



NEW ENGLAND
Franklin Park Zoo • Stone Zoo

Inspiring **caring** and **action** on behalf
of wildlife and conservation

FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



WHO WE ARE

Zoo New England is the non-profit organization responsible for the operation of Franklin Park Zoo in Boston and Stone Zoo in Stoneham, Mass. Both are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Zoo New England's mission is to inspire people to protect and sustain the natural world for future generations by creating fun and engaging experiences that integrate wildlife and conservation programs, research and education.

To learn more about our Zoos, education programs and conservation efforts, please visit us at www.zoonewengland.org.

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Dear Zoo Supporters,

Fiscal Year 2023 was a year marked by continued growth and achievement, as we welcomed more people to the Zoos, and expanded the scope and depth of our programming and on-the-ground conservation work.

In FY 23, we welcomed 1,000,465 visitors, marking the second year in a row that we have exceeded 1 million in visitation. Membership continues at high levels with more than 28,000 member households.

Throughout the year, we offer a robust schedule of special events to keep the Zoo experience dynamic and engaging for visitors of all ages. For the third year, we presented *Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience* at Franklin Park Zoo, which attracted 186,888 visitors to this wildly popular evening event. ZooLights, our beloved annual holiday light show at Stone Zoo, once again brightened the holiday season and drew 84,608 attendees.



In the spring, we unveiled plans for a capital campaign that is underway to build the African Experience, featuring two seamlessly integrated habitats, the African Penguin Coast and the African Savanna. This \$16 million project will continue the transformation of Franklin Park Zoo, and it will provide new opportunities to inspire action in guests of all ages on behalf of wildlife and their habitats. Once completed, these two new habitats will connect guests with ZNE's conservation mission right as they enter the park. This exciting new experience is scheduled to open in summer 2025.

On the conservation front, we continued to expand the scope and depth of our work for rare and threatened species, both locally and globally. And, our work is yielding results. In the spring, our Field Conservation team documented the first evidence of marbled salamander breeding in the Middlesex Fells since we began releasing headstarted salamanders there in 2016. This was a momentous discovery, as it not only showed that our conservation efforts are working, but it also marked the first time that this species had been seen in the Fells since the 1930s. Internationally, we are expanding our work on behalf of snow leopards, and also continuing our leadership role in a One Health focused project in Madagascar.

With the continued loss of biodiversity across the globe, as well as issues we're all facing with climate change, our work to protect and preserve biodiversity and habitats, as well as educate and inspire future wildlife stewards, is more relevant than ever before. Education and conservation are the cornerstones of our mission, and each day we strive to build empathy in our visitors as we provide opportunities for them to more deeply appreciate the wonders of the natural world. In FY 23, more than 4,400 activities and programs, including behind the scenes tours, classes and animal encounters, were conducted and reached an audience of nearly 170,000.

All of this work is a collective effort, and we are fortunate to have highly-skilled professional staff, a strong core of devoted volunteers, a talented Advisory Council, and a dedicated Board of Directors to ensure that we are able to deliver on our mission, now and in the future. We are embarking on a strategic planning process, which will be a guiding force in the coming years as we work to continue transforming our Zoos, building programs and presenting new initiatives to further connect people to the incredible biodiversity of our planet.

We are deeply committed to our mission, and the support of loyal and generous Zoo members, donors, and volunteers fuels our work so that we can continue our efforts toward ensuring a healthy, thriving planet for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.

Sincerely,

John Linehan
President & CEO



ZOOS THAT Inspire

In loving memory of Kamaia

It's an unforgettable moment for anyone visiting Franklin Park Zoo, a sound that demands respect and can stop you right in your tracks. The mighty roar of an African lion is a reminder of the beauty and power of nature, and a sound you won't soon forget.

Since 2015, Franklin Park Zoo had been home to Kamaia and Dinari, 14-year-old African lion brothers. This tightly bonded pair were a commanding presence and favorite sight to see perched on their rock overlooking Kalahari Kingdom.

