

NASHVILLE ZOO

ANNUAL REPORT

OVERCOMING 2020

TOGETHER WITH
DEDICATION,
PASSION, AND
TEAMWORK





Palawan Binturong

Also known as a **bearcat**, it is a viverrid native to South and Southeast Asia.

Conservation Status:
VULNERABLE

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Conservation Status

Throughout this report, some animals and their conservation status will be highlighted. This graphic, representing the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List, is used to evaluate the extinction risk of species, including Least Concern all the way to Extinct.

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teamwork

WITH JULIE W. WALKER AND RICK SCHWARTZ



Dear Friends,

If we had to choose one word to describe the Nashville Zoo in 2020, it wouldn't be unprecedented, or uncertain or even challenging. While those are all accurate descriptors of the past year, the word we would choose is **Teamwork**, as this is what defined our Zoo in 2020. As you read through the pages of this annual report, you will see stories of collaboration - among our staff, with other zoological professionals and institutions, and with our loyal and generous supporters like you. Never in our history has it been more appropriate to say that without you, we could not have succeeded. And while it's hard to think of the past year as a success, the fact that we were able to continue providing our animals with the highest quality of care and still fulfill our mission is a victory in our books.

The Nashville Zoo's mission is to inspire a culture of understanding and discovery of our natural world through conservation, innovation and leadership. In 2020, the Zoo's staff was certainly innovative. When the Zoo temporarily closed to guests, we did our best to bring the Zoo into people's homes. Whether this was through videos of keepers sharing about the animals in their care or online educational resources for students, Zoo staff teamed up and got creative. Then when we were able to once again welcome guests back into the park, every precaution was taken to make sure they felt safe visiting. These new protocols, so thoroughly planned by our leadership team and executed by our frontline staff, earned the Zoo recognition as the Best COVID Revamp by the Nashville Scene.

It is this dedicated teamwork on all levels that sets our staff apart, and we believe this contributed to the Nashville Zoo earning Top Honors in the Exhibit Award from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) for the second year in a row - a truly exceptional achievement. We first won this award in 2019 for *Expedition Peru: Trek of the Andean Bear*, with lead donors Stephanie and John Ingram. We won again in 2020 for *Tiger Crossroads*. As the principal benefactor of this exhibit, the Bracken Foundation collaborated with us to build a truly exceptional exhibit which the award committee complimented for its unparalleled levels of authentic design detail, educational content and commitment to conservation. But one of the things that the judges were particularly impressed with was how staff from every department worked together to develop this beautiful exhibit.

Collaboration was the common thread in two additional AZA awards and two Tennessee museum awards we received in 2020. Along with the National Zoo's Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, we were awarded the AZA's prestigious Edward H. Bean Award for our propagation efforts with clouded leopards. Additionally, Proyecto Titi, in partnership with the Nashville Zoo, won the

AZA's International Conservation Award for work with cotton-top tamarins in Columbia, South America. In 2020, the Nashville Zoo also received two Awards of Excellence from the Tennessee Association of Museums (TAM). One of these TAM awards resulted from a collaboration with the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA), and the other one came about through a joint project with Tennessee State University. The TSLA project went on to win a national award from the American Association for State and Local History.

While these large-scale efforts are the ones that brought the Zoo external recognition in 2020, we collaborated with other zoos and animal conservation organizations on an almost daily basis. For example, our male giraffe, Congo, received a hoof care procedure last year that involved a team of more than 30 individuals including a veterinarian from Zoo Atlanta and a farrier from Colorado. Every one of the 59 Species Survival Plans (SSPs) that we participate in relies on coordination among AZA institutions to help maintain strong genetics among the populations of animals in our care. Some of our most noteworthy animal births and hatching last year, which resulted from these SSPs, were kangaroo joeys, a binturong kit, a giant anteater pup, a pair of porcupettes, a rhinoceros hornbill chick and a cassowary chick. Our Zoo also joined efforts with a number of other institutions to address a crisis in Florida's coral reefs through the Florida Reef Tract Rescue Project.

