Mayo K. Jack, DDS
Francine Jackson & William E. Masters
Tim & Alice Jarboe
Denise Jared
Gail Jenkins
Maureen Jensen
Diana & David Jimenez
Charles Johnson & Christine Bodelson
Jennifer Johnson
Kacie & Ross Johnson
Judy Johnston
Norma & Gerald Jones
Kate & Geoff Jones
Elisabeth & Christopher Jordan
Teresa M. Kahl
Teresa & Indulis Kalins
Sue Karlton
Terry L. Kastanis
Kari Kato & Alexander Knaack
Gregory G. Kawamoto
Marty & Charlotte Keale
Catherine Kearney
Stephen & Cynthia Kelly
Julie & Scott Kenney
Jean & Bruce Kern
Raheel & Humera Khan
Kimpton Sawyer Hotel

Steve King & Rachel Simon
Karyn Kneeland & Tom McMahon
Judy Knox
Roberta Koehler
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Greg M. Lang
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Leland Lee
Wilson Lee
Debbie & Leonard Lehr
Holly Leshikar
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Elizabeth & Donald Manning
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Susanne & Francisco Martin
Leave a legacy that will make a difference in the future of the Sacramento Zoo.

The zoo’s Wildlife Heritage Guild is a group of generous individuals who have remembered the Sacramento Zoo in their estate plans. The nonprofit Sacramento Zoo relies on private contributions from those who value the zoo and its role in the community and beyond.

For more information about how you can support the future of the Sacramento Zoo, please call the Development Department at 916-808-3713.