In the spring of 2023, there was great concern when Kamaia began experiencing serious health issues. While he was successfully treated for pneumonia, results from comprehensive diagnostic tests were still inconclusive and it was believed that he had underlying chronic health issues in addition to the pneumonia. This proved to be true as a few months later, Kamaia was once again battling very concerning health issues including severe anemia and a greatly enlarged spleen.

In order to give Kamaia the best chance of survival, Zoo New England's expert veterinary team drew blood from Dinari during a short procedure with plans to transfuse his brother. During a very long and complex procedure, the veterinary team administered the critical blood transfusion, and also successfully operated on Kamaia to remove his spleen, which was enlarged to twice its normal size. A lot of thought,

planning and coordination goes into these procedures, which are never entered into lightly. ZNE's veterinary team was assisted by veterinary anesthesiologists and an emergency and critical care veterinarian at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

Following weeks of behind the scenes recovery and monitoring by his attentive care team, Kamaia was successfully reunited with his brother. The lion brothers immediately walked up to each other and rubbed heads, which one their care team members described as one of the most heart-warming moments in his career. Throughout Kamaia's periods of illness, the zookeepers made special trips to the grocery store to purchase novel foods including kidneys and livers to entice him to eat his regular diet as well as to hide his medication. He especially liked beef livers.

The story of the lion brothers was widely covered by the Boston media and beyond, and our team was deeply touched by the overwhelming outpouring of support on our social media channels. Each of the animals is an ambassador for their species and through them we can build empathy, make connections and, hopefully, inspire guests to appreciate the natural world even more deeply.

Although several months later Kamaia sadly passed away due to his ongoing serious health issues, the story of the lion

brothers is just one example of the high level of care and compassion that happens every day at Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo. ZNE is committed to being a leader in exemplary animal care, and is fortunate to have such a skilled and dedicated staff working on behalf of all of the animal inhabitants and our mission.

SIGNIFICANT ANIMAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout FY 23, we celebrated the births and hatches of many new animals at Zoo New England. We were also excited to see the renovation of one of the oldest habitats at Franklin Park Zoo take flight.

The condor habitat, renamed Raptor Ridge, reopened in December after a seven-month renovation. The landscaping was completely redone, the ceiling in the walkway was raised to allow for a better guest experience and more flight paths and perches were added. The aviary was built over 110 years ago, and is one of only two original buildings still standing at the Zoo, so maintaining the integrity of the original architecture was paramount. This grand space is equally as impressive as the inhabitants; the Andean condors are the biggest raptors in the world and the largest flying bird in South America.

In December, Franklin Park Zoo welcomed three female Somali wild asses to the collection. The Zoo is one of only six institutions accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums that house this species, and the only one in the Northeast. As one of the rarest equids in the world, these Somali wild asses serve as important ambassadors to further connect people to the incredible biodiversity of our planet.

Early in 2023, a Linne's two-toed sloth joined the family at Stone Zoo. The baby was born on Friday, March 3, and is the sixth offspring for parents Lunesta and Nero. The management of animals within and cooperatively between institutions accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums is vital for ensuring healthy, genetically diverse populations, and this sloth birth was the result of a recommended breeding between Nero and Lunesta.



On April 24, there was much excitement as a tiny wattled crane chick hatched, marking the first time this species ever hatched at Franklin Park Zoo. The arrival of the chick represents years of dedicated work and understanding of this species, which can be challenging to breed in human care

due to small clutch sizes and an irregular breeding cycle. Frederick Beall, a crane expert and retired longtime former General Curator at Zoo New England, provided his guidance

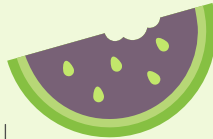
BY THE NUMBERS



ANIMALS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO AND STONE ZOO

72 NUMBER OF SPECIES SURVIVAL PLANS WE SUPPORT

3000 BALES OF TIMOTHY HAY WERE CONSUMED BY THE ANIMALS AT OUR ZOOS



400 POUNDS OF WATERMELON WERE EATEN BY KIT THE GORILLA

75 POUNDS OF EARTHWORMS WERE EATEN BY THE ANIMALS



60 POUNDS OF PEANUT BUTTER WERE EATEN BY THE ANIMALS GIVEN AS TREATS AND USED IN MEDICINE DISTRIBUTION



1 LINNE'S TWO-TOED SLOTH WAS BORN



3 SOMALI WILD ASSES JOINED THE FRANKLIN PARK ZOO ANIMAL FAMILY

and expertise, which assisted the staff greatly in preparing for the wattled crane chick.

