



NEW ENGLAND  
Franklin Park Zoo • Stone Zoo

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

FISCAL YEAR 2022 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](http://www.zoonewengland.org).

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Dear Zoo Supporters,

Fiscal Year 2022 was a year marked by continued growth and momentum, as we welcomed more people to the Zoos, presented exciting new experiences, and expanded the scope and depth of our programming and on-the-ground conservation work.

As guidelines related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continued to evolve, we were fortunate in that both Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo are primarily outdoor venues with ample space for guests to safely enjoy the experience. In FY 22, we achieved record-breaking attendance of 1,149,173 visitors, an increase of 260,075 visitors over FY 21. Membership also reached an all-time high with 30,000 member households.

For the second year, we presented *Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience* at Franklin Park Zoo, which attracted 205,000 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 a record-setting 102,433 attendees.

In the spring, we were thrilled to open Gorilla Grove, a new state-of-the-art outdoor gorilla habitat at Franklin Park Zoo. This dynamic space, made possible by generous donors who wish to remain anonymous, features a mix of real and fabricated trees, a waterfall, climbing vines, a multitude of built-in foraging opportunities and an immersive central observation outpost within the habitat for guests to observe the behaviors and social dynamics of the gorilla family. The gorillas love it as much as our guests.

Now more than ever, our mission and work is critically important. 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. We continued to expand our conservation impact for rare and threatened species in the field, both locally and globally. From Madagascar to Concord, Nigeria to Belize, our conservation work is far-reaching and making a real difference on behalf of wildlife and habitats.

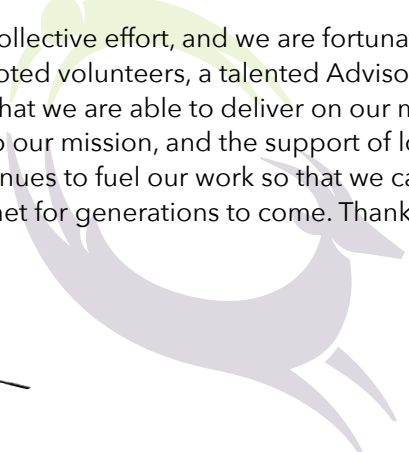
On the Education front, the demand for in-person programming returned in FY 22 after many months with a heavy focus on virtual programming. Nearly 1,000 in-person programs were conducted at the Zoos - each a unique opportunity to build empathy and deepen guests' understanding of the positive impact we can all have on wildlife and wild places. During FY 22, we made great progress on the co-design project with Antioch University of New England, AmeriCorps, and the communities closest to Franklin Park Zoo to better understand the needs of the community, and, ultimately, to co-design programming to meet these needs. Work continued on the strategic interpretive master plan, including the development of interpretive graphics for five species at Stone Zoo with the support of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

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 deeply committed to our mission, and the support of loyal and generous Zoo members, donors, and volunteers continues to fuel 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 late March, staff excitedly gathered in anticipation of a long-awaited moment. Little Joe, his eyes filled with curiosity ventured out first, followed by Kiki, with young Pablo firmly holding on atop her back. As the gorillas took their first tentative steps to explore the new, state-of-the-art, outdoor gorilla habitat, Gorilla Grove, at Franklin Park Zoo, their dedicated care team looked on with pride and joy.

The \$9.1 million habitat opened to the public on April 12 during a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Senators and Representatives, Boston City Council members, Zoo New England Board members, Zoo staff and supporters. This dynamic, immersive space, made possible by generous donors who wish to remain anonymous, features more than 360,000 cubic feet for the gorilla troop to explore. With a mix of real and fabricated trees, a waterfall, climbing vines and a multitude of built-in foraging opportunities, the gorillas have the ability to traverse the space three dimensionally. Gorilla Grove features corridors leading to a central observation post, allowing guests a unique perspective while being immersed in the gorillas' home.



The carefully constructed graphics throughout the space educate visitors on western lowland gorillas and the threats they face in the wild, while shining a light on what the Zoo is doing to protect these incredible animals and the role we have as stewards of our shared planet. While strolling Gorilla Grove, guests will see signs introducing them to our troop. By learning their names, personalities and birthdays, guests are able to make the connection to how similar we really are, which will hopefully inspire them to take a vested interest in the conservation of this incredible species.

Franklin Park Zoo is home to six gorillas, including Little Joe, Kitombe, his mate Kiki and their three offspring – Kambiri, Aziza and Pablo. Zoo New England has been a longtime supporter of gorilla conservation and is an active participant in the Gorilla Species Survival Plan (SSP),

a cooperative, inter-zoo program coordinated nationally through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Additionally, ZNE supports the Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary in Nigeria and the full-time employment of Community Rangers who work to protect the Cross-River gorilla - the most endangered great ape in Africa.



