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Annual Report

President's Message

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Dear friends, supporters and donors,

They say time flies when you're having fun. We did have fun this past year, but I believe the year flew by because we were working hard toward our goals of providing exceptional animal care, offering once-in-a-lifetime guest interactions and saving imperiled wildlife.

In our 2014 - 2015 fiscal year, after decades of hard work, the Zoo broke all-time attendance records, stabilizing the Zoo's financial position and securing a place in the community as the most-attended attraction in Colorado Springs.

We started this past year with strong attendance numbers. In August, things got even better when we were named the 5th best zoo in the country and the 13th best zoo in the world by TripAdvisor. The attention allowed the mission of the Zoo to flourish.

We improved exhibit spaces, animal training areas and our animal care programs. All of that great care resulted in healthy animals and several new babies. We also gave guests unprecedented access to our animals when we started an elephant and rhino feeding program. The program afforded us the opportunity to donate \$25,000 to the protection and conservation of wild elephants and rhinos, both of which are being killed at alarming rates.

The success of the Zoo was felt around the world. Through Quarters for Conservation, each of our guests contributed 25 cents of their admission to field conservation, and through new and renewing memberships, our members contributed an additional \$100,000 for conservation. In total, 4% of our operating budget was used to save wild animals and wild places through field conservation programs.

The Board of Directors and I feel good about our progress during 2014 - 2015. I'm excited about the future of the Zoo. We have already started our next capital campaign, "Making Waves," which will provide new, state-of-the-art habitats for our hippos and penguins. We are close to completing a new exhibit for mountain tapirs, a critically endangered species. The AZA Species Survival Plan has given us several breeding recommendations for the upcoming year. Our guest attendance has momentum, and we anticipate that we will continue to have high attendance in the upcoming year. And, we will be steadfast in our commitment to conservation and our conservation legacy projects - black footed ferrets, Wyoming toads, Panama amphibians and palm oil crisis awareness.

As a Zoo that does not receive any tax revenue, we rely on guest attendance, members and donations. We cannot thank you enough for your active and unwavering support of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. We know our success is directly tied to you.

Sincerely,

Bob Chastain
President & CEO

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Our MISSION

A leader in conservation, captive breeding and animal care, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo connects people with wildlife and wild places through experiences that inspire action.

Our VISION

Every Kid. Every Time. Goosebumps!

Every kid, of any age, will have an experience for a lifetime with every visit.

Our LEADERS

With our mission and vision to guide them, these are the people who volunteer their time to make sure the greatness of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo continues.

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A RECORD Year of Support

In our 2014-2015 fiscal year, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo celebrated record-breaking attendance for the second year in a row, welcoming 691,567 guests, an increase of 7%. The previous record attendance in 2013-2014 was 648,374 guests. Guests visited from just down the road and from around the globe. Nearly 56% of guests were local residents from the Pikes Peak region; nearly 26% were from the rest of Colorado and 19% visited from elsewhere in the country or the world.

Membership support also celebrated a record-breaking revenue year. Our member families contributed more than \$1.95 million in membership revenue, an increase of \$265,695, or 16%, from the previous year. The average number of member households throughout the year was 14,348, which is down slightly from the previous year, but still gives us a great support base.

Volunteers donated 8,520 hours of their time in animal areas and around the Zoo with the horticulture, education and marketing departments. A total of 140 Zoo docents volunteered 86,880 hours of service this year giving tours, providing interpretive education and assisting with ZOOMobile outreach programs. The number of hours our Zoo docents donated is equivalent to nine full-time Zoo staff members! We could not be more grateful for our volunteers' and docents' dedication and passion for Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and our mission!

Zoo events assist in providing funding for the care of our animals, while reaching a wider demographic of Zoo guests. Moonlight on the Mountain, Run to the Shrine, Military Appreciation Week and Boo at the Zoo all saw increases in attendance numbers. The Zoo's Annual Plant Sale had a great year, raising \$22,930 and the annual e-waste recycling event prevented 10,571 pounds of electronics from going to a landfill.

Of the 229 zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is one of only nine that does not receive any tax support. The Zoo relies solely on donations, membership dues, admissions and grants for funding. We cannot fulfill our mission without our enthusiastic guests, donors, volunteers, docents and passionate staff. Thank you for your continued support of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo!

A NEW AUSTRALIA WALKABOUT

In June 2015, the Zoo celebrated the opening of a completely renovated Australia Walkabout. The \$2.26 million needed to construct the new space came from funds remaining from the Encounter Africa capital campaign (\$516,600), Australia-specific donations (\$833,210), donations from new and renewing members (\$109,950) and the Zoo's cash reserves (\$803,161).