While Franklin Park Zoo has been home to red kangaroos since 1998, the Zoo welcomed grey kangaroos for the first time in June. The grey kangaroos joined the other residents on the Outback Trail including emus and red-necked wallabies, a species that made their exhibit debut in April.

All of the animals at our Zoos are ambassadors for their species and connect visitors to the importance of wildlife protection and habitat preservation. When seeing these species firsthand, guests have the opportunity to make meaningful connections that can inspire a lifelong passion for wildlife and conservation.





IMMERSIVE Experiences

Zoo New England is committed to providing fun, memorable experiences that introduce people of all ages to the natural world. Through these experiences, guests can more fully understand the incredible biodiversity of our planet and the critical role they can play in ensuring it remains a healthy, thriving environment for generations to come. One of the ways the Zoo does this is through immersive experiences that allow guests to develop a deeper appreciation for wildlife, all while having fun.

There were more nights of lights when *Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience* returned to Franklin Park Zoo for the summer and early fall. Spanning the 72 acres of Franklin Park Zoo, Boston Lights dazzled visitors with more than 55 large scale displays of hundreds of colorful lanterns. Guests were wowed by luminous scenes from the solar system, the rainforest, whimsical ocean displays with creatures of the deep, glowing corridors of lotus and bamboo, traditional Asian lanterns, a stunning 66-foot-long rose corridor, and a colossal 82-foot-long octopus. This evening lantern experience continues to be extremely popular, attracting 186,888 visitors.




In July, Stone Zoo hosted a one-of-a-kind event, Zoomingle, an evening of exclusive animal encounters, music and cocktails. A DJ kept the party going while guests sampled food from local vendors and bid on exciting auction items - like a chance to name one of the young otter kits born in the spring of 2022.

The Zoos' roster of special events continues to offer some of the most unique experiences of the Greater Boston social and cultural landscape. Zootopia, our annual fundraising gala, was once again a big success, introducing many new people to the Zoos and our impactful programs. The Zoo provided the perfect backdrop for this festive event as guests strolled the grounds and raised \$693,895 in support of ZNE.

In addition to Zootopia, the popular 21+ event Ales and Tails at Stone Zoo returned in the fall and again in spring, giving guests two chances to experience this unique, after-hours event that blends a love for craft beer with a passion for wildlife.

ZooLights once again dazzled with hundreds of thousands of lights creating a festive holiday winter wonderland. This wildly popular seasonal event at Stone Zoo is a beloved holiday tradition attracting new and repeat visitors year after year.

In FY 23, more than 84,000 visitors attended for seasonal fun with family and friends.

All of these events and experiences connect our guests to the natural world through exploration, discovery, play, education, and imagination. With each of these experiences, we aim to inspire caring and action on behalf of wildlife that will stay with people long after their visit. 



COMMITTED TO Conservation

Our planet and all its inhabitants hinge on vital conservation work being done by institutions like Zoo New England. The intricate nature of ecosystems and the need to balance various factors make conservation efforts a long-term endeavor. Our recent work with marbled salamanders in the Middlesex Fells shows just how crucial patience is to the process.

The Middlesex Fells, located next to Stone Zoo, is one of the former homes of marbled salamanders in northeastern Massachusetts, but they hadn't been seen in the Fells or in surrounding communities since 1932.

In 2016, with help from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Medford High School, and the Friends of the Fells, ZNE's Field Conservation team began to reintroduce young marbled salamanders to the Fells.

In February, a volunteer biodiversity survey by partner organization Earthwise Aware found a larval salamander at one of the Fells' vernal pools. The presence of this larva means that some of ZNE's released juveniles have successfully matured, found one another, and laid eggs. This success story, six years in the making, shows that dedicated effort, persistence and patience can yield positive results.

