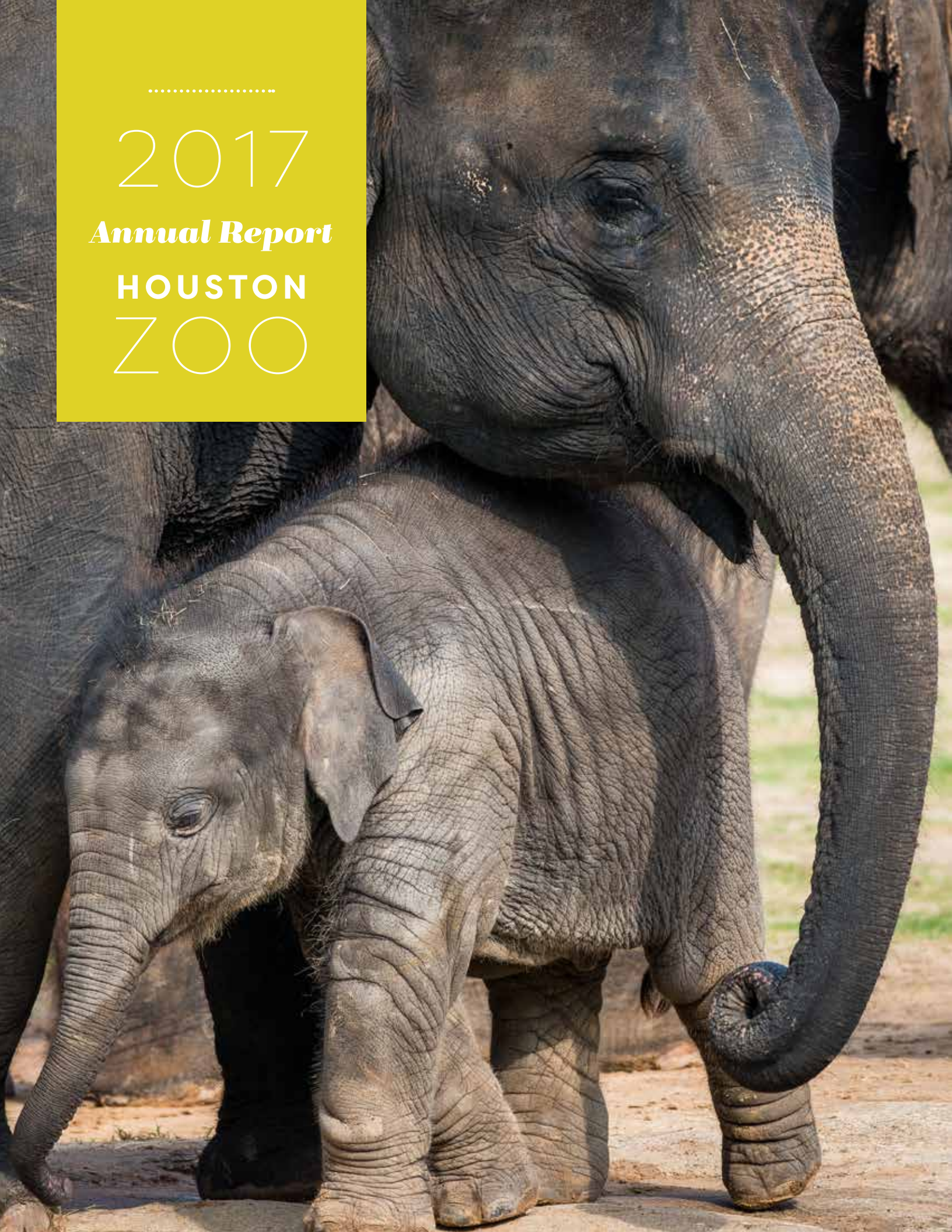
2017 *Annual Report* HOUSTON ZOO



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Our Houston Zoo is vibrant, growing, and touching hearts and minds to make a difference for people and animals alike.

In 2017, more than 2.4 million guests walked through our gates, many of them free of charge or at greatly reduced admission. Despite extreme weather events like Hurricane Harvey impacting our attendance results, the Houston Zoo remains the second-most visited zoo in the United States among those that charge admission. It's clear that this urban oasis in the heart of our city remains top-of-mind for Houstonians and out-of-town visitors looking to share new memories while connecting with nature.

Having a dedicated base of support from our community helped us achieve laudable success saving wildlife locally and around the world in 2017. We released more than 900,000 Houston toad eggs into the wild to ensure the survival of these native Texas amphibians. Our veterinary team provided medical care for more than 80 injured or stranded sea turtles. We saw tangible results from our long-term support of mountain gorillas in Africa and elephant populations in Borneo. And a strong culture of conservation is evident throughout our organization as team members from many different departments participated in conservation action opportunities.

In 2017, we made significant facility upgrades around the Zoo for guests and animals. We opened Explore the Wild, a nature play area specially created to inspire children to engage with the natural world around them. An expansion of the McNair Asian Elephant Habitat added a new barn, swimming pool, and spacious exhibit yard for our bull elephants. Behind the scenes, we finished a multi-year construction project for our animal health campus with a top-to-bottom renovation of the Denton A. Cooley Animal Hospital.

We celebrated many animal births and arrivals in 2017. In April, we were thrilled by the births of two Masai giraffes in the span of two weeks! In June, California sea lion Cali gave birth to her first pup, Max. The very next day, two red river hogs were born—the first since this species arrived in 2015. Joy, the first female elephant calf born at the Zoo in several years, became an instant visitor favorite as she joined our herd in July. Near the end of 2017, our African lion pride grew with the arrival of a three-year-old male named Hasani. In the Reptiles and Amphibians building, an 18-foot-long reticulated python was among the newest residents.

We had much to be joyful for throughout the year, but we also faced an unprecedented challenge with Hurricane Harvey. We could not be more grateful for the extraordinary work and sacrifices made by our ride-out crew during the storm—and for the incredible response from our board members, donors, and supporters as we came together to help impacted team members get back on their feet.

This annual report is brimming with stories that capture the unique spirit of our Houston Zoo. As you read, please remember that everything we do—every success, every milestone—is accomplished thanks in large part to your generosity and support. Thank you for helping make our Zoo not just a great destination, but a global center of excellence for animal care and conservation.

Lee Ehmke
President and CEO

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Our Impact LOCAL & GLOBAL

MISSION
Connect communities with animals, inspiring action to save wildlife.

VISION
Be a leader in the global movement to save wildlife.

DELIVERED
43
Zoomobile programs
FREE-OF-CHARGE, TOTALING
4,000
participants

Hosted
87,610
FREE ADMISSION
FIELD TRIP STUDENTS

THE POPULATION OF ELEPHANTS IN BORNEO
increased
WITH HOUSTON ZOO SUPPORT

Provided
MEDICAL CARE
FOR OVER
80
STRANDED OR
INJURED SEA
TURTLES

26.7%
OF ZOO GUESTS
visited for free
OR AT A HEAVILY
DISCOUNTED PRICE

Released 61
ATTWATER'S PRAIRIE
CHICKENS INTO THE WILD,
including 49 chicks, saving this rare Texas bird from extinction

Released
900,000
HOUSTON TOAD EGGS INTO THE WILD
This program is saving this rare Texas toad from extinction.

135 Staff
PARTICIPATED IN
animal-saving work
IN THE WILD

WORKED WITH
47
Conservation partners
IN
26
countries
TO PROTECT THE WILD
COUNTERPARTS OF THE
ANIMALS WE HAVE AT THE
HOUSTON ZOO

Tagged
70
monarch butterflies
FOR TRACKING
AND PROTECTION

$3.25 million
TO WILDLIFE-SAVING
PROGRAMS IN 2017

2,409,017
GUESTS VISITED THE HOUSTON ZOO IN 2017

WITH HOUSTON ZOO SUPPORT, REMOVED
1,100 wire traps
IN AFRICA TO PROTECT
CHEETAHS FROM POACHERS

Increase
in mountain gorilla population
WITH HOUSTON ZOO SUPPORT

Babies, Babies and More Babies!