For staff and visitors alike, it has been incredible to see the gorillas acclimate to the new space. Some of the troop was tentative at first, examining every new experience Gorilla Grove offers with expected curiosity, but have since settled comfortably into their new home. We hope this dynamic new habitat introduces guests of all ages to this remarkable species and that they leave the Zoo inspired by the work we do to save species from extinction and help create a better future for wildlife.

## SIGNIFICANT ANIMAL ACHIEVEMENTS

While the opening of Gorilla Grove was one of the biggest moments of FY 22, there were so many more reasons to celebrate.

On July 31, we welcomed two births; one at Franklin Park Zoo and one at Stone Zoo. At Stone Zoo, it was a Linne's two-toed sloth, born to parents Lunesta and Nero and the fifth offspring for the pair. The Zoo hosted an online fundraising auction to name the baby with proceeds supporting our All For Our Animals Fund. The auction winners named the baby Taco.



The same day, we welcomed another furry face: a red river hog, which was a first for this species at Franklin Park Zoo. While there were three piglets in the red river hog litter, sadly, two did not survive. The remaining piglet, a female, was named Phoebe after the Greek goddess of the moon.

In September, the staff at Franklin Park Zoo celebrated another important birth, which was also the tallest. On September 22, Amari, a 5-year-old giraffe, gave birth to her first calf. Within 30 minutes of the birth, the female calf attempted to stand; not long after, the calf was walking around on her own. The baby was named Alika by her care team after the generous winners of our online fundraising auction gifted them the naming rights. ZNE is committed to the conservation of this iconic species, and partners with AZA in its Giraffe SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) program plan for Nubian giraffe in Uganda. SAFE combines the coordinated efforts of accredited zoos and aquariums to save vulnerable wildlife species from extinction.

2022 got off to an adorable start with the arrival of a litter of North American river otter kits at Stone Zoo. First-time mom, Dunkin, a North American river otter, gave birth to three pups on February 16. The otter kits are the result of a recommended breeding between Dunkin and Sushi, a 16-year-old otter who sadly passed away prior to the kits' birth due to age-related issues. These kits are a wonderful legacy for Sushi, a beloved resident of Stone Zoo for many years. The family bonded behind the scenes until the kits were vaccinated and introduced to their outdoor habitat. They ventured outside to explore their

## BY THE NUMBERS



ANIMALS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO AND STONE ZOO

**89** NUMBER OF SPECIES SURVIVAL PLANS WE SUPPORT

**2** DEXTER COWS JOINED THE FRANKLIN PARK ZOO ANIMAL FAMILY



**273** POUNDS OF ROLLED OATS CONSUMED BY REINDEER THIS YEAR

**813,000**

CRICKETS ARE CONSUMED BY THE ANIMALS EACH YEAR

**10,285** POUNDS OF MEAT ARE CONSUMED BY THE ANIMALS EACH YEAR

**102** POUNDS OF BLUEBERRIES CONSUMED BY STONE ZOO ANIMALS THIS YEAR



**3**

NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER KITS BORN

habitat for the first time in late May, coinciding with World Otter Day on May 25.

A prickly addition arrived at Stone Zoo on June 25: our newest prehensile-tailed porcupette. The baby is the third offspring for mom, Prickles, age 9, and dad, Shadow, age 10. The porcupette weighed just over one pound at birth and settled in well with the family in the Windows to the Wild space, just in time for World Porcupine Day on July 2. News of the birth made national news and was even talked about by the hosts of the TODAY Show.

Each birth, hatch and new addition to the animal family presents the opportunity to further connect guest to these remarkable animals and share the importance of wildlife protection, habitat preservation and preserving biodiversity. Management of animals within and cooperatively between institutions accredited by AZA is vital for ensuring healthy, genetically diverse populations. 🐾



# IMMERSIVE Experiences



With all the exciting new initiatives and offerings at Zoo New England, one thing remains constant: the opportunity for our guests to partake in immersive experiences that allow them to develop a deeper appreciation and respect for wildlife and the mission-driven work that we do.

*Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience* returned to Franklin Park Zoo to once again dazzle guests during the summer and early fall. Spanning the 72 acres of Franklin Park Zoo, Boston Lights impressed guests of all ages with more than 60 large scale displays comprised of hundreds of colorful lanterns, featuring many sparkling new additions. Guests were dazzled by luminous animal and ocean scenes, glowing corridors of lotus and sunflowers, a towering 87-foot-long Tyrannosaurus Rex tunnel,

traditional Asian lantern displays and a stunning 164-foot-long phoenix. This evening lantern experience was once again extremely popular, attracting 205,000 visitors.