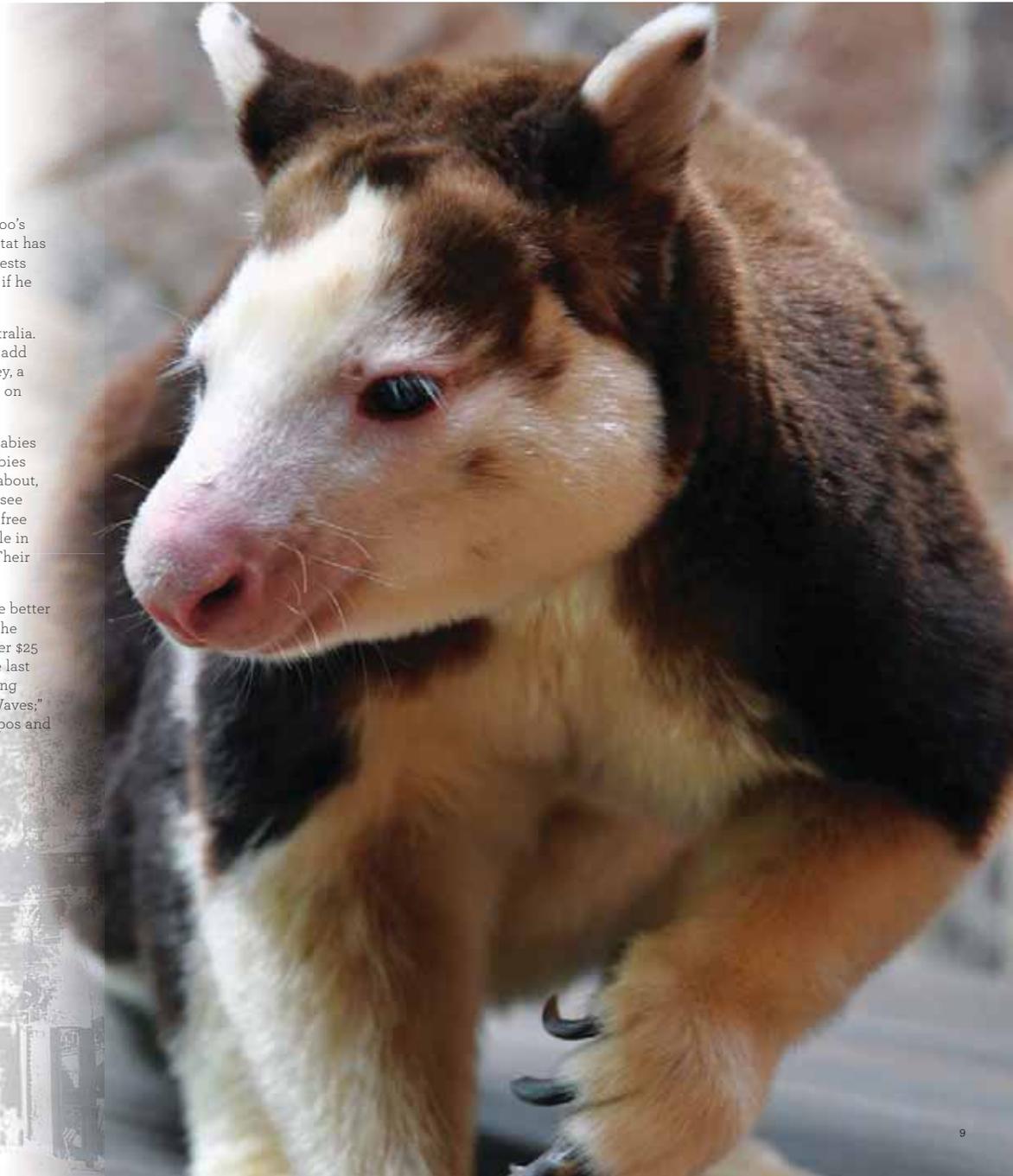
Construction on the project began in September 2014, and less than a year after renovations started, guests were able to enjoy the Australia Walkabout space. The new exhibit boasts a beautiful new budgie building with floor-to-ceiling windows. The new building offers a light and bright experience and provides beautiful views of the Zoo's brightly-colored birds against the backdrop of the Colorado Springs skyline. The attached outdoor aviary has an artistic tree for birds to perch on and gives guests the opportunity to view the birds in a new setting. Guests have always enjoyed hand-feeding the Zoo's budgies, but the new building has certainly reinvented their interest.

He may not be a bird of flight, but Damian, the Zoo's male emu, is also enjoying his new digs. His habitat has a new pool, more space and a large new barn. Guests are able to see Damian just feet away from them, if he chooses to be at the front of his exhibit.