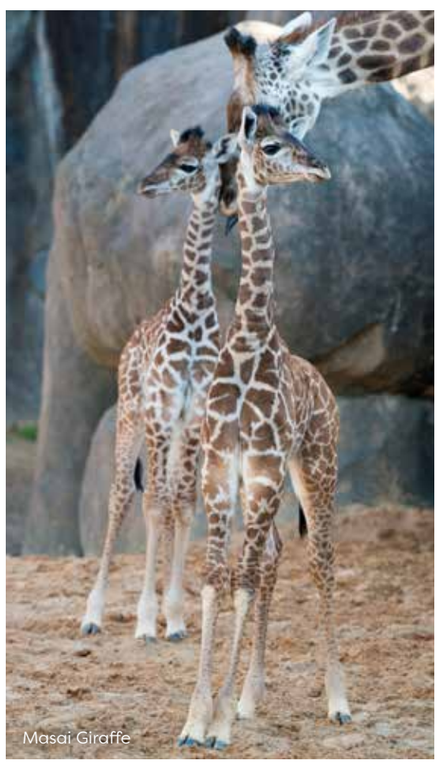
The Houston Zoo family grew substantially in 2017 with exciting animal additions across nearly every animal department.

This massive baby boom began in February with the birth of Antonio, the first Baird's tapir born at the Houston Zoo. Born to first-time parents Moli and Noah, Antonio weighed 24.5 pounds and had a colorful pattern of stripes and spots unique to baby tapirs.

The baby boom continued in April with the births of not just one, but two, Masai giraffes. Zindzhi and Mara were born just two weeks apart, and joined the rest of the giraffe herd in the McGovern Giraffe Habitat.

Not long after the giraffe calves were born, the Zoo announced yet another animal birth. Gus the warthog was born on May 6 to parents Akoko and Lenny, and he was the first warthog piglet born at the Houston Zoo in nearly 10 years.

Warthog


Masai Giraffe

Baird's Tapir

Sea Lion

Red River Hogs

Palawan Peacock Pheasant

African Bush Viper

Asian Elephant

White-blotched River Stingrays

Jaguars

Cheetahs

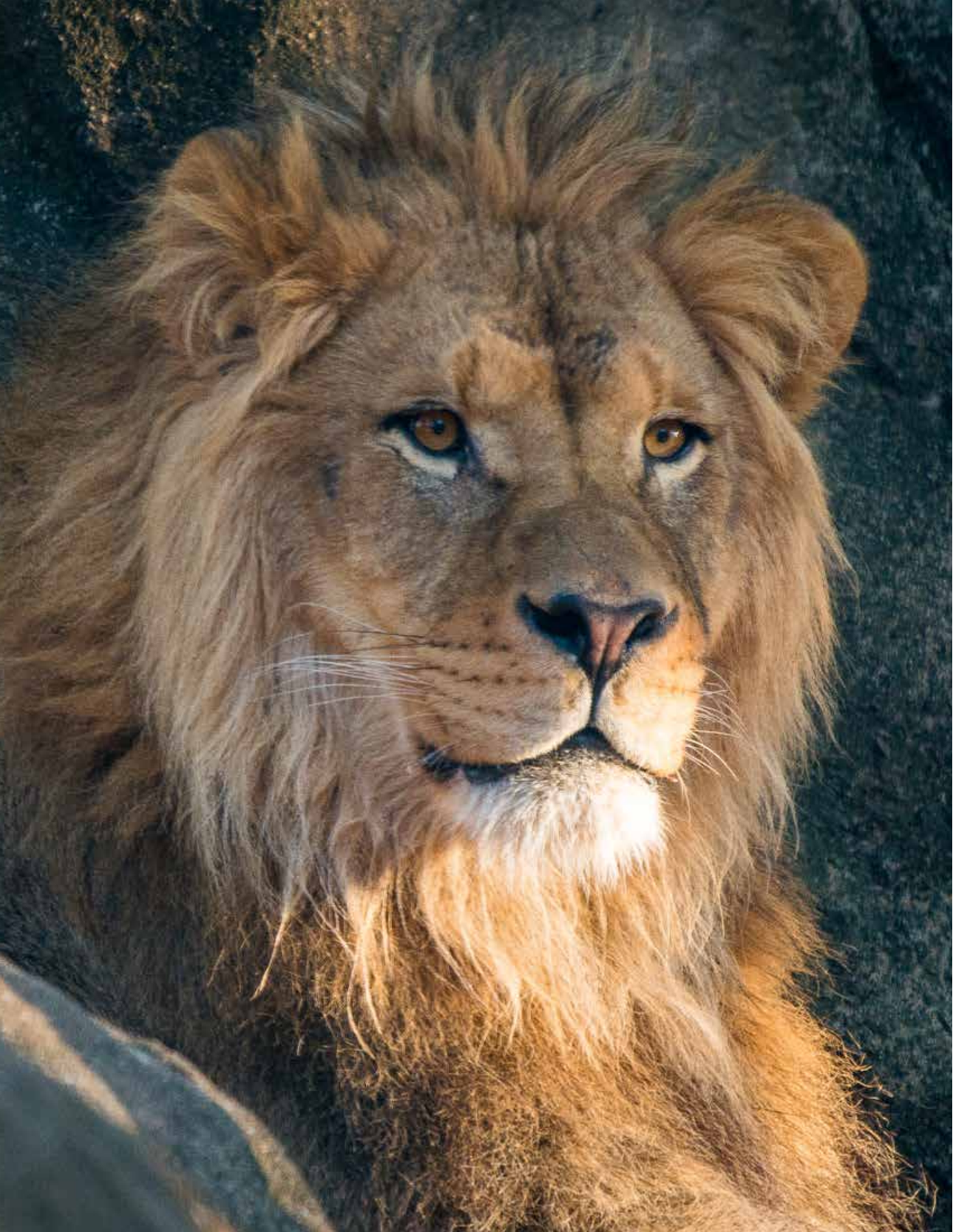
These animals are ambassadors for their counterparts in the wild.

They forge connections between our guests and the natural world. They inspire action to save wildlife.

Then, in June, the baby boom really took off! The Zoo welcomed Max, the second sea lion pup born at the Zoo in just 12 months. Max was born to first-time mother Cali. Sea lion pups aren't born knowing how to swim, so he spent his first few months learning in shallow water. In the Zoo's African Forest, another first-time mother, Luna, gave birth to two adorable red river hoglets, named Artemis and Ophelia. Also that month a fever (or group) of white-blotched river stingrays were born; each of these stingrays is unique, as no two white-blotched river stingrays have the same spot pattern. Two Palawan peacock-pheasant chicks hatched and were raised by their mother in the Birds of the World habitat. And last, but certainly not least, 10 African bush vipers, small enough to fit on a pencil, were hatched inside the Reptile and Amphibian House. These vipers are expected to grow to be between 18 and 24 inches long!

The baby boom didn't stop in June. Baby elephant Joy joined the herd on July 12. Then on July 20, a pair of rambunctious jaguar cubs, named Fitz and Emma, were born to first-time mother Maya. Our cameras were there to share their first moments in their habitat with Maya, and people from near and far shared in our delight as we watched them explore.

Finally, in August, the Zoo announced the arrival of two cheetah cubs, Dash and Dinari, from two different AZA-accredited zoos. The cubs were hand-reared since their mothers did not show interest in them or their littermates. These fast cats adapted quickly to their new life at the Houston Zoo.



Hasani
MOVES TO HOUSTON

In December, the Houston Zoo announced the arrival of a three-year-old, 400-pound male African lion named Hasani.

Hasani was born in an Association of Zoos and Aquariums-accredited zoo in the Pacific Northwest as a result of the Species Survival Plan (SSP). The mission of the AZA's SSP is to oversee the population management of select species within AZA member institutions, and to enhance conservation of those species in the wild.

Hasani joined the three lionesses, Uzima, Matangulu "Mattie," and Nimue, residing at the Zoo. Noticeably larger than our beloved Jonathan, who passed away of age-related causes in 2016, Hasani adds quite a presence to the habitat. He's impressive for guests to see. His attention, however, is often not on the guests. He particularly enjoys watching his neighbors across the path, Kadu the leopard and Berani the tiger; he is often found peeking over the heads of guests to see the other big cats.