Internationally, ZNE's conservation efforts can be found as far as the Altai Mountains of Mongolia, home to the second largest snow leopard population in the world. Our longstanding partnership with the Snow Leopard Trust (SLT) to protect this elusive cat from extinction works by monitoring their activity and working with local herders in Mongolia.

In the spring, Bridget Collins-Lyman, a Senior Keeper at Stone Zoo who has cared for the Zoo's snow leopards for many years, saw firsthand the work being done by the SLT when she spent two weeks in Mongolia. Since 2008, SLT has been managing a long-term ecological study in the South Gobi Desert. During her time there, Collins-Lyman worked alongside the scientists responsible for the important work being done to learn about the snow leopards' relationships with the land, people and animals of Mongolia.



Bridget Collins-Lyman in Mongolia.

Our conservation work spans the mountains of Asia to the rainforests of Africa. For our One Health initiative in Madagascar, Dr. Rachel Johnston, ZNE's Conservation Genomics Scientist, led a research mission in October 2022 to study the impacts of reforestation on biodiversity, lemur health, and zoonotic disease in the Manombo special reserve. The purpose of the research is to document the reserve's incredible biodiversity and investigate the determinants of animal health in the area which also impact the people who live nearby. This work will provide insight on the factors that threaten or benefit the reserve's unique species. During the three-week mission, the team was able to perform health exams for

120 animals, including five species of lemurs.

In FY 23, ZNE added two new programs aimed at building capacity for conservation overseas while supporting wildlife conservation in the field. The first is a partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Network and their Graduate Scholarship Program. This program awards scholarships for Masters or PhD programs for students from lower income countries. This year, the program awarded 18 scholarships to students


from 15 different countries, including Ecuador, Congo, Myanmar, and Zambia. The second is the Sabin Snow Leopard Grants Program, a partnership with the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation. ZNE will provide field work grants to young conservationists, with the major focus on conservationists from the 11 range countries where snow leopards are found in Asia.

In our constantly changing world, many of Earth's wondrous species are at risk of disappearing. Our Field Conservation department aims to preserve rare and declining species while teaching about the diversity and wonder of the natural world around us. Time flies when you're protecting the planet, and we celebrated a milestone anniversary year. Five years ago, independent non-profit Grassroots Wildlife Conservation (GWC) merged with ZNE to become our Field Conservation department. This has blossomed into a growing team, with eight year-round staff active in over a dozen rare species conservation projects in New England and abroad.

In FY 23, the department also expanded to welcome Peter Zahler as Director of Field Conservation. He brings a wealth of international conservation experience to ZNE, and his skill at identifying, supporting, and coordinating international conservation programs will benefit ZNE tremendously, including our global partnerships.



Dr. Rachel Johnston traveled to Madagascar in October 2022.

ZNE inspires people of every age to take an active role in sustaining healthy ecosystems right in their own backyards. Through the Franklin Park Biodiversity Project, the local community is invited to participate alongside Zoo staff each season to identify and monitor populations of species found right in Franklin Park. ZNE staff continue to serve on the Steering Committee for the Boston Area City Nature Challenge, where "citizen scientists" from around the world log their observations of local plants and wildlife in the iNaturalist app. 

BY THE NUMBERS

2,100

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE HATCHLING AND TURTLE CONSERVATION THROUGH HEADSTARTING (HATCH) PROGRAM, HEADSTARTING:

10

SPOTTED TURTLES

38

WOOD TURTLES

114

BLANDING'S TURTLES



ZNE FIELD CONSERVATION TEAM REINTRODUCES NEW ENGLAND BLAZING STAR TO SITES AROUND MASSACHUSETTS

SITE IN CARLISLE, MA HAS MORE THAN **90% ANNUAL SURVIVAL** FROM PLANTED NEW ENGLAND BLAZING STARS.

AT ANOTHER NORTHEASTERN MASS SITE **WE PLANTED 164 BLAZING STAR AND COUNTED 260 PLANTS** AT THE LAST CHECK, ONE OF WHICH WAS MORE THAN 40 FEET AWAY FROM THE PLANTED PLOT.