The birds aren't the only popular animals in Australia. The new exhibit gave the Zoo the opportunity to add a new species - a Matschie's tree kangaroo. Bexley, a three-year-old male, arrived on the mountainside on Friday, May 22, 2015 from Gladys Porter Zoo.

Guests also enjoy bouncing alongside seven wallabies as they explore the new walkabout, and the wallabies appear to be enjoying the new layout of the walkabout, too. During the winter months, guests will get to see the wallabies in their new building, which is now free of a glass barrier. Another species will be viewable in Australia year-round - our American alligators! Their indoor/outdoor exhibit is getting rave reviews.

The Zoo continues to improve exhibits to provide better guest experiences and expand animal habitats. The opening of Australia marks the completion of over \$25 million in capital improvements at the Zoo in the last 10 years. The Zoo will now start focusing on raising donations for our next capital project, "Making Waves;" the project will provide new exhibits for Nile hippos and African penguins.





New Members of Our ZOO FAMILY

During the 2014-2015 fiscal year, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo welcomed several new additions, including births, as well as animals that transferred from other Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) zoos. The births were the result of detailed planning with other AZA institutions, animal transfers and, of course, the compatibility of the animal parents. The breeding process is governed by a Species Survival Plan (SSP), and there are separate SSPs for a majority of the animals found in zoos. The SSP programs are a complicated but necessary process to ensure genetic diversity in zoos' captive animal populations.

Three **Canada lynx kittens**, Matilda, Laurel & Sage, were born on May 15, 2014 to mother, Migina, and father, Kajika. This was the second time the threatened species has successfully bred at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

A female **Bornean orangutan**, Ember, was born on October 29, 2014. She is the second baby for mother, 18-year-old Hadiyah, and father, 20-year-old Tujoh. A few days after Ember's birth, it became clear that although Hadiyah had bonded with her baby, she wasn't nursing her enough. To protect the baby's health, the decision was made to have Zoo staff hand-rear the baby while animal keepers intensified their maternal training with Hadiyah. Training focused on showing her how to nurse, but also how to present the baby for staff-assisted feedings.

After nearly three weeks, the Zoo's animal care and veterinary staff were confident with the additional training they had done with Hadiyah, and decided it was time to have Hadiyah try to raise her baby. Ember was placed safely in a bucket and lifted to Hadiyah, so she could pick her up through a feeding door in the den. That's how the baby got her name - Ember means 'bucket' in both the Indonesian and Malaysian languages. The maternal training with Hadiyah was successful; Hadiyah didn't nurse Ember right away, but would bring her over to staff so they could bottle feed her. After a month of staff feeding the baby, they observed Hadiyah nursing Ember on her own. If all continues to go well between mom and baby, Ember will stay under her mother's care and watchful eye for the next five to seven years. Less than 10 orangutan babies are born each year at AZA institutions, so the Zoo is very excited about contributing to the genetic diversity of the captive population.

On October 4, 2014, CMZ did a male **mountain tapir** swap with Los Angeles Zoo, another AZA institution. CMZ returned Mochi, a 16-year-old male and received an 11-year-old male, Cofan. Mountain tapirs are the most critically endangered animal of the tapir species - experts estimate there are between 2,500 and 3,000 remaining in the wild. They are rare in U.S. zoos as well; only the LA Zoo and CMZ have mountain tapirs in their collections, and CMZ has the only female that's produced an offspring. The tapir swap came about after years of several unsuccessful natural breeding attempts between Mochi and Carlotta, as well as one attempt at artificial insemination. With the lack of success, it became clear that it was necessary to pair Carlotta with a new breeding male. Though they haven't had an offspring yet, the Zoo is still hopeful they will reproduce. The tapirs currently reside in the Zoo's conservation building and outdoor area, but the Zoo hopes to have them in a newly renovated exhibit space, located north of the Monkey Pavilion, soon.

January was a busy and exciting month for Monkey Pavilion with the birth of two monkeys just days apart! A male **black howler monkey**, Jasper, was born on January 8, 2015 to first-time mother, Eva. The news of the new howler monkey was bittersweet for the Zoo. Just two days before the birth, the father of the new infant, Garnet, was euthanized due to kidney failure. Howler monkeys usually live 15 to 20 years, and Garnet lived a full life at 21 years old. In addition to Jasper, Garnet's genes live on in one other howler monkey, Inti, who currently lives at the Hogle Zoo. Jasper continues to thrive under the care of his mother.

The second Monkey Pavilion baby, a male **Goeldi's monkey**, was born on January 13, 2015. Baby Harley was born to another first-time mother, Alice, and first-time father, Maxwell. He was about the size of a mouse when he was born, and though he had a few health issues in April, he's been doing well since then.