Stone Zoo hosted a first of its kind event – Flamingle, an intimate summer evening of animal encounters, food and music. Guests were treated to the sounds of a steel drum duo as they mingled with friends and supported the Zoos’ mission. Many guests also had the unique opportunity to name a member of the Stone Zoo Caribbean flamingo flock.

Stone Zoo also hosted Ales and Tails in August 2021 and again in May 2022, giving guests two chances to support the Zoos’ mission by sampling local craft beer and food at these popular 21+ after-hours events.

The holiday season is not complete without ZooLights, which once again delighted guests as hundreds of thousands of lights created a festive winter wonderland. This wildly popular seasonal event at Stone Zoo is a beloved holiday tradition attracting new and repeat visitors year after year. ZooLights achieved record-setting attendance of 102,433 in FY 22, an increase of 39,943 compared to 62,490 guests the year prior.

The arrival of warm weather brought a new adventure to Stone Zoo: Supersized Creatures! This special exhibition featured over 30 larger than life animal sculptures made from millions of colorful bricks. Each sculpture, built and presented by BRICKLIVE, is built from thousands of bricks, and each brick plays an important role in the overall structure. We hope this helped our guests make the powerful connection to our own ecosystem, where every species plays a crucial role.

The warm weather also brought out a record-breaking attendance day at Franklin Park Zoo’s Party for the Planet. This Earth Day celebration attracted over 10,000 visitors to the Zoo for a day of animal encounters, arts and crafts and educational experiences.

Zootopia, our largest fundraising gala of the year, returned to Franklin Park Zoo in June for the first time in over 15 years. The Zoo provided the perfect backdrop for this festive event as 350 guests strolled the grounds, including the brand-new Gorilla Grove. Matt Noyes, NBC10 Boston Chief Meteorologist, was the host, and his incredible energy and enthusiasm contributed to the magical evening. The theme of this year’s gala was “Climbing to New Heights,” which was definitely true as we raised \$704,178, far surpassing our fundraising goal. There was a palpable energy in the air throughout the evening as guests gathered to celebrate, connect and learn more about our mission.

These immersive experiences are a bridge between our guests and the vast wonders of the natural world through exploration, education and imagination, and provide the chance for people of all ages to connect with wildlife in a memorable way that hopefully stays with them long after their visit. 🦋





# COMMITTED TO Conservation

Now more than ever, zoos are critically important in saving wildlife from extinction, with crucial work happening both at the Zoo and in the field. Each and every day, we're working to save species from extinction, and a recent discovery from our Field Conservation team illustrates the heart of this work. In early June, members of our Field Conservation department made an exciting discovery when they found two Eastern box turtle nests in southern New Hampshire. Although populations of box turtles are well documented in the southeast and Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts, it has been long believed that their range did not extend into New Hampshire.

Zoo New England has worked with New Hampshire Fish and Game to track box turtles since 2021. In 2022, the team began looking for nests and found 18, which were protected. Hatchlings from these nests are being cared for by ZNE staff until they can be released back into the wild to bolster the population.

While ZNE has long been committed to turtle conservation throughout Massachusetts, our team is also working internationally to protect and preserve the Central American river turtle, or hicatee, one of the world's most endangered turtle species. ZNE has partnered with BFREE (Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education) to offer our resources and turtle conservation experience, as well as provide funding in support of their conservation efforts. Members of our Field Conservation team traveled to Belize in March to assist with the health

assessments and field work. Like the headstart we give to Blanding's, wood, and spotted turtles to help these populations in Massachusetts, the goal here is to raise hicatee turtles to restore and repopulate them in Belize. ZNE staff have been instrumental in the protection and conservation of this species.

This past year, we continued our work in Madagascar through our partnership with the non-governmental organization, Health In Harmony. This program uses a One Health approach to improve the conservation status of several



species of lemurs and other rare wildlife in a special reserve in southeastern Madagascar, while also improving the health care, food security, and economic opportunities available to villagers who live in the region. The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear that One Health collaborations are essential for the prevention of global health crises, and for the flourishing of both humans and wildlife.

Two members of ZNE's team, conservation genomics scientist Dr. Rachel Johnston, and senior veterinarian Dr. Chris Bonar, embarked on a field mission to Madagascar in March where they conducted rapid biodiversity assessments of the Manombo Rainforest by documenting species and their populations. These evaluations were conducted on mammals, including black and white ruffed lemurs and mouse lemurs, as well as amphibians, reptiles, birds and plants. While in Madagascar, our staff also assisted with



## BY THE NUMBERS

THE FIELD CONSERVATION TEAM PROVIDED PROGRAMS TO LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FIRST TIME.



WORK WAS ALSO EXPANDED TO PROTECT BLANDING'S TURTLE NESTS IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY.