FRANKLIN PARK ZOO BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

346 DIFFERENT SPECIES WERE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED TO RESEARCH GRADE LEVEL:



56

BIRDS including snow goose (left) and an American wigeon (right)

109

PLANTS

33

FUNGI

10

MAMMALS

122

SPECIES OF INSECTS AND ARACHNID including 13 butterflies, 11 bees, 12 bee-mimicking flies, 1 bee mimicking beetle and 1 bee-mimicking moth



SHARING THE WONDERS OF THE Natural World

It's a glorious spring morning, illuminated by sunshine and a sense of excitement. Hundreds of local children descend the rows of school buses lined along the path to the Zoo for their annual field trip. The Zoo's inviting pathways stretch out before them, leading the children and adults alike on a day of adventure and discovery.

Field trips to the Zoo are crucial educational experiences that foster a deeper connection to the natural world and instill a sense of wonder and responsibility for our planet and its inhabitants. In FY 23, school group attendance was 65,659, which is a 39% increase over school group attendance of 47,216 in FY 22.

Field trips aren't the only way the Zoo connects students to wildlife; we offer a unique experience for youth to actively engage in some of our external conservation efforts. As part of our Field Conservation department's Hatchling and Turtle Conservation through Headstarting (HATCH) program, students help care for Blanding's, wood and spotted turtles being "head-started" in their classroom. By giving them this "headstart," students directly help recover dwindling local turtle populations by dramatically increasing the odds that each turtle cared for will survive to adulthood.

After the eggs hatch and the young turtles are matched with a school classroom, six to seven months of carefully supervised care under optimal growth conditions ensure the best

possible outcomes for the hatchlings. The turtles aren't the only ones who benefit; the students who raise them become more informed about the conservation of rare wildlife in their own backyards. It's always a special moment when the students accompany their turtles as they return to the wild on a "turtle release field trip" at the end of the school year.

Throughout FY 23, staff and volunteers within the Education department facilitated more than 4,400 activities and programs that engaged nearly 170,000 participants. Among the programs and activities were 330 behind the scenes tours, 249 classes (for volunteers, youth staff, students, scouts, camp, homeschoolers and more), and 150 animal encounter programs for on-site birthday parties. The Education department also began offering scheduled public chats at both Zoos, in addition to increased interpretation, reaching over 64,000 Zoo visitors. Among the offerings for visitor engagement were 400 ambassador animal encounters, 192 formal presentations, and 86 education table activities.



ZNE was once again a partner for the 5th Quarter of Learning program, co-managed by the Boston Public Schools and Boston After School & Beyond. Through the collaboration, ZNE's expertise in science learning is utilized to enhance the students' academic progress in math, science and language arts, as well as improve specific skills such as critical thinking by providing full day integrated learning experiences.

The Stone Zoo graphics project, supported by funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), is another example of deeper learning opportunities within the Zoo. This project re-developed graphics for five exhibits: peregrine falcon, jaguar, whooping crane, snow leopard and Mexican gray wolf. During FY 23, the new graphics were completed and installed at the Zoo.

ZNE's summer ZooCamp program was wildly popular, especially at Stone Zoo where spots filled immediately upon the opening of registration. An especially rewarding moment of the FY 23 ZooCamp experience was when the parent of a Stone Zoo camper personally wrote to the Program Coordinator that their child was glowing with happiness throughout ZooCamp, and that it was the best week of their life. It is truly the families and feedback like this that make ZooCamp so special and continue to inspire our staff; knowing that we are such an important part of these formative years is an honor we don't take for granted here at ZNE.

Whether it's a field trip, a behind the scenes tour or a week at ZooCamp, it results in engaged students talking animatedly about the day's adventure. A trip to Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo offers a chance to witness Earth's incredible biodiversity and remind us of the importance of conservation and the beauty that nature graciously shares with us. 🐾



To learn more about ZNE's education programs, visit WWW.ZOONEWENGLAND.ORG/DISCOVER

BY THE NUMBERS



FACILITATED MORE THAN **4,400** ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGED OVER **170,000** PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING:

249

CLASSES (FOR VOLUNTEERS, YOUTH, STAFF, STUDENTS, SCOUTS, HOMESCHOOLERS AND MORE)