The Zoo's lions are majestic ambassadors for their counterparts in the wild. Africa's wild populations have seen a dramatic decrease over the last century due to habitat loss, illegal bushmeat trade, and conflict with local communities. Fewer than 25,000 individual lions remain in the wild; that's equivalent to how many fans fit at a Houston Dynamo game in BBVA Compass Stadium!

The Houston Zoo protects 25% of the wild lion population by supporting the lion conservation leadership alliance Pride.

Pride is a unique organization that protects lions through the collaboration of five long-term, community-based conservation projects across Africa. Since 2015, leaders from the Niassa Carnivore Project, Ewaso Lions, Ruaha Carnivore Project, Lion Guardians, and Lion Landscapes have worked with the Houston Zoo to strengthen existing conservation leadership, empower young leaders and find innovative and collaborative solutions in Africa to save lions. We are proud to support Pride, and just by visiting Hasani at the Houston Zoo, you help save lions in the wild.

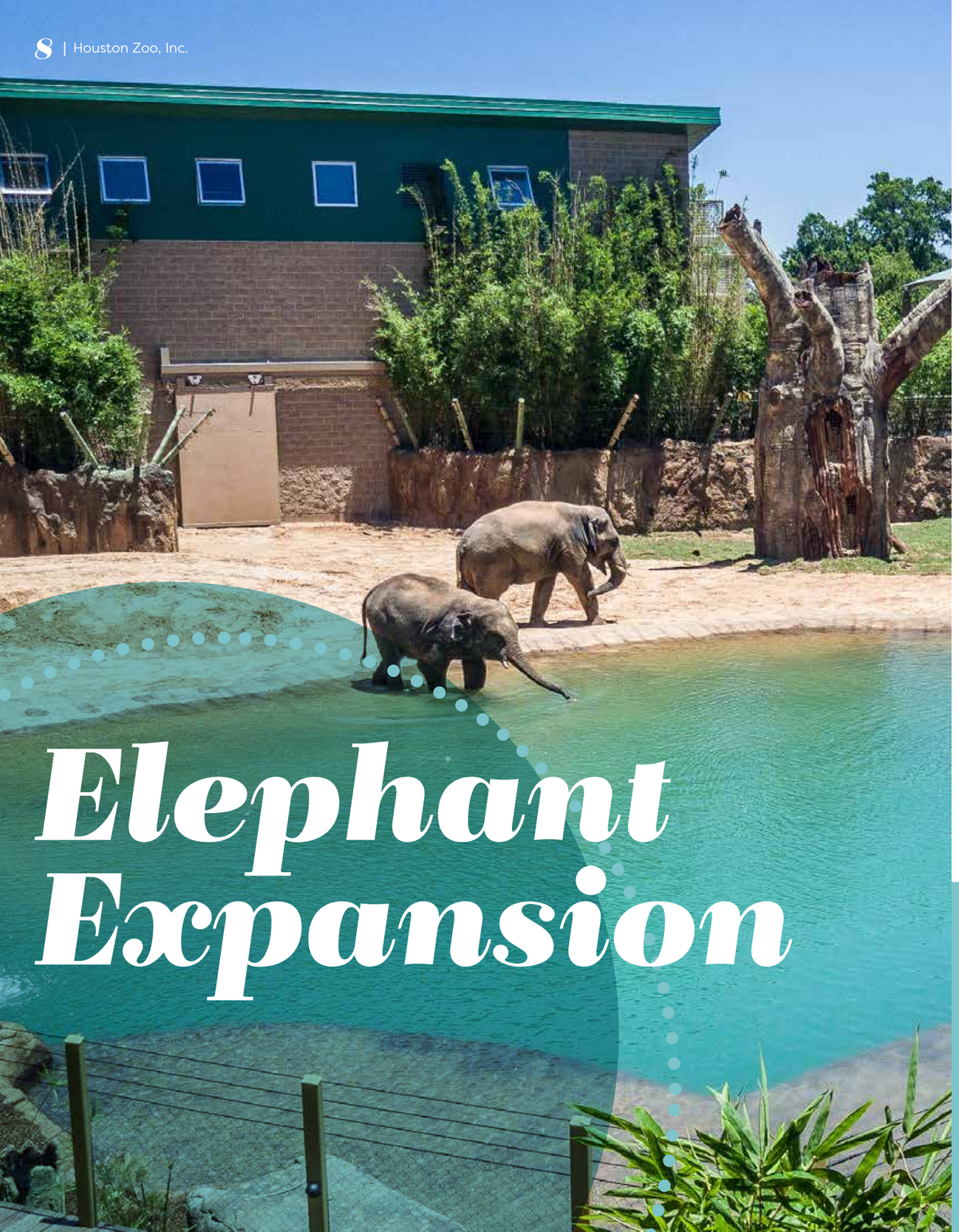
Hasani exploring his new home.

Our three lionesses, Uzima, Matangulu, and Nimue.

So, how DO you transport a 400-pound lion across the country?

The first step is getting a crate large enough to house the animal for the long trek. In Hasani's case, the crate was 41 inches wide, 78 inches long, and 58 inches tall! Then, zookeepers trained Hasani to get comfortable with going in the crate and staying there for longer periods of time. Finally, Houston Zoo staff traveled with Hasani, feeding him and ensuring he was safe and calm, from the west coast to Houston by air.

The transportation costs, as well as the care and feeding for Hasani for one year, were graciously funded by the Sara H. and John H. Lindsey Foundation. We thank them for their generous support!



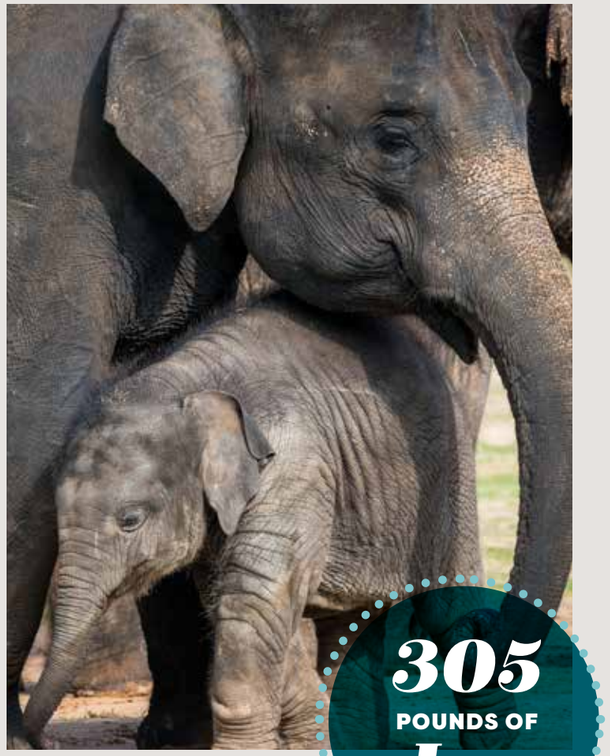
Elephant Expansion

The summer of 2017 certainly was exhilarating for the elephant team. In May, the bull elephants packed their trunks and moved into their new, expanded McNair Asian Elephant Habitat.

The Zoo's newest habitat expansion doubled the entire elephant complex and immerses guests into the lives and culture of Asian elephants. The two-year-long development and construction project includes a 7,000-square-foot barn custom-built to house the Zoo's bull elephants. Along with room to roam, the expanded space features interactive elements like a 160,000-gallon pool and artificial trees with enriching feeding devices, all carefully designed to engage the animals physically and mentally.

This expansion highlights the Zoo's commitment to elephants—both in our care and in the wild.

The Houston Zoo supports elephant protection efforts in Malaysian Borneo through partnerships with project Seratu Aatai, which works with local communities in Borneo to raise awareness of threats facing elephants, mitigate conflicts, and give farmers the tools and training they need to practice elephant-friendly agriculture. Danau Girang Field Centre is undertaking the first population biology study of the Bornean elephant. The Houston Zoo also provides funding for graduate student scholarships, radio collars, and camera traps.