# 2,400



STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE HATCH PROGRAM, HEADSTARTING:



## 85

BLANDING'S TURTLES

## 15

SPOTTED TURTLES

## 46

WOOD TURTLES



### FRANKLIN PARK ZOO BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

NUMBER OF SPECIES OBSERVED:

10 MAMMALS

158 SPECIES OF INSECT including 13 species of bee, 23 species of butterfly and 16 species of bee-mimicking pollinating flies



133 PLANTS

54 FUNGI




55 BIRDS including bald eagle, osprey, and merlin



reforesting efforts at a 40-hectare plot within the Manombo Special Reserve.

In May, ZNE along with its partners were honored with a prestigious international award, the Grand Jet d'Or de Genève Prize, from the Geneva Health Forum in recognition of the One Health focused work currently being undertaken in Madagascar.

ZNE encourages people of all ages to take an active role in sustaining healthy ecosystems right in their own back yards. 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, whereby people can become citizen scientists in their own communities as they log their observations of local plants and wildlife in the iNaturalist app. ZNE staff, supporters and friends once again participated in the annual Plastic Free July EcoChallenge. Out of 391 teams, both nationally and internationally, Team ZNE came in fourth place. Our team's efforts resulted in 1,302 pieces of litter picked up, 147 advocacy actions and 315 plastic straws not sent to a landfill.

Through the Eco-Cell recycling program, an initiative which partners with zoos across the country to collect cell phones for recycling and refurbishment, guests can make a direct impact on the habitats of wild gorillas. Recycling cell phones and other electronics reduces the need for coltan mining, which causes destruction of endangered gorilla habitats. Guests can drop off cell phones for recycling inside the Tropical Forest at Franklin Park Zoo, as well as at Stone Zoo, connecting guests with opportunities to help wildlife on a global scale is important in showing them that little actions can make a big impact. 



# SHARING THE WONDERS OF THE Natural World



It is incredibly impactful for our staff to have the opportunity to partake in conservation programs both locally and globally, and we recognize our role in sharing these experiences and building deeper connections to wildlife in all of our guests. At Zoos like ours, people can observe an incredibly diverse array of animals up close to build empathy and deeper understanding of the importance of preserving biodiversity and our shared ecosystem.

In FY 22, more students had the opportunity to see classroom learning brought to life. To ensure access to schoolchildren, the Zoos offer free admission to all Massachusetts students throughout the school year who visit as part of scheduled school field trips. By providing opportunities to children who many not otherwise be able to visit, we're able to introduce them to wildlife and bring fun and educational programming to more members of the community. In FY 22, we were thrilled to see a big increase in school field trip visits. School group attendance was 47,216, a 282% increase over school group attendance of 12,357 in FY 21, a year still greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



After such heavy focus on virtual programming the past few years, we were pleased to see an interest and return to in-person programming. In FY 22, the Education department facilitated more than 1,100 activities and programs that engaged over 80,000 participants. These included 119 virtual and 996 in-person offerings. ZNE's summer ZooCamp program was also in high-demand, with spots filling quickly when registration opened in winter 2022.

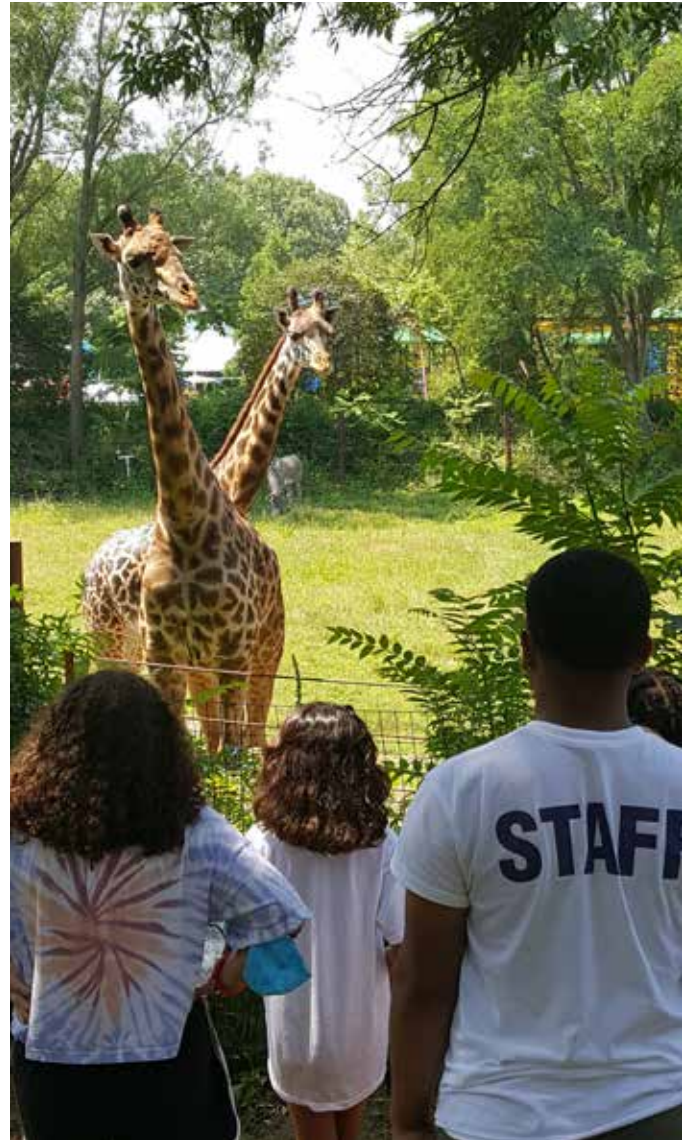
Through a unique collaboration with Harvard Medical School, senior medical students have the opportunity to complete an elective rotation within Zoo New England's Department of Animal Health. Student physicians in the One Health rotation accompany ZNE's veterinarians in their daily clinical practice, and are introduced to the concept that collaboration between human and veterinary medical professionals can benefit healthcare for both humans and animals. Students are encouraged to think about the commonalities of medicine and physiology of health and disease across all species, and to take an active role in case management, diagnostic work-up, and treatment.