The Zoo's staff deserves a great deal of praise for the wonderful work they accomplished last year under difficult conditions. But the most important members of our team in 2020 were **YOU**, our loyal supporters. None of the accomplishments that we have written about here would have been possible without you. The reality of the past year is that the Zoo's earned revenue was decimated, and it was an abundance of love and support from our donors that sustained the Nashville Zoo. We couldn't host our usual in-person fundraising events, and while we missed seeing you at the Zoo, you were still there for us. You pivoted along with us, sustaining the Zoo through matching gift challenges, emergency relief funding and donations to our *From Nashville Zoo with Love* telethon on WKRN-TV. This fundraiser itself was yet another extraordinary example of teamwork. We are pleased to share that we will partner with News 2 once again this year to host a similar event on August 4, 2021.

In closing, we'd like to say **Thank you** on behalf of the Nashville Zoo's Board of Directors and staff. As we've said before - the generosity of our community built the Nashville Zoo, and it is that same generosity that will keep the Zoo thriving for generations to come.

We hope you'll enjoy reviewing this annual report. And when you feel comfortable and are able to do so, we'd love to see you again at the Zoo.

Gratefully,

Julie W. Walker
Nashville Zoo Board Chairman
(2016-2020)

Rick Schwartz
Nashville Zoo President & CEO

transition

FROM JULIE W. WALKER TO ED GOODRICH



Julie W. Walker has served as Chairman of the Nashville Zoo Board of Directors for the past five years. She has been steadfast in her leadership through the organization's highs, which included opening four new exhibits and a veterinary center, to its lows, the most significant of which was closing to the public due to the pandemic. Through it all, Julie has been an incredible advisor, friend, and advocate for the Zoo. We are forever in her debt.

Ed Goodrich has succeeded Julie as Board Chairman in 2021. Formerly serving as Board Treasurer and Chair of the Zoo's Finance Committee, Ed has already made a significant impact on the organization. He brings a wealth of financial expertise to his new role, which will be an invaluable resource, particularly during this time in our history.

To both Julie and Ed, the Zoo's leadership and staff offer a heartfelt thank you.

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2020

A YEAR IN REVIEW

It seems so long ago when we wrapped up Zoolumination with a Chinese New Year Celebration. Hundreds of guests gathered shoulder to shoulder inside our Jungle Terrace tent on a chilly, January evening to experience a beautiful tradition and take one last look at the amazing lanterns brought from the other side of the world.

We said goodbye to the lantern makers, who were returning to a country fighting a pandemic that would soon surround the planet.

We missed our guests while we were closed. All of those smiling faces and children whose excitement bursts into physical jubilation. Still, spring came, and

we realized we still had so much joy to share even if it couldn't be face-to-face. A pair of prickly porcupettes, a baby binturong, caracal kittens, and a spunky cassowary chick named Neo all delivered a smile, sometimes a giggle, to millions of online fans looking for signs of normalcy.

Our keepers sent videos to followers and supporters letting them know that all of our animals were okay, that we were okay, and we would see them soon.

During our time without the public, we made proverbial lemonade and cleaned the Zoo, spruced up gardens, and even fixed the meerkat pathway making it easier for

those who struggle with hills. We worked together to make the Zoo safe for their eventual return.

The summer and fall seasons took us to unfamiliar territory. One-way paths and reminders to be conscious and courteous to one another helped us to blaze a new pathway forward. A mob of joeys elicited coos and squeals, and a colossal flower gave us a brief spectacle of wonder and wrinkled noses.

As we travel beyond a year of challenges and into a year of hope, we look back and realize that there are many bright memories that we have shared. We are proud of everything we were able to accomplish in 2020.





Southern Cassowary

Cassowaries are closely related to kiwis, with both families diverging from a common ancestor approximately 40 million years ago.

Conservation Status: *VULNERABLE*



AZA TOP HONORS EXHIBIT AWARD

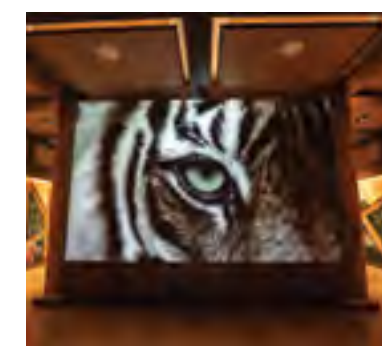


In September, the Zoo's Tiger Crossroads exhibit received Top Honors for Exhibit Design from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. This award was also given to the Zoo in 2019 for our Expedition Peru: Trek of the Andean Bear exhibit. Winning top honors in exhibit design two years in a row has taken place only two other times in AZA history. The first in 1976/77 at the Saint Louis Zoo. The second was 33 years ago in 1986/87 at the Bronx Zoo. It is the highest accomplishment for exhibit design given by the AZA.