305 POUNDS OF Joy

After a two-year pregnancy, Shanti the Asian elephant gave birth to a 305-pound female on July 12, 2017. Named Joy by the team who have dedicated their lives to the care, well-being, and conservation of these incredible animals, Joy is certainly living up to her name! Joy is a social calf and could often be seen by our guests romping with her half-sister Tupelo, nursing, or learning to eat solid foods.

ABOUT EEHV

The Houston Zoo is an integral part of finding treatments and management strategies for a life-threatening elephant virus, elephant endotheliotropic herpes virus (EEHV). With an incredible contribution from the Dan L. Duncan Family Foundation, the Zoo's veterinarians and elephant care team established a research collaboration in 2009 with herpes virologist Dr. Paul Ling at Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Virology and Microbiology, which recorded significant advancements in the study of EEHV, and toward a vaccine.

In 2017, we participated in two international EEHV workshops to share our knowledge, including the International EEHV meeting in London and the EEHV Asia Working Group meeting in Thailand. The Houston Zoo's EEHV testing methods, treatment protocols, and experience serve as a global elephant care resource and have contributed to saving elephant calves around the world.

Our local team also continued working collaboratively with EEHV researchers in the US and Europe to share information and materials with scientists working on different aspects of this deadly virus. It is by the Houston Zoo working together with Baylor College of Medicine, other dedicated organizations and laboratories, and range country partners that we will find a global understanding of the virus, develop a vaccine, and save elephants in the wild.

"The Baylor College of Medicine and Houston Zoo team has not only made significant discoveries and progress in this area, but arguably, we are leading in many areas of research progress for EEHV and developing clinical protocols for treating EEHV," said lead researcher and professor of molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor Dr. Paul Ling. "It is the amazing team at the Houston Zoo who give us access to elephants and materials, combined with the high-powered medical research facilities at BCM that gives this unique collaboration such power."

Dr. Joe Flanagan examines a sea turtle.

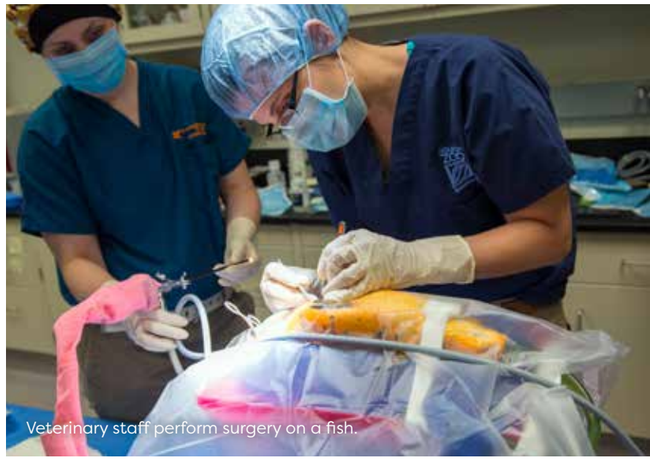
Veterinary Care
AT ITS BEST

The expanded veterinary clinic at the Houston Zoo opened in December 2016, and in 2017 the real work inside the hospital complex got underway. This year we saw the benefits of this brand-new space, as it helped us provide exemplary medical care for our animals.

The Denton A. Cooley Veterinary Hospital was originally built in 1985 and while it met our needs then, much has changed in the years since. A larger veterinary team to provide care to the thousands of animals at the Zoo and advances in veterinary medicine meant a need to expand the space available to house the latest technology and provide the very best care to our animals.

The hospital expansion means the Zoo's veterinary care team can now give a lion her routine check-up while across the hall another of the Zoo's four veterinarians can perform an annual exam on a chuckwalla or life-saving surgery on a Houston toad. This new expansion, which includes two digital radiology rooms, two treatment rooms, a surgical suite, and clinical laboratory, gives our veterinary team better access to their patients and makes daily care more efficient, as multiple patients can be cared for simultaneously.

The newly-expanded hospital complex was also fitted with life-saving equipment to ensure the highest quality of life for the thousands of animals at the Houston Zoo. In summer 2017, the team housed an Attwater's prairie chicken inside a large oxygenated incubator for several days when she needed oxygen therapy, which would have been difficult previously. This bird survived to be released into the Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge to join the wild population of this critically endangered species.



Veterinary staff perform surgery on a fish.

A lion receives a checkup.

> ***"I love working at the Houston Zoo's veterinary clinic because it's a modern facility with advanced equipment that allows us to provide high quality medicine and care for all of our animals."***
>
> — Dr. Christine Molter
> *Houston Zoo Veterinarian*

NATURE CONNECTS:

ART WITH LEGO® BRICKS

PRESENTED BY Coca-Cola

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Houston Zoo guests could see some of their favorite animals unlike ever before - built with tens of thousands of LEGO® bricks.

Nature Connects: Art with LEGO® Bricks featured a dozen animal sculptures, such as a hummingbird, coral reef, polar bear, and monarch butterfly, all created by artist Sean Kenney.

Each sculpture was inspired by wildlife, and signage throughout the exhibit informed our guests about the sculptures, the animals, and how we all can save species in the wild. Along the exhibit path, lush plants and trees added beauty and tranquility to this unique sculpture garden. Special emphasis was placed on celebrating pollinators: Guests were encouraged to search for the pollinator-friendly plants throughout the garden and learned how they could protect pollinators, like butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds, in their own backyard.

These giant sculptures, constructed with more than 770,000 tiny LEGO® bricks, took more than 6,500 hours to build by hand!

After experiencing great success in 2016 with the All-Day Pass, we offered this special ticket bundle again this year. The 2017 All-Day Pass included Zoo admission, access to Nature Connects: Art with LEGO® Bricks Presented by Coca-Cola, and a conservation bracelet; children also received Texas Direct Auto Wildlife Carousel rides with their pass.

Protecting POLLINATORS

Pollinators are essential to our ecosystem and pollinator awareness was a key part of our year in 2017. We incorporated pollinator messaging into several of our activities, and asked our staff and our guests to take action to help protect pollinators in the wild.

Starting in January, the Zoo collaborated with the NFL, Houston Super Bowl Host Committee, Verizon, and Trees for Houston to create two new pollinator gardens on Zoo grounds. These gardens are located near the giraffe barn and entrance to the African Forest. Their pollinator-friendly plants attract native butterflies and bees. Pollinator-friendly plants are also showcased in the new Explore the Wild play area.

Several Zoo events also highlighted pollinators. We hosted Pollinator Palooza in June, which was all about pollinators and featured games and activities to demonstrate their importance in nature. During the holidays, TXU Energy Presents Zoo Lights featured the Electric Pollinator Garden, a light display that highlighted a variety of pollinators and ways guests can save them in the wild.

In addition to the increased number of pollinator-friendly plants on grounds, the Zoo's monarch-tagging program saw great success this year.

In 2017, 61 Zoo staff members from 21 different departments, together with Zoo volunteers, ID tagged 70 wild monarch butterflies on Zoo grounds.

Researchers follow the wild butterflies using the ID tags. They use what they learn to create protection plans around the migratory paths to Mexico.

Kids can run, build, play, and use their imaginations in this play space featuring natural items. Explore the Wild opened in September.

We are grateful to The Brown Foundation, Inc. for their support of Explore the Wild.

Explore the Wild

Sticks turn into wands, leaves become magic wings, and sand is the main ingredient in the very best mud pie at the Zoo's newest place for kids to connect with nature—Explore the Wild.

In 2017 the Houston Zoo set out to create a play space that was far from ordinary. A play space that would encourage kids to get messy. To let their imaginations run wild. And to discover the natural world. This play space has no plastic slides or swing sets. Instead, it has logs for climbing, sand for digging, and branches for building. It's called Explore the Wild, and it's a fun place to play, but it's more than that too. At the Houston Zoo, we believe that playing in nature fosters a love that leads to protecting nature. Our goal is for Explore the Wild to inspire families to initiate their own nature explorations and to create a lifelong love for the natural world.

When planning this new area, one of the first things we did was talk to our guests. Zoo staff conducted focus groups and incorporated the feedback into the exhibit design. Kids told us they wanted climbing structures, water elements, and plenty of things to play with. Parents told us they wanted a safe area for the kids to explore, with shaded seating for them to relax while keeping an eye on their kids.