In FY 22, we had five senior Harvard Medical School students participate in the One Health Clinical Elective, learning about the intersections between animal health, human health, and ecosystem health. Thirty four students in total have now experienced this elective since its inception, each gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of employing a One Health approach.

ZNE staff continue to focus on the strategic masterplan for interpretive planning for both Zoos. During FY 22, senior staff and educators participated in training and design workshops to ensure that our interpretation and our guests' experiences are aligned with our mission. Our interpretive masterplan will include environmental interpretation and effective behavior change strategies to help visitors better align with the pressing conservation needs of animal conservation, land preservation and climate change. We have reached a 50% completion point in the strategic interpretive master plan and are piloting interpretive graphics for five species at Stone Zoo with the support of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This project is re-developing graphics for five exhibits: peregrine falcon, jaguar, whooping crane, snow leopard and Mexican gray wolf.

Whether it's reading an informative sign while at a habitat, or observing the behaviors and social interactions of the animals, what guests of all ages learn when visiting our Zoos will shape their outlook on wildlife, and we always strive for it to be positive and meaningful. 🦋



▶ To learn more about ZNE's education programs, visit [WWW.ZOONEWENGLAND.ORG/DISCOVER](http://WWW.ZOONEWENGLAND.ORG/DISCOVER)

### BY THE NUMBERS

**1,100** 

TOTAL PROGRAMS CONDUCTED, ENGAGING OVER **80,000** PARTICIPANTS

**34**  
PARTICIPANTS  
IN OUR TEEN  
PROGRAMS

**27**  
ZOO TEENS

**7**  
TEEN  
AMBASSADORS

**12**  
JUNIOR  
ZOO TEENS

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


**119** VIRTUAL AND **996**  
IN-PERSON OFFERINGS

**317**  
BEHIND-THE-SCENES  
TOURS

**150**  
ANIMAL ENCOUNTER  
PROGRAMS



#ZooToYou Digital Programming

**100**  LIVE PRESENTATIONS

**130,000**  VIEWS





# INSPIRING Tomorrow's Leaders

If you took a trip to Franklin Park Zoo in the summer, chances are you had an interaction with one of our ZooTeens. These ZooTeens might have greeted you outside of Bird's World, tended the beautiful plantings on Zoo grounds, or enhanced your visit from their work behind-the-scenes.

Since its inception in 1999, this nationally recognized program engages Boston youth in an immersive summer work and learning experience. The ZooTeen program provides these teens with the opportunity to receive direct exposure to zoo and conservation-oriented careers in a fun, specialized learning environment outside of the typical classroom setting. Professional development courses and service projects are an integral part of the curriculum, strengthening their knowledge and helping to prepare them for future endeavors.

Through collaboration with the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment's SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment Program, Franklin Park Zoo was able to employ 27 ZooTeens in the summer of 2021. Over a period of six weeks, ZooTeens worked in various departments, including Animal Care, Education and Horticulture. These local teens, ranging from 15 to 18 years old, reside in the city of Boston and come from the diverse neighborhoods surrounding Franklin Park Zoo. This was an especially exciting summer, as it marked the first summer back to in-person programming. After pivoting to virtual


ZooTeens in 2020, FY 22 allowed participants to come back to the Zoo, which maximized the positive social connections and unique learning opportunities the program offers.