A 12-year-old female **Amur leopard**, Sakhar, arrived at the Zoo on March 5, 2015 from Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, KS. She adjusted to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and her new surroundings incredibly quickly. Guests have enjoyed watching her pounce on enrichment and explore her habitat. Due to poaching and loss of their forest homes, wild Amur leopards and tigers are two of the most critically endangered cat species in the world. Education is a key component of conservation. With the addition of Sakhar, the Zoo once again has both Amur cat species to connect with guests and to inspire them to save their wild counterparts.

A male **Red River hog**, Amanzi, was born on April 26, 2015 to parents Ari and Huey. He currently explores the hog exhibit with his parents and two siblings, sister Safara (born 2011), and brother, Muddy (born 2013).

Our 2015-2016 AZA breeding recommendations include several threatened and endangered species, including Amur tigers, African lions, Mexican grey wolves, Sumatran orangutans, reticulated giraffe and African penguins. We hope to successfully breed several of these important species in the coming year.



Saving Imperiled Species ONE QUARTER AT A TIME

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo supports conservation programs and aids in wildlife preservation in Colorado and around the world through many different programs. In 2010, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums challenged their institutions to dedicate at least 3% of their annual budget to field conservation. Cheyenne Mountain Zoo currently exceeds the 3% challenge by dedicating more than 4% of its operating budget to field conservation activities that help imperiled wild animals and their habitats.

One program that helps the Zoo contribute important funds to field conservation is Quarters for Conservation (Q4C). Guests donate 25 cents as part of their Zoo admission fee and receive a token to vote for their favorite project, which helps us determine how the money is allocated. The guest-supported Q4C program launched in 2008, and since then, an impressive \$847,000+ has been contributed to wildlife conservation programs around the world. The Q4C campaign raised a grand total of \$146,494.92 during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

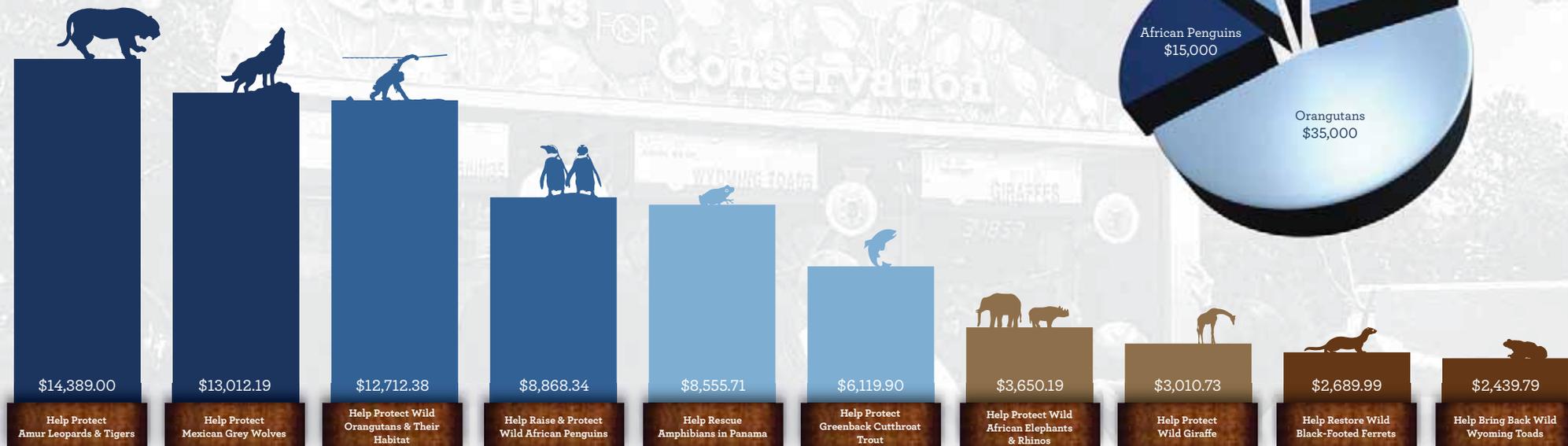
Half of the amount collected via Q4C is distributed to projects that are championed by Zoo staff, while the remaining 50% supports ongoing flagship conservation programs at the Zoo, including palm oil crisis awareness, Panamanian amphibian crisis assistance and breeding programs for black-footed ferrets and Wyoming toads.

Additionally, Zoo memberships provide \$100,000 for field conservation annually. Last year, members contributed \$25,000 by voting with their Q4C tokens. In April 2015, they took to their computers and used their electronic voting power to distribute the remaining \$75,000.