**“ This is, quite honestly,
the highlight of my 30
plus years here at the Zoo.”**

- Rick Schwartz
PRESIDENT & CEO

Judges were unanimous in their decision based on the overall aesthetics and authenticity of the exhibit, the improvements to the original space both for the animals and guests, the extraordinary level of exhibit detail, the high level of educational content, and Nashville Zoo's long-term commitment to tiger conservation. The committee was particularly impressed with the level of staff involvement allowing an exceptional level of detail and keeping costs manageable.



We're delighted the Zoo was recognized once again for excellence in design by creating a state of the art facility for our tigers. It was gratifying to see the exhibit come together thanks to so many dedicated people.

- Judith Bracken
TIGER CROSSROADS DONOR



Sumatran Tiger

The Sumatran tiger is a subspecies of tiger native to the Indonesian island of Sumatra. It's the smallest of the tigers, possibly because it evolved on an isolated island habitat.

Conservation Status:
CRITICALLY ENDANGERED

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BRINGING SPECIES BACK FROM THE BRINK



Nashville Zoo, in collaboration with the National Zoo's Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, was also awarded the prestigious Edward H. Bean Award for our long-term work, commitment, and success with clouded leopards. The award, given by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, recognizes a significant captive propagation effort that either enhances the population of a species, or represents a breakthrough in husbandry or breeding strategies that

are milestones for creating a new zoo and aquarium population. Established in 2002, The Clouded Leopard Consortium successfully transformed a dwindling population of clouded leopards into a robust, genetically diverse program. Additionally, Proyecto Titi, in partnership with Nashville Zoo, won the International Conservation Award for their long term commitment to raising public awareness of the plight of the endangered cotton-top tamarin in Columbia, South America.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE FOR A HOOF TRIM

Giraffes spend the majority of their lives on their feet, so their hooves must remain in great shape. Our male giraffe, Congo, was born with a poorly formed right front hoof which has caused him to abnormally shift his weight (all 2,300 pounds of it) to his other feet. For years, the Zoo's veterinary and giraffe care teams have worked hard caring for Congo's hooves while he was awake and willing. However, his ability to walk without discomfort continued to deteriorate. It was time for more aggressive care.

The Zoo's veterinary and giraffe care teams, along with guidance from Dr. Sam Rivera, Senior Director of Animal Health at Zoo Atlanta, and Steve Foxworth, Lead Ferrier for the Zoo Hoofstock Trim Program, developed a detailed plan to anesthetize Congo and correct his hooves. Putting a 16-year-old giraffe under anesthesia is difficult and risky. A giraffe's body is not built to lay on its side for long periods of time. To be successful, a team of more than thirty needed to work quickly and efficiently. In under an hour, the team was able to put Congo to sleep, move him into position, trim and repair all four hooves, and give him a custom-made hoof cover to allow him to heal. After several attempts and a little help from the team, Congo was soon standing without pain.



“Extraordinary animal care takes knowledge from many people. To bring that together in a coordinated effort with the same goal, is what makes us successful.”

- Dr. Heahter Schwartz
DIRECTOR OF
VETERINARY SERVICES

Cotton-top Tamarin

Cotton-top tamarins are named for the shock of white hair encircling their heads — a look reminiscent of Albert Einstein.

Conservation Status:
CRITICALLY ENDANGERED





Keeping Committed TO CONSERVATION

With the Zoo, struggling to meet its day to day operational expenses in 2020, the funding available for our conservation efforts was limited. Thankfully we had a number of individuals, foundations, and corporations who made significant contributions this year to help us still support many worthwhile conservation initiatives. In addition to individual donations, the Zoo received support from the Melkus Family Foundation, The Barbara J. Mapp Foundation, Coastal Conservation Association, Music City Chapter, Frugal MacDoogal, and Tito's Handmade Vodka.