Care for the natural world is at the heart of Explore the Wild, and we kept that at the forefront as we built the area too. We used reclaimed wood for the walls, and the stumps and hand rails were made from unhealthy trees that were already planned to be removed from the land. We also planted pollinator-friendly plants throughout, and because of this, kids can see caterpillars, monarch butterflies, pipevine swallowtails, and more during their explorations.

It's ok to get a little messy at this play space!

Kids can climb and jump at Explore the Wild.

Explore the Wild opened in September and quickly became a favorite of those who visited. Kids love to play freely and we love watching them discover the world around them.

LEARNING AT EVERY AGE

A priority of the Zoo's strategic plan is to provide a continuum of learning from birth to adulthood to inspire people to save animals in the wild. To accomplish this, the Houston Zoo Conservation Education team launched new programs in 2017 that complement existing programs. Each educational program focuses on a different age group or approach. All programs place an emphasis on connecting participants to the natural world.

The Zoo's new **Family Nature Club** provides a way for families to get outside and explore nature together. As they do, they might discover an unusual leaf, an intriguing bug, or a really cool stick, for example. This program is held multiple times throughout the year, and in 2017 was located at some of the best nearby natural locations, like Hermann Park, Galveston Island State Park, Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, and, of course, the Houston Zoo! In just the first year of this program, we had 265 participants.

Zoo Sprouts! was created for some of our youngest Zoo-goers. The goal of this program is to provide age-appropriate educational Zoo experiences and introduce children to the green spaces at the Zoo. Guests who attend the class are encouraged to play in open, natural spaces throughout the Zoo. Animals are, of course, also a primary focus at Zoo Sprouts! Each class highlights a species, and themes have included "Brawny Bears," "Enormous Elephants," and "Jumpin' Jags." The Zoo Sprouts! program had 1148 participants in 2017, its first year.

For those who are older, the Houston Zoo's **Collegiate Conservation Program** is a summer internship geared toward undergraduates who are passionate about saving wildlife and looking to learn more about career opportunities in this field. Participants spend 10 weeks learning from Houston Zoo professionals and regional partners. We had 12 participants in 2017, and at the end of the summer 100% of them reported an increase in their understanding of wildlife-saving programs. In addition, nine out of the 12 participants listed "working in a zoo or in conservation" as a career interest.

The Collegiate Conservation Program is generously supported by ExxonMobil.

Naturally Wild Swap Shop

Located in the John P. McGovern Children's Zoo, the Naturally Wild Swap Shop is a place where kids and adults alike can explore and learn about interesting items found in nature. From mysterious rocks and shells to fossils and bones, there's something to amaze everyone. Guests 18 years old and younger can also earn points by bringing in items they find in nature. These points can then be traded for items in the collection to take home.

The overwhelming success of the Swap Shop is not only due to the fantastic families that visit and the Zoo's naturalists who work there, but also to the many volunteers who assist in the Swap Shop, including members of the Junior League of Houston. With smiling faces, these women volunteer their time to assist the Swap Shop Naturalists with whatever needs to be done. We thank the women of the Junior League of Houston for their tremendous help!

CELEBRATING OUR 10,000TH TRADER

The Swap Shop has seen many traders come through its doors since it opened in 2009, and on October 15, 2017, a huge milestone was reached: The Swap Shop registered its 10,000th trader!

The honor was awarded to 4-year-old Maya Rojo.

She and her family learned about the Swap Shop during a presentation in the John P. McGovern Children's Zoo and visited multiple times prior to making a trade.

For her first trade in October, Maya brought beautiful clam and oyster shells she found while searching for shells on a recent trip to Galveston. Her shell treasures earned her points to spend in the Swap Shop, and as part of her 10,000th trader award, she also received an additional 1,000 points along with a certificate and an amazing insect display!

To complement the Zoo's 17 full-time educators, each week-long camp session is supported by up to 32 contracted camp teachers, and nearly 50 members of Zoo Crew, our teen volunteers. Camp Zoofari staff maintain an 8-to-1 student-teacher ratio, surpassing the 10-to-1 ratio mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Eight-year-old camper Caroline was so inspired by her camp experience and seeing our elephants that she collected $11 and donated it to the Zoo's efforts to save animals in the wild!

Talking with Caroline

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL?

My favorite animal is the elephant.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THAT ANIMAL AT THE ZOO?

I learned how endangered they are and how much we need to help them.

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF CAMP ZOOFARI?

I like learning new things and making new friends at Camp Zoofari.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO DONATE MONEY TO HELP ELEPHANTS IN THE WILD?

I want to make a difference so in the future we'll still get to see these animals [elephants] in zoos and in the wild.

CAMP *Zoofari*

Camp Zoofari is a camp experience for children ages 4 through 16 that features fun and educational activities among an array of exotic wildlife. In 2017, the Zoo took Camp Zoofari out of the Brown Conservation Education Center and used the entire Zoo as their classroom! Instead of learning about elephants in a classroom, the campers experienced the sights, sounds, and yes, smells, of our very own herd.

We received feedback from past camp participants and added several new and exciting programs in 2017. For example, teens ages 13 through 16 had a new way to interact with our animals in two camps created specifically for them. During these camps, the teens got to help Children's Zoo keepers with training sessions with Finnegan the goat!

2017 campers were also encouraged to adopt behaviors that would help save animals in the wild. Campers took a pledge to bring reusable water bottles throughout camp, and were encouraged to recycle their lunch waste. A post-camp survey showed that the campers were not just inspired to take action during their week at the Zoo, but they took what they learned home to their families. In the survey, we found that 56% of the campers' families reported adding wildlife-saving actions into their home routine because of conversations with their campers.

For many Houston-area families, the high cost of a quality camp means their kids can't participate in an enriching experience during the summer break. That's why every year, the Houston Zoo sets aside 200 scholarship spots at Camp Zoofari, which are generously funded by our donors. By giving to the Send a Kid to Camp campaign, our donors provided deserving kids with an unforgettable opportunity to learn about the natural world, wildlife conservation, and the animals who call the Houston Zoo home.

Supporting the Zoo and Saving Wildlife

EACH YEAR, ZOO BALL AND THE CONSERVATION GALA BRING TOGETHER HUNDREDS OF OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS TO SUPPORT OUR CORE PROGRAMS AND FIELD CONSERVATION PROJECTS.

Zoo Ball 2017

An Aquatic Affair
The Enchantment of Sea Life

Honoring

Suzanne Nimocks
Immediate Past Board Chair

Corporate Partner Phillips 66

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April 22, 2017

At Zoo Ball 2017, we explored the limitless wonders of Earth's oceans. Not only did our guests raise more than $1 million for the Zoo's animal care, education, and conservation programs, they also learned how to keep our oceans healthy by replacing single-use plastic items with reusable options and choosing sustainable seafood. Each guest even received a tote bag made from 100% recycled plastic bottles! With ambassador animals, live and silent auctions and dancing 'til midnight, there couldn't have been a more fun way to support our Zoo. This event was an outstanding success thanks to Chairs Susie and Joe Dilg and Auction Chair Roxanne Almaraz.

> ***"I think that the Houston Zoo can save many animals from extinction. You are the voice of those who have no voice."***
>
> — Dr. Jonah Ratsimbazafy

For the 2017 Conservation Gala, we put a spotlight on saving the lemurs of Madagascar. In response to hearing about the plight of lemurs from conservation heroes Dr. Russell Mittermeier and Dr. Jonah Ratsimbazafy, who work tirelessly to protect wildlife in Madagascar, our guests helped save animals in the wild with more than $963,000 raised! These funds provided a vehicle for the team in Madagascar to quickly respond to poaching threats, support for the research and protection of newly discovered rare lemur species, and training and health care for people who live alongside lemurs as incentive for protecting forests. We could not be more grateful to our gala Co-Chairs, Mindy and Josh Davidson, for leading this event from start to finish.