The results of the online member votes are as follows:



QUARTERS FOR CONSERVATION 2014-2015 Distributed Funds



Commitment TO CONSERVATION

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is steadfast in our commitment to conservation, both locally and globally. This year, several of our flagship conservation programs celebrated monumental successes, including the black-footed ferret breeding and release program, Panama Amphibian Rescue and Conservation Project (PARC), Wyoming toad breeding and release program and the palm oil crisis awareness program.

BLACK-FOOTED FERRETS

During our 2013-2014 fiscal year, the Zoo celebrated the first-ever release of black-footed ferrets (BFF) on privately-owned prairie land in Colorado at the Walker Ranch, which is located just south of Fort Carson. During 2014-2015, more BFFs were released at Walker Ranch and at three additional Colorado sites! After years of waiting for legislation to clear the way, it seems that the number of wild black-footed ferrets in Colorado is quickly catching up with other states.

CMZ is one of six facilities that breeds and releases black-footed ferrets. Since the first BFF breeding season at the Zoo, 505 kits have been born and 241 of those have been released. In total, there are 24 sites in 12 states and three countries (U.S., Mexico and Canada) where black-footed ferrets have been reintroduced since 1991. Currently, there are approximately 300 to 500 black-footed ferrets living in the wild.

WYOMING TOADS

It's been an exciting year for Wyoming toads and their breeding and release program. For the first time ever, 50 one-year-old Wyoming toads, called Head Start toads, were released into the wild near Laramie, WY in June and July. A team of seven Zoo staff members, interns and volunteers participated in the wild release. They also released 2,742 tadpoles that were hatched at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in 2014. In late July and early August, surveys took place at a second location. During the 2013 survey, no over-wintered toads were found, but last year's survey found 20 toads. The team hopes that the trend of finding more mature toads each year continues and that releasing Head Start toads will boost those numbers even more.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is one of only nine zoological and government facilities that breeds the Wyoming toad, a species classified as extinct in the wild. In 2013, we were the first and only breeding facility that participated in the Head Start program, which was conceived by Cheyenne Mountain Zoo staff. Since the program started, 13,326 tadpoles, 200 metamorphs and 240 yearling Head Start toads have been released from CMZ.

PANAMA AMPHIBIAN RESCUE & CONSERVATION

Panama Amphibian Rescue and Conservation (PARC) is a collaborative project that was established to rescue frogs at risk of extinction in Panama and to research a solution to save them. The chytrid epidemic is threatening to wipe out more than one-third of the world's amphibian species. In 2009, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo responded to the growing crisis by becoming a founding partner of PARC. One of our staff members, Dr. Della Garelle, Field Conservation Manager, travels to Panama bi-annually to assist the project by providing veterinary services and supplies.

Last year, Dr. Garelle provided veterinary care to almost 500 frogs in isolation pods located at both the Summit Zoo and Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI). The latter location is now home to the new PARC research laboratory and veterinary facility. In 2009, the project started with just a few species in just one pod - now there are eight pods, five species, a full research facility and space to expand. The project's next step is to increase the number of amphibian assurance populations in the pods to between 10 and 15 species. PARC will be focusing on rescuing imperiled species from two areas - a new mining area northwest of the Panama Canal and in the Darien Gap near Colombia.

PALM OIL CRISIS AWARENESS

The past year has marked significant achievements and advancements for the palm oil crisis awareness program and its team of four dedicated Zoo staff members, Dina Bredahl, Animal Care Manager; Tracey Gazibara, Vice President; Mandy Hester, Lead Primate World Animal Keeper; and Lara Bredberg, Administrative Assistant.

In November, Gazibara and Bredahl visited Indonesia and Malaysia to attend the international Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) conference and to visit plantations that are committed to producing sustainable palm oil. The awareness program's overall goal is to put pressure on manufacturers in order to convert them from using non-sustainable palm oil to using 100% certified sustainable palm oil that is deforestation-free. At the RSPO conference, Gazibara presented information on how zoos are working together globally to educate zoo guests about the palm oil crisis and how those guests can help wild orangutans. In addition to presenting at the RSPO conference, Bredahl and Gazibara voted on referendums that will affect the future direction of the RSPO.

Bredahl and Gazibara also serve on the AZA's palm oil task force. Using their extensive knowledge of the palm oil crisis and new information gained from attending the RSPO conference, they worked with other task force members to create a Palm Oil Position Statement, which all AZA institutions will use to guide the information they give their guests.

Additionally, last year the team upgraded their sustainable palm oil smart phone application to include a rating system for RSPO members. The green, yellow and orange rating is further assisting people in making the most orangutan-friendly product choices.