Welcome to the Family

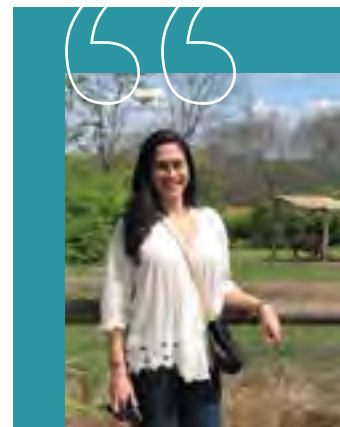
The shut-down in 2020 didn't stop Nashville Zoo from our commitment to animal and environmental conservation. The Zoo participates in 59 Species Survival Plans® (SSP), a program developed by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to maintain healthy and self-sustaining captive populations that are both genetically diverse and demographically stable. Notable 2020 births within the SSP program include a binturong, two Cape porcupines, one giant anteater, more than 40 Haitian giant galliwasps, nine red kangaroos, one rhinoceros hornbill, and one southern cassowary. Other significant births include blue poison arrow frogs, Bruce's green pigeons, caracals, casque-headed iguanas, and Cuban false chameleons. The Zoo expanded our family of animals with the addition of African sea eagles, Chilean flamingos, greater flamingos, clouded leopards, a common eland, hyacinth macaws, king vultures, loggerhead shrikes, a Masai giraffe, North Sulawesi babirusas, red river hogs, southern band-tailed pigeons, a southern pudu, a tawny frogmouth, trumpeter swans, and a screaming hairy armadillo.

Headstart Programs

Many of the Nashville Zoo's raise and release programs were placed on hold due to restrictions on international transport. However, we continued our efforts on-site. A group of 30 alligator snapping turtles are being raised at the Zoo for eventual release, and approximately 200 eastern hellbenders hatched between 2015 and 2018 continue to grow in the Zoo's Native Aquatic Conservation Center. A small group of those will be released in 2021. The Zoo's avian team continues to play a key role in loggerhead shrike conservation by conducting fieldwork in Davidson, Robertson, and Rutherford counties where they are monitoring several individuals at a nest site where five chicks were banded. The Zoo also acquired a second breeding pair with hopes to hatch and release in 2021.

Sharing Knowledge

Nashville Zoo participates in several SAFE programs developed by the AZA. SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) focuses on the collective expertise with AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums and leverages their audiences to save species. Our efforts include work with Andean bears, Andean Highland flamingos, Asian hornbills, sharks and rays, North American songbirds, American turtles, and coral.



We are pleased to contribute to the Nashville Zoo's support of in-situ conservation efforts around the globe. With current extinction rates unprecedented in human history, the Zoo's partnerships with organizations that are working in communities to reduce human-animal conflict and poaching and to preserve habitats are absolutely critical.

- Lauren Melkus
WILD WORKS DONOR

Funding Forever

The Zoo's conservation goals include financial contributions to efforts taking place around the world. In 2020, Nashville Zoo gave more than \$398,055 to the following initiatives:

- Acobia: Amazonian Manatee Conservation
- Australian Bushfire donation
- Bat Conservation International
- BIOTA: Flamingo Conservation in Bolivia
- Coral Conservation
- Duke Lemur Center
- GRACE: Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Center, Inc
- ICAS: Instituto de Conservacao de Animais Silvestres-Giant Armadillo Project
- Instituto de Pasquisas Ecologicas: Tapir Project
- International Rhino Foundation
- Komodo SSP Conservation Fund
- Minnesota Zoo's Sumatran Tiger Conservation Program
- Point Defiance Zoo's Clouded Leopard Project
- Proyecto Titi, Inc.

- RAREC: Rainforest Awareness Rescue Education Center
- Red Panda Network
- Save Vietnam's Wildlife Center
- Turtle Survival Alliance
- Wildlife Conservation Network: Cheetah Conservation Project
- Wildlife Conservation Network: Okapi Conservation Project
- Wildlife Conservation Network: Spectacled Bear Conservation Project
- Wildlife Trafficking Alliance
- Zoo Victoria

Sending Relief for Australia's Wildfire

We provided financial support to Australian wildlife relief efforts after the devastating wildfires they experienced. Efforts continued through our Round-Up for Conservation program with a total of more than \$37,400 raised.





Baird's Tapir

Baird's tapirs are large, long-nosed mammals that may look like they're relatives of elephants, but they're actually closer kin to horses, donkeys, zebras, and rhinoceroses.