150

ANIMAL ENCOUNTER PROGRAMS

330

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

40
PARTICIPANTS
IN OUR TEEN
PROGRAMS

32
ZOO TEENS

8
TEEN
AMBASSADORS

#ZooToYou Digital Programming

80



LIVE PRESENTATIONS



MORE THAN **55,000** VIEWS

INSPIRING Tomorrow's Leaders




A sure sign of summer at Zoo New England are all the new faces that can be seen on Zoo grounds. There is a surge of local youth within the Zoo, coming on as staff, educators and campers. Whether organizing outdoor activities, spreading the word about conservation work, or assisting campers in their adventures, these youth add an element of hopeful optimism. As friendships blossom and smiles spread, the memories these children and teens make each summer are a testament to the integral work the Zoo does.

Eight youth participated as Teen Ambassadors from January through June 2023. These youth worked in different areas including the Education department, Children's Zoo, Birds World, and with our ambassador animals. They participated in professional development programming facilitated by our Youth Program Manager with lessons ranging from professionalism, zoo interpretation, animal enrichment and public speaking; two of the teens were confident enough after these lessons to film live #ZooToYou videos. Five out of eight applied and were accepted to return for our summer ZooTeen program.

Our Teen Ambassadors were also involved in the ZooTeen interview process. They led team building activities, dispensed advice, and interviewed candidates for the next summer. This process required them to lead by example to create a welcoming environment for ZooTeen candidates and to reflect thoughtfully on the qualities they were looking for in new ZNE employees.

For teenagers interested in pursuing careers in zoology, wildlife conservation or related fields, the well-established ZooTeen program provides valuable hands-on opportunities. This nationally recognized program is an opportunity to provide youth, ages 15 to 18, with relevant work experience. In FY 23, 32 youth participated in our summer ZooTeen program, working in the Children's Zoo, Birds World, ZooCamp, Horticulture, Commissary, Education and Membership departments. They also partook in professional development sessions focused on resume writing, conservation, Zoo interpretation, and attended field trips to the New England Aquarium and George's Island in the Boston Harbor.

Zoos play a vital role in children's education, not only by providing experiences that ignite curiosity, but by making connections between the classroom lessons and the real world. In the spring, ZNE partnered with Boston Public Schools and World Unity Inc. to host a poetry contest for elementary, middle and high school students with the theme, "The Importance of Diversity for a Strong, Healthy World for Humans, Animals and Nature." The winning poems were displayed at Franklin Park Zoo.

Zoos provide young people with opportunities to connect with the natural world in ways that books and classrooms cannot replicate. These experiences instill a sense of wonder and curiosity, and can motivate future generations to become stewards of our planet. 

STRENGTHENING Communities



Through engaging exhibits and interactive programs, the Zoos not only foster a sense of wonder but also nurture a shared commitment to conservation and environmental awareness. As vital members of the local community, the Zoos can enrich lives, nurture a sense of belonging, and inspire people of all ages to protect the world we call home.

At the heart of our mission lies a steadfast commitment to the community, striving to inspire, educate and engage people about the wonders of wildlife. We work with community centers, camps, groups and organizations such as Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, Project RIGHT, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Franklin Park Coalition, the Wonderfund, The Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce.

In June 2023, ZNE successfully completed its second year of community outreach work in conjunction with Antioch University of New England, AmeriCorps and the neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain. We took the results of our first-year outreach to over 3,000

individuals and organizations, and identified four areas for potential programmatic development.

Our work with residents and service providers during FY 23 culminated in the selection of anti-poverty programming that will help address school readiness from both academic and social/emotional preparedness. This programming includes caregivers throughout all aspects of the curriculum, to create a supportive network of families and program facilitators to better prepare families for school. We have been working with Countdown to Kindergarten, First Teacher, Family Nurturing Center, and Smart from the Start, four local organizations suggested by community members that excel in school readiness programming in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain.

ZNE is excited to explore a Parent Ambassador Program, which invites parents who have participated in our program to act as ambassadors between the Zoo and their networks. The school readiness program ultimately intends to enhance



goals of equity, access, and inclusivity, by creating an even more welcoming environment for families who may be unfamiliar with our Zoos.