CONNECTING OUR GUESTS

With Animals

Through natural behavior and training demonstrations, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo strives to inspire guests to care for and protect the natural world. To accomplish this, we use positive reinforcement training techniques to showcase an animal's natural behaviors during scheduled demonstrations. Last year, the Zoo made improvements to three exhibits to enhance the guest experience during demonstrations and help guests see just how amazing our animals are.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS

Thanks to construction work last spring, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's Rocky Mountain goats received a new side yard, located south of their barn. Funding for the updates and expansion were made possible by a generous grant received from Rocky Mountain Goats Foundation. The space was built to provide additional flexibility for managing the group and to showcase the natural agility and behavior of the goats. The goats' new side yard has enhanced their training program - including having a goat shimmy up a series of platforms to a height of eight feet and having them scale to the top of a new 12-foot-tall pergola.

Animal keepers work on natural behavior and husbandry training in the new activity yard with both Yazhi, one of the Zoo's female goats, and Honovi, her brother. Yazhi and Honovi were born at the Zoo five years ago.

Natural behavior training focuses on showcasing animals' natural talents. For the goats, it highlights their amazing climbing and balancing abilities. Husbandry training uses positive reinforcement methods to have an animal participate in their own care. Keepers are working towards training the goats to voluntarily participate in hoof trims, blood draws, injections and coat brushings.

Seeing the goats standing above them on the top of the pergola is a big 'wow' for guests. The new yard is definitely giving guests a front row seat for falling in love with the Zoo's Rocky Mountain goats.

GIRAFFE

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is a leader in the captive care of giraffes, and we are proud of the advancements we are making for the health of our herd. We want our guests to be able to see our training up-close so, in June 2014, a new outdoor training area was built. The outdoor space was built with many husbandry training needs in mind - blood draws, front and back hoof work and ultrasound training.

Staff always accompanies their training sessions with a keeper talk, and guests are really engaged with the talks in the outdoor training space. Keepers are still working toward having all the giraffes use the space, but the Zoo's 'braver' giraffes really seem to like it. In fact, sometimes keepers can't get Tumbili (five-year-old male) to leave the area when they are trying to train others.

Many elements for the training space were designed by the giraffe staff. A majority of the construction work was done by the Zoo's own horticulture and facilities support teams. It was truly an all-Zoo effort to create an amazing new training space for our giraffe herd.

SLOTHS

Training a sloth takes patience - a lot of patience. Sloths are at rest for 20 to 22 hours a day and, since their metabolism is 40% slower than other mammals their size, sometimes sleep is more important than the food rewards keepers offer. But patience paid off with Chalupa, the Zoo's 15-year-old female Hoffmann's two-toed sloth. She is now able to travel on ropes outside of her exhibit and to her new exhibit tree outside.

Some guests walk by Chalupa as she hangs from her outdoor space above their heads, but guests who see her are amazed that she's out in the open and right above them. Guests also enjoy watching keeper staff use positive reinforcement training to target Chalupa to the outside in the morning and to the indoors in the evening - a behavior that she now expertly does. On days that Chalupa isn't outside due to chilly temps or wet weather, Guests can see her on ropes and perching in the walkway of the Monkey Pavilion building, which is still impressive.





EdVENTURE For All

Over the past several years, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's education department has tossed out traditional classroom-style classes and replaced their programming with hands-on adventures with nature. Thus, they needed a new name; they are now the EdVenture department. The goal of EdVenture department is to instill and foster a lifelong love of nature and animals. To accomplish this goal, the Zoo's staff revamped a wide variety of their learning opportunities for guests of all ages, including Zoo camps, ZOOMobile, WildNights, Early Explorers, Zoo Crew and teen programs. Additionally, they use The Loft to give all Zoo guests the chance to role play various animal careers, like being an animal keeper or veterinarian and connect with animals.