Conservation Status:

ENDANGERED

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VIRTUAL CONNECTIONS

STAYING FACE-TO-FACE FROM HOME



“I wanted to tell you how amazing Zoo Tots has been this fall and how much light it has brought into our home and lives.

- Don Koons
ZOO SUPPORTER

Nashville Zoo's education department was challenged to pivot to a virtual learning environment, which presented a host of new challenges for our team.

Our team of dedicated educators got to work quickly developing both live and pre-recorded experiences for at-home learners including our DigiZoo Summer Camp, Zooniversity home school programs, and ZooTots-2-U early childhood programs. Through our Zooventures program, we were also able to support teachers from our surrounding community, as well as several classrooms across the country, to provide opportunities for

their students to meet our animals and staff and experience Nashville Zoo from their own homes.

★ The Grassmere Historic Farm was also recognized in 2020, receiving two Awards of Excellence from The Tennessee Association of Museums for Educational Programming and Interpretive Graphics.

Additionally, we won a Leadership in History Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History for the "Nashville to Miami to Havana: Cuba, Castro and the Croft Family" project.

The Zoo's Backstage Pass Tours and Wildlife on Wheels outreach offerings quickly moved to a virtual audience early in 2020 resulting in 91 virtual tours booked during the Zoo's closure and shortly after the June reopening. New up-close animal experiences were introduced including a meet and greet opportunity with an adult clouded leopard named Hope. This tour along with our sloth meet and greet tour has proven to be quite popular with appointments sold out months in advance. By the end of the year, 944 guests participated in special tours raising more than \$47,000 for Zoo operations.

Two members of the Zoo's Behavioral Husbandry team were key figures on the Zoo's social media platform during the shut-down. Jake Belair and Jawnie Payne participated in many videos, live presentations, and question & answer sessions through the Zoo's Facebook and Instagram platforms. Jawnie's popularity soared when she was invited to represent the Zoo on national and international programs, and Jake was honored with a position on the board of the Animal Behavior Management Alliance, an international organization that promotes the welfare of animals through behavior management.

A new guest encounter was introduced in 2020. The Zoo's Behavioral Husbandry team members trained a flock of a dozen Chilean flamingos to take a walk through the Zoo's main entrance and over to our Zawadi Gift Shop where they would enjoy their morning meeting hundreds of guests. This new opportunity along with the Zoo's existing animal shows and up-close animal encounters were able to provide special experiences for more than 88,000 guests.

Moving into 2021, guests can expect to see some new animals as part of the shows and up-close encounters. Two caracal cats that were born at the Zoo have been trained to head out on the public pathways to meet our guests. We have hand-raised a rhino hornbill, Stanley, who was hatched at Nashville Zoo. This is a very rare bird to have as an ambassador animal, and we can't wait for his public debut in 2021.



88,420
PEOPLE IN 1283
ENCOUNTERS
AND SHOWS





Rhinoceros Hornbill

This species has a casque on the top of its beak. The casque is a hollow structure made up of keratin (the same material as human fingernails) and acts as a resonating chamber, amplifying the bird's calls.

Conservation Status:
NEAR THREATENED

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FROM NASHVILLE ZOO
WITH
Love
- PRESENTED BY NEWS 2 -

“

We've been to a lot of zoos in this country because we're on the road a lot, but one of our favorite zoos is Nashville Zoo, and that is because they love their animals and also they do incredible conservation work.”

- Sheryl Crow
MUSICIAN, SINGER,
SONGWRITER, AND ACTRESS.

With our usual in-person events suspended for the year, we decided to go virtual and bring the Zoo to our guests. Thanks to some wonderful friends in the entertainment industry and an amazing partnership with WKRN-TV, we hosted a primetime television fundraiser on October 8 - *From Nashville Zoo with Love, Presented by News 2*. Sheryl Crow, Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Brad Paisley, and Keith Urban all graciously lent their talents, providing musical performances. Kimberly Williams-Paisley and Jack Hanna rounded out the celebrity appearances.

Hosted by Scott Hamilton, News2 Anchor Neil Orne, and Meteorologist Danielle Breezy, the show also featured in-studio appearances by Ambassador Animals, as well as video footage from the Zoo showcasing our award-winning exhibits, our conservation efforts, and the excellent care provided to our animals. Approximately 40,000 viewers tuned in for the program, which was also streamed online. And donors contributed over \$300,000 in support of the Zoo. Neil was a real sport, holding both a snake and a scorpion as designated fundraising goals were achieved throughout the evening.