Upon completion of the ZooTeen Program, select teens who wish to further their work throughout the school year can apply to become a Teen Ambassador. Seven Teen Ambassadors were employed in FY 22. Teen Ambassadors primarily work in the same areas as ZooTeens, and also participate in Zoo New England's HATCH (Hatchling and Turtle Conservation through Headstarting) program. Working alongside our Field Conservation team helps provide these youths with a front-row seat

to the work we do on behalf of rare and threatened species right here in Eastern Massachusetts. In April, the ZooTeens took to the field at a local site to help monitor spotted turtles by providing food at a soft-release site and by measuring radio tagged turtles released previously. These turtles were headstarted by ZNE for two years and are acclimating to the site where they will live permanently, so ensuring they have natural foods to familiarize themselves with is important.



For those interested in the ZooTeen program but not quite old enough,

the Junior ZooTeen program is for youth ages 12 to 14. This program offers a hands-on learning atmosphere, life-skill development, and several mentorship opportunities with ZNE staff members. 





# STRENGTHENING Communities

Our Zoos attract diverse audiences where visitors from all backgrounds have the opportunity to share experiences as they learn about the natural world.

As a vibrant member of the cultural community in Boston and beyond, Zoo New England is committed to community participation and community access. We work with community centers, camps, and 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 2022, ZNE successfully completed its first year of our community outreach work in conjunction with Antioch University of New England, AmeriCorps and the neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain. Through surveys and meetings, both organizational and within the community, our advocacy reached over 3,000 individuals and organizations that serve these neighborhoods.



Currently, Antioch is analyzing all the data and information learned, which will be utilized in FY 23 to co-design programming that meets the communities' identified needs. This is a three-year pilot program being undertaken by ZNE, Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle, Cleveland MetroParks Zoo and Antioch University of New England. It is hoped that the results of the program may be used to implement similar initiatives at zoos across the country.


With ongoing support from the Cummings Foundation, we continued to develop three Family Nature Adventure Kits. These are intended to encourage families, especially families caring for foster children or children who have suffered from trauma, to spend time together outdoors with curiosity about nature. Each kit has a small number of activities suitable for use at the zoo, at a beach or at a forest area. They include materials to help parents and caregivers facilitate exploration using different senses and considering different scales of size and distance.



ZNE remains committed to ensuring that personal financial situations do not create a barrier to enjoying and benefiting from Zoo experiences. As an organization whose mission is to connect people to the natural world through meaningful experiences that engage, educate, and inspire the next generation of conservation stewards, it is essential that we reach everyone within the community. 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. 189 libraries currently participate in this program.
- ▶ EBT 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 program may purchase admission to the Zoos for up to four people for \$4.00 per person, which is more than 80% off per ticket. In FY 22, we welcomed a total of 75,393 guests who visited with their EBT/WIC cards. This is an increase of 41,146 compared to 34,247 participants in FY 21. Our membership program for

EBT and WIC cardholders continues to grow, and in FY 22, 692 member households joined. Through this program, EBT and WIC cardholders can purchase a family level membership for \$40 (the regular price is \$125) and enjoy free general 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 amount of free admission passes. In FY 22, ZNE distributed 4,500 passes to non-profit and community groups, many of which visited during Boston Lights.
- ▶ Organizational Pass Program: Non-profit organizations may purchase an institutional pass enabling groups of individuals to attend the Zoos at a greatly reduced cost. 

To learn more about these programs, visit [WWW.ZONEWENGLAND.ORG/COMMUNITY](http://WWW.ZONEWENGLAND.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, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

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Rosa Mexicana  
Samuel Adams Boston Brewery  
Season 52  
Troegs Independent Brewing  
True North Ale Company  
Turtle Swamp Brewery  
Two Robbers Hard Seltzer  
Wormtown Brewery 🍹





# Tributes

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A gift to Zoo New England is an excellent way to recognize someone special to you. Gifts made in someone's honor or memory allow you an opportunity to celebrate an animal-loving friend or family member in a truly meaningful way. The person or family recognized by the donation receives a special notification from the Zoo.