Feed Your Wild Life

Conservation Gala 2017

Madagascar: Land of Lemurs

Honoring

KPRC Channel 2

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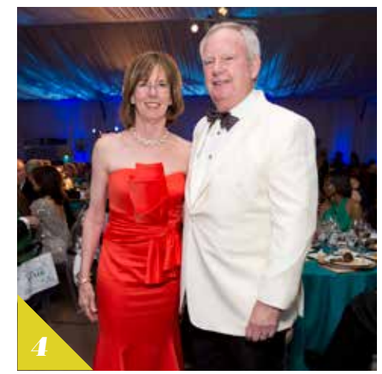
October 12, 2017



Taking viewers to MADAGASCAR

In 2015 the Houston Zoo escorted KPRC Channel 2 anchor Andy Cerota to Rwanda to film a one-hour special focused on how the Houston Zoo saves gorillas in the wild. In October 2016, we traveled with morning anchor Rachel McNeill and her family to visit our conservation partner GERP in Madagascar.

During this one-hour special, which aired in April 2017, Rachel showed what it takes to protect Madagascar—a biodiversity hotspot. This island nation off the coast of Southeast Africa is home to more than 100 lemur species, and it's the only place lemurs can be found in the wild. As lemurs face an uncertain future due to habitat loss and other threats, the work that GERP does—supported by the Houston Zoo and our visitors—is more vital than ever.

Next up, Borneo! KPRC Channel 2 traveled around the world in late 2017 to interview our partners at the Danau Girang Field Centre and Hutan about their work to save Bornean animals, like elephants and orangutans. This one-hour special will air in 2018.

Rachel was so inspired by her trip that she was eager to emcee the Zoo's annual Feed Your Wild Life Conservation Gala, Madagascar: Land of Lemurs in October 2017.

1. Soraya and Scott McClelland, ***Zoo Ball 2017***
2. Dr. Jonah Ratsimbazafy and Dr. Russ Mittermeier, ***Conservation Gala 2017***
3. Dr. Cullen Geiselman and Herb Simons, ***Conservation Gala 2017***
4. Susie and Joe Dilg, ***Zoo Ball 2017***
5. Mindy and Josh Davidson, ***Conservation Gala 2017***
6. Tim Roberts, Phillips 66, ***Zoo Ball 2017***

Zero

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES AT THE ZOO

The elimination of plastic water bottles will reduce the amount of plastic waste by an estimated 7,243 pounds in just one year. This reduces the threat of wildlife becoming entangled or ingesting this waste.

In 2015, the Houston Zoo removed single-use plastic bags in our gift shops, keeping an estimated 80,000 plastic bags from entering landfills and the environment each year. In 2017, we went one step further and eliminated single-use plastic water bottles from all concession stands. These two important decisions were made as a direct result of our strategic plan and our priority to operate sustainably to benefit the environment.

Guests now have two choices when purchasing water at the Zoo—an aluminum reusable water bottle (pre-filled with water) or a JUST Water recyclable, paper-based water bottle. JUST Water bottles are made up of 82% renewable resources, leaving behind a much smaller carbon footprint than bottles made entirely of plastic. The bottle itself is made of paper from certified forests and the plastic cap is made from sugarcane, making JUST Water bottles 100% recyclable.

The Zoo also has water bottle refilling stations throughout the tree-covered grounds. These water refill stations are easily recognizable by the "Save Sea Turtles Here" signs. Using reusable water bottles and refilling them helps save sea turtles in the wild by keeping plastic waste out of the ocean, where wildlife can become entangled or mistake it for food. Plastic bottles and bags can make their way to Houston's waterways and end up in the ocean, home to animals like sea turtles, sting rays, sharks, and an array of fish.

We are proud to say whether guests bring a reusable bottle from home or buy water here, they are helping save animals in the wild.

SSA's new food truck.

Taste provides delicious catering.

Quality and delicious food is served by SSA.

In 2017 we also welcomed a new beverage partner: The Coca-Cola Company.

There are two types of water refill stations at the Zoo—free standing, green fountains, and silver, chilled fountains attached to walls, made possible by a partnership with Texas Plumbing Supply.

A RECIPE FOR *Partnership*

When you visited the Houston Zoo in 2017 you might have noticed an improvement in the food selection and quality—that's because we launched a partnership with a new food service provider, Service Systems Associates (SSA).

SSA immediately showed their commitment to quality foods through their wide array of delicious offerings: from fresh salads to juicy burgers, chicken tenders to pizza with hand-rolled dough. One of the most exciting additions was the Masakan food truck, located near the McNair Asian Elephant Habitat. Here, guests can enjoy loaded tater tots or a cool beverage. Catered events are a key part of the Zoo's business (in fact, the Zoo had a record number of corporate rental events in 2017) and SSA delivered an array of amazing food for these special events as well, from pesto chicken to seared yellow fin tuna, through their catering group, Taste.

In addition to serving tasty food, SSA has made an exceptional commitment to supporting the Houston Zoo, our mission, and our strategic priorities. The team at SSA consults with Zoo experts on which food storage containers are best for the environment, they source local ingredients, and they only serve sustainable seafood. And their dedication to the Zoo goes beyond food! SSA donated $2.5 million to the Houston Zoo's Centennial Campaign, showing their commitment to being a part of our future.

On a Mission to Save Wildlife, Together

THERE ARE MORE THAN 450 PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE HOUSTON ZOO, AND EVERY ONE OF THEM HELPS SAVE ANIMALS IN THE WILD.

From the greeters working at our entrance to our grounds team who cleans the Zoo after everyone has left and everyone in between, we've worked hard over the past several years to build a culture of conservation among all Zoo staff. We constantly seek new ways to inspire our staff to fulfill our mission of connecting communities with animals, inspiring action to save wildlife and the Zoo offers several opportunities throughout the year for staff from all departments to actively participate in protecting animals in the wild.

29 staff drove the Texas coast searching for stranded and injured wildlife

61 staff joined in fitting tiny tags on wild monarch butterflies so they can be protected on their migration to Mexico

25 staff removed fishing line and garbage from our Texas coastline to protect wildlife

We've been able to track the success of infusing conservation into every aspect of the Houston Zoo's operations—and word is getting around to other zoos and aquariums!

At the 2017 Association of Zoos and Aquariums Annual Conference Houston Zoo President and CEO Lee Ehmke moderated a panel with Board Member Dr. Cullen Geiselman, Vice President of Human Resources Kristin Finney, Senior Director of Development Audra Jesudason and Senior Director of Business Operations Adrian Cavazos that highlighted examples and showcased the results of how a conservation culture has strengthened the Houston Zoo. Their presentation was received with high praise! In 2017, we coached 10 other zoos and aquariums on creating a culture of conservation amongst staff, which aligns with our vision of being a leader in the global movement to save wildlife.

Houston Zoo staff on a panel at the 2017 AZA annual conference.

Happy Holidays
FOR HOUSTONIANS AND OUR ANIMALS

The lights shined bright once again at the Houston Zoo's holiday event TXU Energy Presents Zoo Lights!

This year we welcomed 301,563 guests to the event. New this year, when people arrived at the Zoo one of the first things they saw was a custom-built recycle bin to encourage them to bring their old or broken holiday lights to the Zoo for recycling. And it worked—we recycled 5,340 pounds of lights, which is more than ever before! Recycling helps save wildlife by keeping items out of landfills. Less space for landfills means more space for animals.

Another new display at TXU Energy Presents Zoo Lights this year was the Watering Hole, where lighted elephants, giraffes, hippos, and cranes surrounded a lake made of twinkling blue lights. Most of the Zoo's real animals were tucked in tight for a good night's rest during the event, and that's for a good reason. A pillar of the Zoo's strategic plan is to ensure optimal welfare for our animals, which for this event means making sure each animal is able to experience typical cycles of sleep and awake and that noise levels are of acceptable decibels, among other benchmarks. The entire Zoo staff takes pride in ensuring our high standards of animal welfare are met year-round. For TXU Energy Presents Zoo Lights, the Zoo's animal experts worked with staff from marketing, rangers, facilities, admissions, and more to make sure the animals' needs were met each and every night of the popular event.

TXU Energy Presents Zoo Lights continues to be a cherished part of Houstonians' holiday celebrations and we look forward to hosting families for the holidays next year and for years to come.

A festive bin at the entrance encouraged guests to recycle their lights.

The new Watering Hole featured animals in lights. Thank you to Texas Capital Bank for supporting this display.