In FY 23, ZNE continued its partnership with the Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Boston. The Spay Waggin' stops at Franklin Park Zoo once a month, offering low-cost veterinary services to residents in the area. This state-of-the-art mobile spay/neuter clinic primarily served the South Shore and Cape Cod communities, but by adding the Zoo as a site, they have broadened the reach to Metro Boston pet owners.

ZNE is steadfast in its commitment that personal financial situations aren't a hurdle for any of our visitors. We strive to maintain an experience that is always inclusive and accessible to all. ZNE's dedication to this aspect of our mission is evident in our community outreach programs, which include:

- ▷ Library Pass Program: Libraries purchase the pass which entitles their patrons to a discount to the Zoos. Franklin Park Zoo and the Boston Public Library have also partnered up for regular Story Time. Running from June to November on the first Friday of the month, Librarian Angela reads children's books for 90 minutes, which is a wonderful opportunity for our members and guests.
- ▷ EBT and WIC Program: In recognition of the fact that Zoo visits are integral to childhood and learning, Massachusetts residents who are eligible for the Massachusetts EBT and WIC programs may purchase admission to the Zoos for

up to four people for \$4.00 per person. Through this program, we welcomed 79,007 guests to the Zoos in FY 23. Additionally, EBT/WIC cardholders had the opportunity to purchase Boston Lights tickets for \$15, and we welcomed 28,776 guests through this program. In total, we welcomed 107,783 EBT and WIC cardholders. Our membership program for EBT and WIC cardholders continues to grow, and in FY 23, this grew to 783 member households, a 13% increase over 692 member households in FY 22. Through this program, EBT and WIC cardholders can purchase a family level membership for \$40 (the regular price is \$125) and enjoy free general daytime admission to both Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo year-round.

- ▷ Community Pass Program: Non-profit organizations and community groups are eligible to receive a limited number of free admission passes. ZNE distributed 7,439 passes to nonprofit organizations and community groups during FY 23.
- ▷ Organizational Pass Program: Non-profit organizations may purchase an institutional pass enabling groups of individuals to attend the Zoos at greatly reduced cost. 🐼

To learn more about these programs, visit WWW.ZOONEWENGLAND.ORG/COMMUNITY



EXCEPTIONAL Partners

Zoo New England is grateful to all who donated to the Zoos. Your support provides the funds to care for all of ZNE's animal inhabitants, pursue conservation projects both locally and abroad, and continue to educate and inspire conservation stewards of the future. Listed here are some who made gifts between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

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In total, 12,410 hours of essential services were contributed by 1,029 individual volunteers, interns and group volunteers in FY 23.

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Financial Summary

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Change in
Net Assets as of June 30, 2023 (in Whole Dollars)

OPERATING REVENUES:

Admissions	8,636,911
Concessions Revenue (Net)	663,735
Membership Fees	2,852,444
Total Guest Operating Revenues	12,153,090
Other Operating Revenue	1,761,043
Total Operating Revenues	13,914,133

NON-OPERATING REVENUE

Investment Income (loss)	57,598
Other Income	186,639
Interest Income	354,150
Total Non-Operating Revenue	598,387

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

State Appropriations and Grants	12,310,037
Private Gifts - unrestricted	2,282,750
Private Gifts - restricted	3,232,400
Total Other Contributions	17,852,187

TOTAL REVENUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS: 32,364,707

Operating Expenses (including depreciation and amortization of \$2,856,007)	27,107,094
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Change in Net Position	5,230,613
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Net Position, Beginning of the Year	50,254,580
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Net Position, End of Year	55,485,193
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FISCAL YEAR 2023

Highlights:

- ▷ In FY 23, Membership revenues from more than 28,000 member households totaled more than \$2,800,000.
- ▷ Total overall attendance, inclusive of ZooLights and Boston Lights in FY 23, was 1,000,465, marking the second year in a row that attendance has exceeded 1 million.
- ▷ Zootopia, ZNE's largest fundraising gala, was once again held on the grounds of Franklin Park Zoo, and raised \$693,895 in sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction revenue.

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