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***In Honor of Amari the Giraffe***

Sabrina Osowiecki  
Carrie Young

***In Memory of Robert L. Armstrong***

Daniel DiSisto

***In Memory of Sheila Azzara***

Dr. Lori Azzara

***In Honor of Eric Baitchman***

Linda Swerling

***In Memory of Louise Barker***

Hope Barton

***In Memory of Beau the Giraffe***

Stephen Loranger

***In Honor of Bianco***

Casey Hannan

***In Memory of Aunt Bonnie***

Kristen Albertsen

***In Honor of Susan Boutiette***

Bailey Boutiette

***In Recognition of Sally Brennan***

Wendy Brown

***In Memory of David Bromer***

Anne Bromer



***In Honor of Eliza Brown***

Jan Brown

***In Memory of Julia Burns***

Marlene Gasdia-Cochrane

***In Honor of Dr. Larry Carbone***

Dr. Martha Smith-Blackmore

***In Appreciation of Bob Chabot***

Wendy Peverill-Conti

***In Honor of Itty Chan***

Nancy Lee

***In Honor of Sophia Chatterjee***

Abhisher Chatterjee and Nabanita De

***In Memory of Chessie the Jaguar***

Mary Horrocks  
Michael J. Walsh

***In Memory of Christopher the Lion***

Robert E. Brown  
Laurie Keene

***In Honor of Lewis Clapp***

Judith Clapp

***In Memory of Jason Clough***

Stacy Clough

***In Memory of Vicente Colon***

Liliana Bonilla

***In Memory of John Connolly***

Katie Connolly and Sander Cohan

***In Honor of Natalie Dean***

Enfrodisia Schaff

***In Honor of the De Brazza's Monkeys***

Lorelle Arpino

***In Honor of Divya DeWinter***

Laura Chassaigne  
Lisa Cloitre  
Morgan Olson

***In Honor of the Dexter Steers***

Kelvin Tomlinson

***In Memory of Anna Donovan***

Sheila Greene Donovan  
Eileen Murphy-Tagrin

***In Honor of Karen Dunnett***

Sarah Farrell

***In Memory of Ray Eckebrecht***

Kristine and Mark Sawyer

***In Memory of Felipe Estrela***

Roberta Rubin and  
Donald-Bruce Abrams

***In Honor of Mark Faenza***

Arlene King

***In Honor of Sage Felicia***

Ruth Trimarchi

***In Memory of Louise Felton***

Gene Charny  
John Darack  
Emily Falkenstein  
Ronald Gwiazda  
Constance J. Horton  
Laurie Ruskin  
Lisa Thorson

***In Memory of Josephine Ferry***

Kathleen Giuliani

***In Honor of Grace Fey***

Barbara and Gordon Russell

***In Memory of Daniel Fitzgerald***

Sean Gleeson

***In Honor of Marlo Fogelman***

Brooke and Josh Wardrop

***In Honor of Elliott Fonseca***

Cindy Desimone  
Marie Irvine  
Noah Lucia  
Jenna Luongo  
Kelly McCarthy  
Maria Isabel Reis Barbosa  
Andreia Reis DeSimone

***In Honor of Isla Foreman***

Leah Azzarello  
Caitlin Marquedant

***In Honor of Margot Geiger***

Sandra Geiger

***In Honor of Philip and Lorayne Gelzer***

Claudia Gelzer and Wendy Foster

***In Memory of Jonathan Gilmour***

Margaret and David Gilmour  
Christine Maccuish  
Marleen Nienhuis and Walter Newman  
Mary Norton

***In Memory of Astrid C. Glynn***

Laura Glynn

***In Memory of Paul Gozzo***

Nicole Gozzo

***In Memory of John F. Greene***

Meghan Greene

***In Honor of David Hall***

Emmett and Margaret Lyne

***In Honor of Lloyd L. Hamm, Jr***

Kim Foulkes

***In Memory of Antonio Hansell***

Daniel W. Finegold

***In Memory of Carolyn F. Harrison***

Melanie Drayton

***In Memory of Katherine Herbert***

John Cannon

***In Memory of Cynthia Hill***

Sandra and William Baker  
Alice Boelter  
John and Julie Linehan  
Mark Shepard

***In Honor of Steven Hinterneder***

Mary Sparks

***In Memory of Hoppy the Red Panda***

Yvonne Tsai

***In Honor of LeeAnn Horner***

Lori Cooney  
Rae Glispin  
Richard Schulman

***In Memory of Mark Stuart Kassop***

Erik Yankowsky

***In Memory of Ann Keklak*** (née Stratton)

Dr. C. Stephen Keklak

***In Honor of Dr. and Mrs. Mark A. Kelley***

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***In Memory of Jean Knight***

Debora Sprague-Slavin

***In Memory of Lacey Lacourse***

Rachel Rawlings

***In Memory of Bonnie Landry***

Nancy Christiansen  
Marge Divirgilio  
Lisa Wharff

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Alane Capen  
David and Linda Hirschberg  
Jean Waldinger