Thank you
TO OUR SPONSORS

TXU ENERGY
H-E-B
COCA-COLA
KPRC CHANNEL 2

Dedicated Zoo staff from all departments rode out the storm at the Zoo to help keep our animals safe.

HURRICANE HARVEY

For so many of us in southeast Texas, 2017 will be marked in memory by the destructive floods of Hurricane Harvey. Yet in the wake of the storm, kindness, service, and civic spirit reigned across our region.

> ***"I'm so grateful for the assistance provided by the donations to the Harvey Relief Fund for employees. We were able to get the walls, flooring and some furniture/washer/dryer to aid us in returning to our home. Without this help we would still be displaced. Thank you so much to all who contributed; your help was and is greatly appreciated."***
>
> — Houston Zoo staff member

The Houston Zoo and its animals fared well during the downpour, but many members of our team saw their homes flooded. We witnessed first-hand the incredible generosity of the Houston Zoo community when nearly 400 donors helped us raise more than $135,000 to provide direct support to Zoo staff affected by the storm.

This generosity made a tremendous difference in the lives of the Houston Zoo staff who rebuilt after Harvey. Thanks to these generous donors, the Zoo provided 20 families with funds to repair homes and replace personal belongings. Wherever insurance and disaster recovery resources left gaps, we worked to make sure these families got what they needed to get back to normal.

From the gifts to the Harvey Relief Fund, to the dedicated staff who rode out the storm at the Zoo to care for our animals, to the outpouring of support from zoos across the country, and the nearly 9,500 guests who showed up the first day we reopened, and to every member of our community who paddled a canoe, swung a sledgehammer, or served a hot meal to help a Houstonian in need—2017 was marked by generosity. We are all Houston Strong.

A Sea Turtle named Harvey

On Wednesday, August 30, after the storm, the Houston Zoo answered the call to rescue a green sea turtle. This small turtle, only the size of a dinner plate, had been picked up nearly 50 miles inland from the coast by firefighters at Houston Fire Station 51. The first responders named the sea turtle Harvey after the natural disaster that brought the turtle so far from his ocean home. Houston Zoo veterinary staff gave Harvey the medical treatment he needed, and he was re-released into the Gulf a short time later.

FLOCK

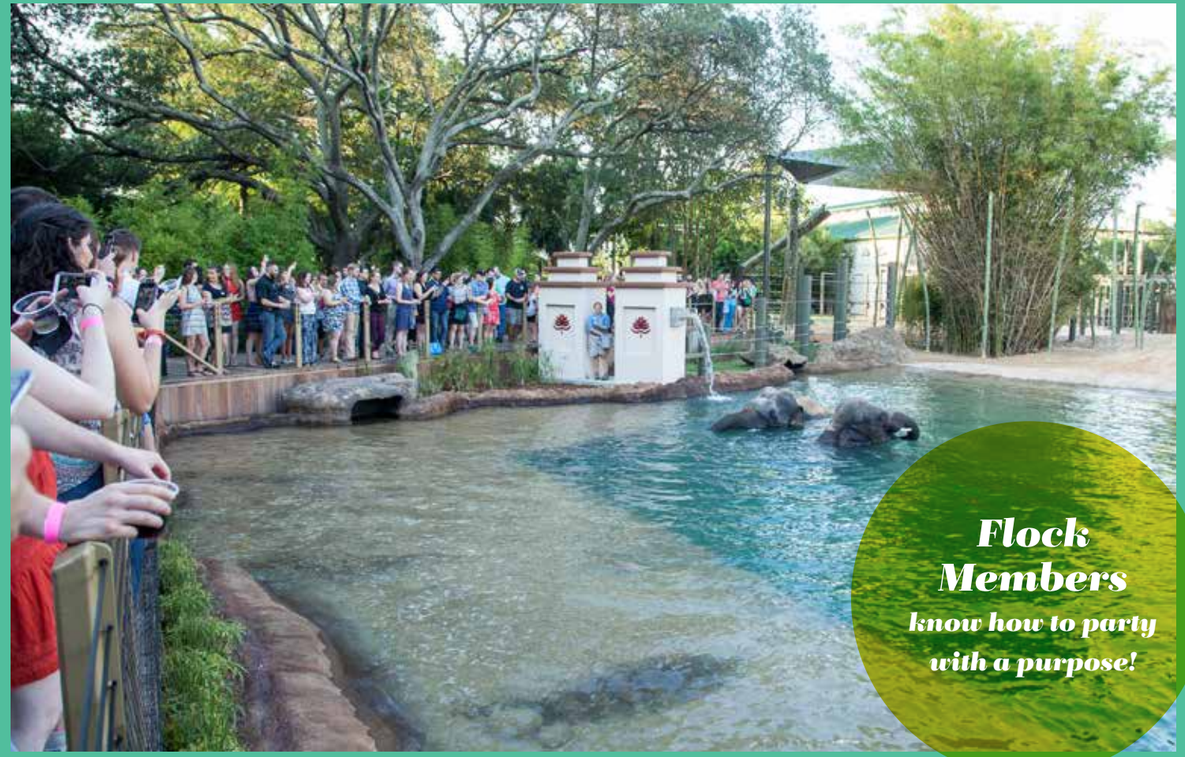
Next-Gen Philanthropy

The Houston Zoo is regarded as an ideal place for kids and families, and it is. But we strongly believe in creating experiences for people in every age range to build lasting, lifetime relationships with our organization. That's one of the reasons we started Flock.

Flock is a donor club specifically created with young professionals and philanthropists ages 21 and up in mind. With more than 350 members at the end of 2017, Flock is flying high. This group brings together like-minded Zoo enthusiasts through volunteer opportunities and exclusive events. While having an open bar and complimentary fare at our events is nice, Flock is ultimately about connecting members to our animals, keepers, and wildlife-saving initiatives.

Every Flock event held in 2017 was themed around one of the Zoo's conservation priorities. At the Beastly Brunch, our horticulture team showed Flock members how to plant pollinator-friendly gardens. When the expanded McNair Asian Elephant Habitat opened, we held an "Elephant Housewarming Party" where Flock members learned how to choose sustainable palm oil products. At our first "Flocktoberfest," guests had opportunities to talk directly with keepers and learn how plastic recycling keeps our oceans clean and healthy.

The Houston Zoo has been around for generations. With our amazing Flock members' support, our future is in good hands.



Flock Members *know how to party with a purpose!*

Molly Voorhees, Stacy Methvin, and Rena Koinis

Ambassador animals make appearances at Asante events.

Bas and Courtney Solleveld

THE ASANTE SOCIETY
BRINGS ZOO ENTHUSIASTS CLOSER TO OUR MISSION

Asante Society members are not just leading philanthropists, but friends with whom we have the privilege of sharing the Houston Zoo year after year.

For more than a decade, the Asante Society has connected our most passionate supporters with like-minded Zoo enthusiasts and our mission. This premier donor club offers many benefits, but our members especially appreciate their private tours and exclusive events because they provide fun and engaging ways to get closer to the Houston Zoo.

In 2017, we welcomed well over one hundred Asante Society members at the Zoo for private tours. These tours are special because Asante members can talk to and learn from our amazing zookeepers and animal care staff. Want to meet our gorillas and one of their keepers? How about go behind the scenes with our animal nutrition experts? Nearly every area of the Zoo offers these kinds of amazing opportunities. For Asante members, this is one of the most impactful ways to understand how we work to care for our animals and save their counterparts in the wild.

Likewise, our Asante Society events in 2017 also showed how the Houston Zoo is the place to learn how to save wildlife while having a whole lot of fun! At our February cocktail event, Asante members got to meet our sea lion team and learn how they're protecting ocean life along the Texas coast. At our May reception, "An Evening with Gorillas," Asante members enjoyed watching our gorillas receive icy enrichment treats and also learned how recycling cell phones helps reduce the need to mine materials found in gorillas' natural habitats.

Master Plan Update

In 2016 the Houston Zoo developed a Master Plan that re-envisions our animal habitats and guest experience. As this plan is brought to life over the next 20 years, the Houston Zoo will be transformed into distinct zones, with world-class exhibits that highlight ecosystems found in Texas and around the world, and the animals who live there.