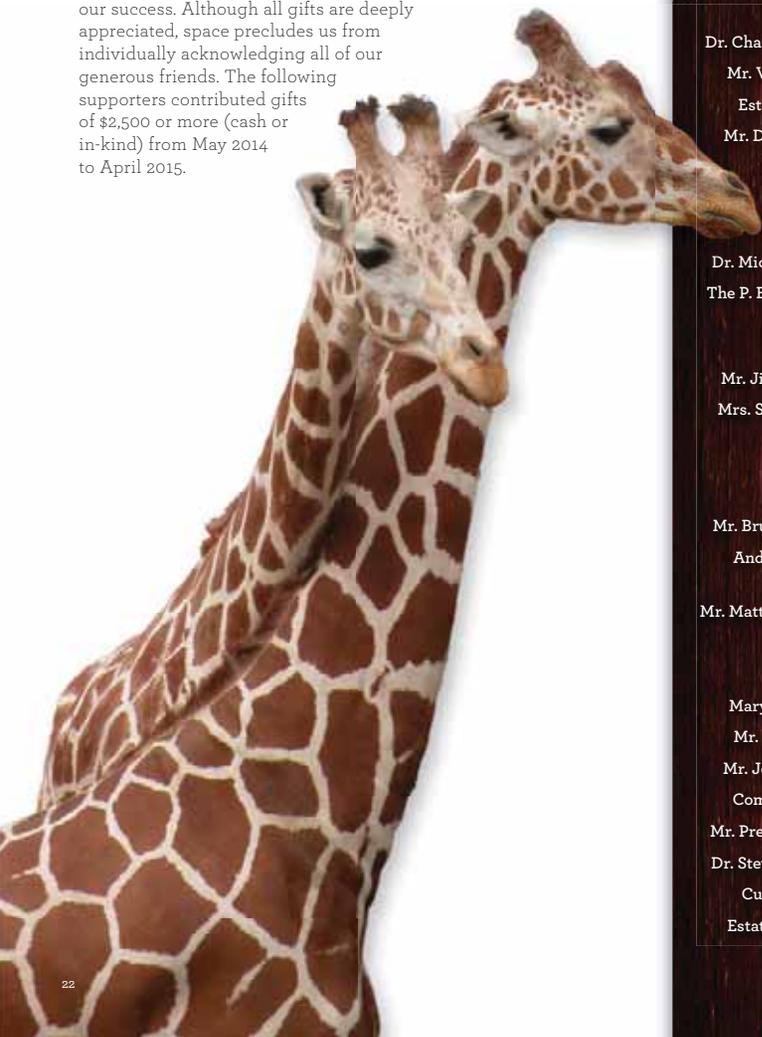
The educational programs that saw the most growth last year were WildNights, teen programs and Zoo camps. The Zoo enrolled 974 children in winter, spring, fall and summer camps and, for the first time, offered a summer camp for 7th - 9th graders. The teen programs offered adventure trips in both summer 2014 and winter 2015. Trips included rock climbing, whitewater rafting, hiking, mountain biking, ice climbing, archery and trail work in Garden of the Gods. Following an awesome camp year, our summer camp received a gold award in the Best of the Springs edition of The Gazette.

After the renovation of The Loft in May 2014, the staff interacted in a meaningful way with 196,433 Zoo guests during the fiscal year. The renovation opened up the building and provided additional space for small animals. Last year, the Zoo added two skunks, two hedgehogs, two rabbits, three chinchillas, a three-banded armadillo, a plated lizard and two blue death feigning beetles to The Loft and, in turn, to the Zoo's outreach program, ZOOMobile.

Additionally, our EdVenture department invited junior high students to visit the Zoo in May for Endangered Species Day. The students educated Zoo guests about an endangered species they'd researched and wanted to protect; in its pilot year, 320 students attended. In total, the Zoo's onsite education programs enrolled 19,171 children and adults last year.

Supporting OUR CAUSE

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is grateful to all of our patrons who support our vision of inspiring caring and stewardship of the natural world. As a self-funded facility, our donors and sponsors are critical to our success. Although all gifts are deeply appreciated, space precludes us from individually acknowledging all of our generous friends. The following supporters contributed gifts of \$2,500 or more (cash or in-kind) from May 2014 to April 2015.



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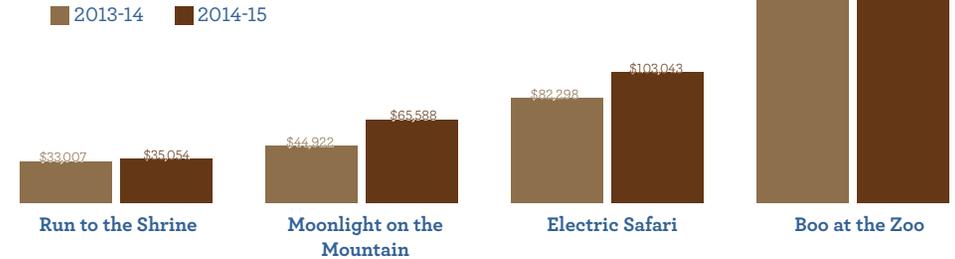
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At-A-Glance

	2013-2014	2014-2015
Zoo Attendance	648,374	691,567
Membership Revenue Funds	1.68 million	1.95 million
Social Media		
Facebook Fans	46,297	60,183
Instagram Followers	0	2,912
Website Visits	8.7 million	9.4 million
Other Notable Numbers		
Sky Ride Revenue	\$461,301	\$551,342
Animal Artwork	\$10,053	\$11,040
Education Programming		
Summer Camp Participants	695	721
The Loft: Defining Moments	174,792	196,433
Animal Feeding Experience Revenue		
Elephant Snack Time	\$28,175	\$39,495
Rhino Snack Time	0	\$6,423
Chicken Feeding	\$14,246	\$15,447
Giraffe Feeding	\$418,609	\$494,455