***In Honor of Dr. Lisa and Dr. Neha***

Rose Wilson

***In Honor of Cliff Lusso***

Steven and Sylvia Greene

***In Honor of Xio Macias***

Evangelina Macias

***In Memory of Charles A. Magaw***

Barbara Gaughan

***In Memory of Heather Marie Maher***

Eileen and Thomas Maher

***In Honor of Kathy May and  
the Children's Zoo Keepers***

Dr. Rory Browne and Dr. Grace Chang

***In Honor of Rosie McKenna***

Christine McKenna



***In Memory of Mary Melchiorre***

Irene Melchiorre

***In Memory of Blackberry Clover Moore***

Greg and Nicole Moore

***In Honor of Pam Frechette  
and Larry Moulter***

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***In Memory of Mike Murphy***

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***In Honor of Jessica Nicoletti-Peet***

Frank Nicoletti

***In Honor of Owlfredo***

Annie Plachta

***In Memory of Mike Peskin***

Barbara Peskin

***In Memory of Samantha Petro***

Wendy Petro

***In Honor of Frances Pratt***

Alexandra England and Chuck Pratt  
Frances H. Pratt

Harold I. Pratt, Jr.  
Harold I. Pratt, Sr.

***In Honor of Ptolemy the Hippo***

Janet Connors  
Sigourney Street

***In Memory of Marshall Reich***

Donald Becker

***In Memory of Cornelia Robart***

Heidi Friedman  
Sophie Wadsworth

***In Honor of Sunday Rogers***

Ellinor Rogers

***In Honor of Lexi Rolfe***

Alexander Kanov

***In Honor of Aaron Sandel***

Kiku and Michael Adatto

***In Honor of the Sankaran family***

Shruti Sonni

***In Memory of Ananda and Sandra***

Senatillaka  
David Senatillaka

***In Honor of Edward Shadoff***

Brotherhood Credit Union

***In Memory of Albert 'Albie' Sherman***

Linda Sherman

***In Memory of Sam Sherwood***

Sarah Freeman

***In Honor of Coconut Soetjoko***

Andrijani Soetjoko

***In Honor of Della Spector***

Logan Higger

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Adrienne Stephens

***In Memory of Sushi the Otter***

Mary Horrocks

***In Honor of Yingchuan Sun***

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***In Honor of Rowan Trivison***

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Diana Renn and Dr. James Nager

Virginia Shugrue

***In Honor of Sarah Woodruff***

Jill Wittels

***In Honor of the Zebras***

Barbara Bourdeau, James Deery

and Ava

***In Honor of the Zoo New England staff***

Duncan Wood 



# Executive Committee

The Wild Things is a community of emerging leaders dedicated to protecting the environment and connecting people to the natural world. In partnership with Zoo New England, we work to inspire others to sustain our world for future generations through fun and engaging experiences that integrate wildlife and conservation programs, research, and education.

Devon Black

Grace DaFonseca

Laura Goscinak


Sarah Goscinak

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Kristen Vagliardo

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a Difference  
PerkinElmer  
Point32Health  
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Wild Cohasset

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American Tower  
Corporation  
Point32Health  
Stoneham Bank

In total, 9,923 hours of essential services were contributed by 467 individual volunteers and group volunteers in FY 22.

# FISCAL YEAR 2022

# Financial Summary

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Change in  
Net Assets as of June 30, 2022 (in Whole Dollars)

## OPERATING REVENUES:

Admissions	8,920,282
Concessions Revenue (Net)	606,585
Membership Fees	3,215,773
Total Guest Operating Revenues	12,742,640
<b>Other Operating Revenue</b>	<b>1,482,514</b>
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>14,225,154</b>

## NON-OPERATING REVENUE

Investment Income (loss)	(17,695)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	1,915,902
Government Grant Income	1,070,734
<b>Total Non-Operating Revenue</b>	<b>2,968,941</b>

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## OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

State Appropriations	9,600,000
Private Gifts - unrestricted	2,266,754
Private Gifts - restricted	3,682,020
<b>Total Other Contributions</b>	<b>15,548,774</b>

Operating Expenses (including depreciation and amortization of \$2,664,875)	23,978,954
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**Change in Net Position** **8,763,915**

**Net Position, Beginning of the Year** **41,490,665**

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**Net Position, End of Year** **50,254,580**

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## FISCAL YEAR 2022 Highlights

- ▶ In FY 22, Membership revenues from a record-setting 30,000 member households brought in over \$3,200,000, an increase of \$200,000 over FY 21 and the second year these revenues have exceeded \$3,000,000.
- ▶ Total overall attendance, inclusive of ZooLights and Boston Lights in FY 22, was a record-setting 1,149,173, an increase of 260,075 over FY 21.
- ▶ Zootopia, ZNE's largest fundraising gala, returned to the grounds of Franklin Park Zoo for the first time in 15 years on June 4, 2022, and raised a record-setting \$704,178 in sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction revenue. This was an increase of \$294,958 from FY 21's virtual event total of \$409,220.



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