In 2017 we finalized the design for the first Master Plan project—Texas Wetlands. To accomplish this, Houston Zoo leadership handpicked a team of exhibit designers, landscape architects, architects, engineers and contractors to design, document, and build alongside Zoo experts. This robust group of innovative minds worked together to specify everything from the aesthetics of the new Cypress Circle Café to the water quality system for the alligators who will live in the wetlands. The design development completed in 2017 laid the foundation for the construction to follow. Texas Wetlands will open in 2019.

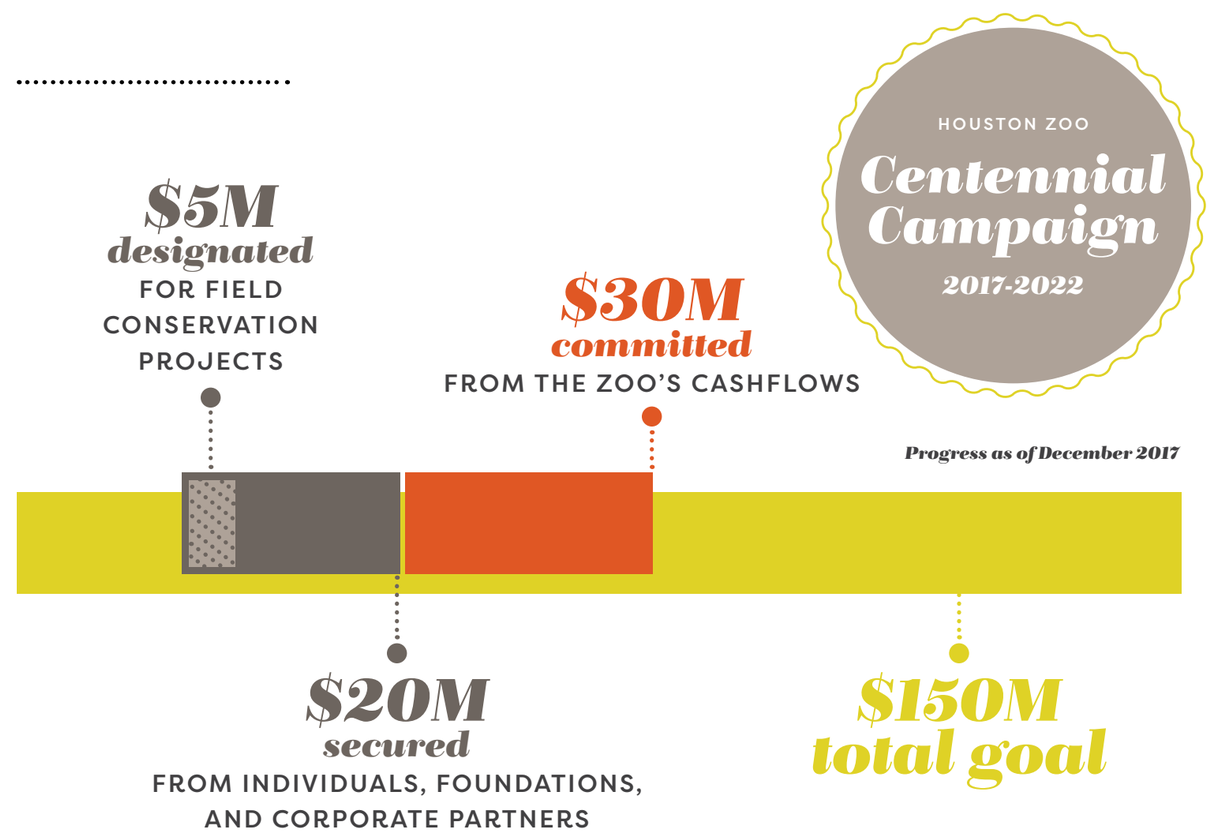
Funding our Future

While designing the Houston Zoo's 20-year master plan, we knew that we could count on the generosity of Houstonians to help make it a reality. After all, since our Zoo became a non-profit organization in 2002, more than $150 million has been invested to improve our campus. All the exciting changes you see today—like Gorillas of the African Forest and the expanded McNair Asian Elephant Habitat—were made possible through philanthropy.

The first phase of our 20-year master plan, to be completed in time for our 2022 centennial anniversary, is the most transformative project we've ever embarked on. Fulfilling this bold new vision for our Houston Zoo called for an equally bold capital campaign. To that end, in February 2017, the Zoo's Board of Directors approved the launch of our most ambitious campaign ever—Keeping Our World Wild: Centennial Campaign for the Houston Zoo.

The response was record-breaking for our organization. In less than ten months, individuals, foundations, and corporate partners committed more than $20 million. Combined with the Zoo's own investment of $30 million, by the end of 2017 we were off and running with more than $50 million secured. Exceptional leadership from our Board and campaign co-chairs, Dr. Cullen Geiselman and Joe Cleary, has been essential to our success.

With this centennial campaign, we will raise a total of $150 million. To ensure this effort has a lasting impact on animals in the wild, $5 million from the campaign will go directly to field conservation projects in Texas and around the world. We're deeply grateful to our campaign supporters who've joined us as we embark on this exciting evolution of the Houston Zoo. It simply would not be possible to build the world-class zoo our city deserves without your help. Thank you!



CHARTING OUR PROGRESS

% Change 2003-2017

Total Attendance

66%

2003	2008	2013	2017
1,455,591	1,613,661	2,155,095	2,409,014

Total Revenues

227%

2003	2013
$22,193,316	$50,631,016
2008	**2017**
$28,147,929	$72,671,944

Membership Household

280%

2003	2008	2013	2017
15,000	32,138	50,350	57,039

Conservation Support Provided

451%*

2003	2013
N/A	$1,700,000
2008	**2017**
$590,000	$3.250,000

Zoo Staff

125%

2003	2008	2013	2017
200	309	390	450

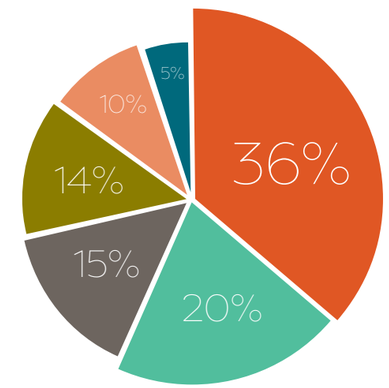
* Since 2008

The Houston Zoo is honored to share this 2017 Annual Report with you and grateful for your support. Your generous contributions allow us to connect millions of guests each year with our animals. Because of you, the Houston Zoo continues to be a well-loved destination for Houstonians and a valuable contributor to saving animals in the wild. As we look to the future, we are excited about the opportunities and hope you will be inspired to continue to invest in the Houston Zoo.

2017 Revenue

Contributions	$26,501,620	36%
Admission Fees	$14,600,067	20%
Other	$10,761,660	15%
City of Houston Management Fee	$9,837,416	14%
Membership Fees	$7,235,871	10%
Concession Payments	$3,735,310	5%
Total	$72,671,944	100%

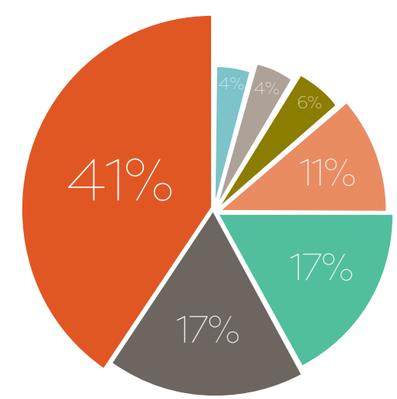
REVENUE BREAKDOWN CHART (PERCENT)



2017 Expenditures

Animal & Exhibit Operations	$19,836,655	41%
Admissions, Membership & Marketing	$8,382,708	17%
Depreciation	$8,320,648	17%
Conservation & Education	$5,411,740	11%
Guest Program Events	$2,650,840	6%
Administrative, IT & All Other	$2,142,799	4%
Fundraising	$2,050,798	4%
Total	$48,796,188	100%

EXPENDITURES BREAKDOWN CHART (PERCENT)



Net Assets for Reinvestment: $23,875,756

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