We are excited to announce that we will once again partner with News 2 to produce a similar program in 2021. Tune in the evening of Wednesday, August 4 for another entertaining show. Who knows what Neil might wind up holding this year?





Red Kangaroo

This species is the largest of all kangaroos, the largest terrestrial mammal native to Australia, and the largest extant marsupial.

Conservation Status:

LEAST CONCERN



GIVING MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

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L.O. Heidtke

Denise and Travis Hendrick

Sue Ann and Andy Hengelhaupt



Terri and Bob Hensley



Martha Heston

Aylin Ozgener and Scott Hethcox

Mike Hill

Jere Hinman

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Experience Partners



Middle Tennessee Honda Dealers





the numbers

Since 2012, we have been proud to report that Nashville Zoo has operated with no debt. It seemed inevitable that streak would end in 2020, as the Zoo’s earned revenue plummeted due to the closure, cancelled events and programming, and subsequent reduced attendance. But thanks to you, our generous donors, we made it through year end without drawing on a line of credit.

While earned revenue was down, your philanthropic support helped sustain the Zoo. It would have been impossible for donors to make up the entire loss in revenue, but you made a significant impact. The Zoo still reported a substantial loss in 2020, but that would have been far, far worse had it not been for the generous increase in annual contributions from our supporters.

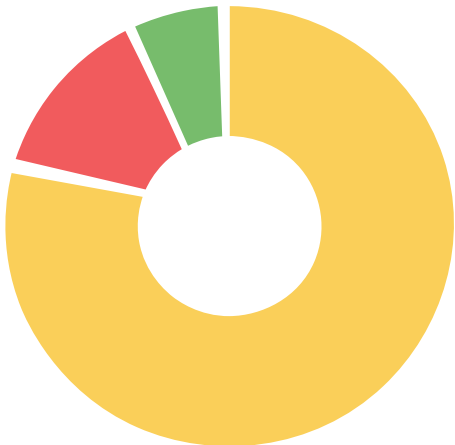


Public Support & Revenue

- Park Income **37%**
- Membership Income **18%**
- Events & Rentals **9%**
- Donations & Grants **22%**
- Governmental Support* **13%**
- Education Programs **1%**

Total: **\$14,563,785**

*Government support comes from the Paycheck Protection Program loan which was forgiven in 2020.



Expenses

- Program Expenses **79%**
 - Management & General **16%**
 - Fundraising & Membership **4%**
- Total: **\$19,336,829**



Capital Campaign & Investments

- Capital Grants **8%**
- Capital Campaign **55%**
- Investment Income **37%**

Total: **\$6,710,453**

Capital campaign income is restricted for use toward development of future exhibits.

croft society

The Croft Society is a planned giving recognition group for individuals who include the Zoo in their estate plans, enabling the Zoo to thrive for generations to come.

Judy Alexander
Howard Armstrong†
Daryl R. Brown†
Kerry Foth
Joyce and Michael Gant
Donald Gipson

Landis Gullett†
Suzanne Iler
John Lewis
Tom Loventhal†
Barbara Mathieson
Mark McCollow†

Stella Marie Smock
Julie and Breck Walker
Jimmy Webb†
K. Janelle Wilson

† indicates donors who are deceased

perfect score

In 2020, we once again received a perfect score of 100 from Charity Navigator, the nation’s largest and most utilized evaluator of charities. This is the 3rd time Nashville Zoo has recieved this score. Charity Navigator assesses more than 160,000 non-profits and Nashville Zoo is one of only 74 charities in the United States to receive this flawless mark last year. No other zoo or aquarium in

the country received a rating of this caliber in 2020. A perfect score shows that we are executing our mission in a fiscally responsible manner, while providing the highest level of accountability and transparency to our stakeholders.

GROWING WILD

& PLANTING THE FUTURE

Thanks to a group of generous donors, Nashville Zoo has begun to Grow Wild, adding a new entry village, four new exhibits, and a new veterinary center in the past five years. Looking to the future, we are embarking on the first stage of our new African expansion. The Leopard Forest will feature two types of monkeys and a small antelope in addition to leopards. The Zoo will also be adding a Komodo dragon exhibit.