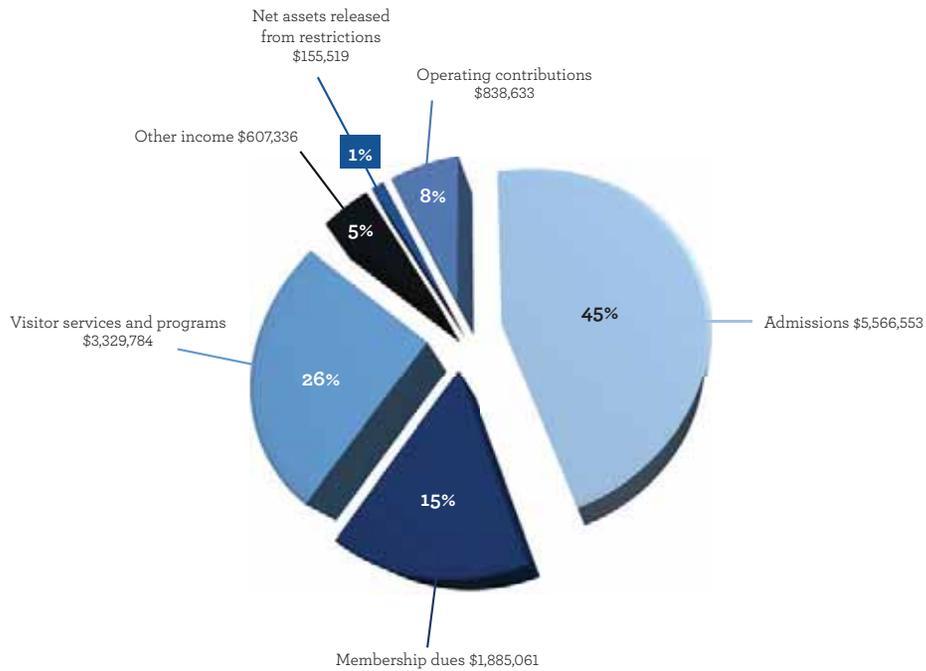
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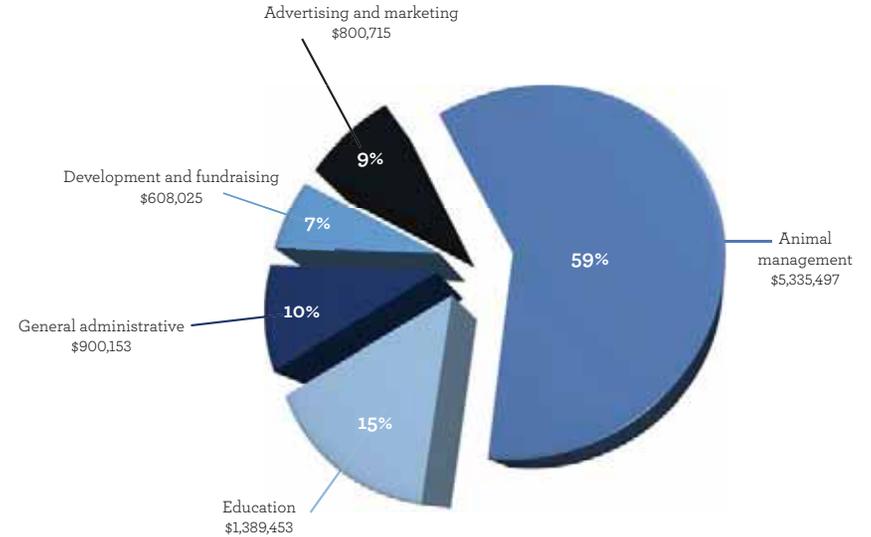
Financial Summary

May 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015

Support & Revenue – Total Operating Income \$12,382,886



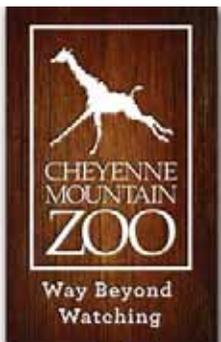
Expenses – Total Operating Expenses \$9,033,843



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Net Assets, May 1, 2014	\$39,104,351
Net Surplus from Operation	3,349,043
Add Net Assets Released for Capital Assets	1,718,195
Less Depreciation this Period	(2,301,641)
Net Assets, April 30, 2015	\$41,869,948

(figures from 2014-15 audited financial statements, which are available on the Zoo's website)



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