We are seeking additional community leaders who will join these supporters in making a gift to the Grow Wild capital campaign. Contact growwild@nashvillezoo.org to learn more about how you can be involved in the growth of Nashville Zoo.

CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS

\$5,000,000+

The Frist Foundation
HCA Healthcare
Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

\$3,000,000+

Richard and Judith Bracken, The Bracken Foundation
Stephanie and John Ingram, The John R. Ingram Advised Fund*
Robin and Richard Patton, The Patton Advised Fund*

\$1,000,000+

Kathryn and David Brown
Dugas Family Foundation
Earl Swensson Associates
Dottie Frist, The Dorothy Cate & Thomas F. Frist Foundation
Patricia and Rodes Hart
Sarah and David Ingram, The David B. Ingram Advised Fund*
Service Systems Associates
Cal Turner Family Foundation

\$250,000 - \$999,999

Andrea Waitt Carlton Family Foundation
EBS Foundation
Jim and Sally Hunt and The Hunt Family Foundation
Gail Jacobs

Jeff Jacobs
Adrienne and Richard McRae, The Selby and Richard McRae Foundation
The Memorial Foundation
Leah and Jim Sohr Family Foundation
Speer Foundation
State of Tennessee
Thisbe and Noah
Jim† and Becky Webb

\$100,000 - \$249,999

Anonymous
Cynthia and David Arnholt
The Lee Beaman Family
Janie and Brandon Busbee
Joy and Dan Crockett
Kelly Crockett
Kevin and Katie Crumbo
Anne Davis and Karl Dean
Babs and Bill Freeman
H.G. Hill Realty Company
The Hagood Family
Haslam 3 Foundation
Haslam Family Foundation
Institute of Museum and Library Services
Joe C. Davis Foundation
Lisa and David L. Manning
Ellen Harrison Martin
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Pilot Flying J

Scott and Lyn Sohr
Julie Stadler
Barbara and Rick Turner, Jr.
Julie and Breck Walker

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Bass Pro
Earl Bentz and Family
Samantha and Chris Boyd
Sally and Neely Coble III and Family
Drew Crawford

Charles, Kim and Charlie Crews
Laurie and Steve Eskind
Ford Motor Company
Bernice and Joel Gordon
Julie and Bob Gordon
Connie and Carl Haley
Denice and Milton Johnson
Kent, Nora and Emme Kirby
Thomas Loventhal† and Family
Nashville Convention and Visitors Corporation
Elizabeth and Larry Papel
Patti and Brian Smallwood

\$5,000 - \$24,999

Anonymous (2)
All About Animals LLC
Cindy and Dave Baier
Mary and H. Lee Barfield II, The Dorothy Cate & Thomas F. Frist Foundation

John O. Colton, The John and Julia Colton Family Advised Fund*
Agneta and Brownlee Currey†
Lauren and Spence Curry
Missy and John Eason
Ergon Foundation Inc.
Kerry Foth
Terri and Bob Hensley
Diane and J.L. Holloway
Angie and Christopher Howard
Daryl R. Brown† and John T. Lewis
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Julia and Chris Whitson
Irene and Ridley Wills

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Nashville Zoo would not be the community treasure it is today without the benevolent support of one of Nashville’s philanthropic leaders, Patricia C. Frist. Mrs. Frist, along with her husband

Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Jr., played an instrumental role in the creation and subsequent growth of our beloved Zoo. More than twenty years ago they provided a leadership gift to help move the Zoo to the Grassmere property, and they have been generous supporters ever since. As we embarked upon our current Grow Wild campaign, the Frist family once again made a substantial investment in the Zoo, providing a selfless gift to our community.

“Trish Frist was such a gift to all who knew her. She was smart, funny and such a delight to be with. Losing her is a devastating loss to our community. She will be missed but remembered forever.”

- Julie W. Walker
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN

All of us at the Zoo are saddened by the passing of Mrs. Frist, but we are proud to have partnered with her in service to the people of Middle Tennessee as well as visitors to our city. We take joy in the legacy that she has left for our community.



White Rhino

White rhinos are the second largest land mammal and their name comes from the Afrikaan's, a West Germanic language, word "weit" which means wide and refers to the animal's mouth.

Conservation Status:
NEAR THREATENED

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You Can Help Save Species!

Contact Development at development@nashvillezoo.org or call 615-833-1534x131 to help support Nashville Zoo's conservation efforts.



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