



NEW ENGLAND
Franklin Park Zoo • Stone Zoo

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

FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



WHO WE ARE

Zoo New England (ZNE) 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). ZNE'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 2024 was a year marked by continued growth and achievement, particularly in regard to our mission-focused science and conservation work.

We have continued to expand the scope and depth of our work for rare and threatened species, and have a growing roster of projects and partnerships from Massachusetts to Madagascar to Mongolia, and many other regions around the world. Not only is our work yielding results, but it is being recognized. Our Hatchling and Turtle Conservation through Headstarting (HATCH) program was awarded top honors for the North American Conservation category by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. By building a solid foundation of expertise and leadership, we have expanded our partnerships and work in New England, as well as nationally and internationally.

While having a meaningful impact in conservation is deeply rooted in Zoo New England's mission, it is also incredibly rewarding for me personally as this is the type of impact I dreamt about when I began my career as a laborer at Franklin Park Zoo 43 years ago. Now, as I plan to begin my next chapter, I know these two beloved Zoos are poised for even greater growth and impact in the future. I'm incredibly proud of all of the work on behalf of our beloved animals, as well as the passion and dedication of the staff, and all we continue to do to inspire the next generation of conservation stewards.

Instilling a love and appreciation for wildlife early on is critical to nurturing the conservation leaders of tomorrow. In FY24, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our ZooTeen program—an impactful opportunity for Boston youth to gain employment experience while learning about careers focused on wildlife and conservation. Simultaneously, we were kicking off new pre-school programming with the Boston Outdoor Preschool Network (BOPN) and Countdown to Kindergarten. These programs will serve both our mission and the communities around Franklin Park Zoo. Education and conservation are the cornerstones of our mission, and each day we strive to build empathy in our visitors and program participants as we provide opportunities for them to more deeply appreciate the wonders of the natural world.

In FY 24, we welcomed 1,000,084 visitors, marking the third year in a row that we have exceeded 1 million in visitation. Membership continues at high levels with more than 26,000 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 fourth year, we presented *Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience* at Franklin Park Zoo, which attracted 156,996 visitors to this popular evening event. ZooLights, our beloved annual holiday light show at Stone Zoo, once again brightened the holiday season and drew 87,034 attendees.

In May, we broke ground at Franklin Park Zoo on the African Experience, which will feature two seamlessly integrated habitats, the African Penguin Coast and the African Savanna. This \$21 million project, to be completed in spring 2026, continues the transformation of Franklin Park Zoo, and 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.

All of this work is a collective effort, and we are fortunate to have highly-skilled and dedicated professional staff, a strong core of devoted volunteers, a talented Advisory Council, and a highly engaged Board of Directors to ensure that we are able to deliver on our mission, now and in the future. We are completing 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 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

There was much anticipation on July 14 when Amari, a female Masai giraffe, went into labor at Franklin Park Zoo. As her attentive care team looked on, Amari successfully delivered a healthy male calf, weighing 184 pounds and standing 6-feet tall.

For the first few weeks of his life, the calf, who was named Enzi, spent time bonding with Amari in their behind the scenes space before he made his public debut to the excitement of guests and staff alike.

Enzi's birth was not only a joyous occasion for the zoo, but also a significant milestone in the ongoing conservation efforts for this species. Standing tall and majestic, the Masai giraffe is one of Africa's many iconic and beloved animals, but is also an endangered species facing several threats in the wild, such as habitat loss and poaching, leading to a global population decline of 60% since the 1970s.

Zoo New England has long supported giraffe conservation efforts and has been an active participant in the Masai Giraffe Species Survival Plan, which is a cooperative, inter-zoo program coordinated nationally through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). By sharing research and knowledge, participating institutions work together to establish guidelines that best ensure the health of populations in managed care,

and with success, the survival of endangered species. Enzi's birth was the result of a recommended breeding between Amari and Chad, the father.

Every day, Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo staff are working both in the Zoos and in the field to save species from extinction while the Zoos are also serving as centers of education, conservation, and important research.

By providing opportunities for people to more deeply understand and appreciate the natural world and all of its inhabitants, we aim to build empathy, empower people to take an active role in preserving healthy ecosystems, and create a better world for people, animals and wild places—now, and in the future.

SIGNIFICANT ANIMAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Throughout the year, we welcomed many new furry and feathered faces to Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo.

In an exciting first for Zoo New England, a yellow-billed stork chick hatched inside the Tropical Forest at Franklin Park Zoo. This hatch was the first chick for parents Lady Caitlin and Pirate Blackband, who nurtured the fledgling by bringing food to their nest above the saddle-bird stork and anteater

habitats within the Tropical Forest Pavilion. These birds, with impressive five-foot wingspans, are the largest free-flight birds within the Tropical Forest. A big milestone was reached when the chick fledged the nest on April 21. This was the first of three yellow-billed stork chicks that successfully hatched in FY 24.

A few days after the yellow-billed stork fledged the nest, there was more reason to celebrate following the birth of a Hartmann's mountain zebra foal at Franklin Park Zoo. Born in the wee hours of April 24, the foal marked the first birth of this species at ZNE. While it is completely normal for zebra foals to be born at night, the animal care team was still surprised to find the foal up and walking with its mother, Khumalo, that morning. The foal, named Keanu, has been a delight for guests to observe, and is often seen alongside Khumalo exploring the Serengeti Crossing habitat.

In late June, a tiny new face could be seen at Stone Zoo following the birth of an eastern black-and-white colobus monkey. Born on June 30 to parents Teka and Isoke, the infant colobus instantly became a core member of a tight-knit family group, taking up residence alongside older sisters Kenya and Fuhara. Baby colobus stay close to their mothers for the first year, nursing and hanging tight while its mother climbs throughout the trees. Family groups often share parenting responsibilities. Big sister Kenya especially showed a lot of interest in the baby, closely observing Teka and the infant and holding it while mom took breaks to eat.

Not all of the new animal additions were born or hatched at ZNE. Some made their new homes at Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo per SSP recommendations. In October, guests to Franklin Park Zoo noticed two new furry faces with the addition of endangered African painted dogs, named Moremi and Madikwe. Following modifications to their habitat located near the Giraffe entrance, the painted dogs, with their striking vibrant spotted coats, settled in well to their new home. This habitat was previously occupied by Kai, a spotted hyena, who moved to his new home in Kalahari Kingdom, next to the lion habitat.

Throughout FY 24, several projects were completed to enhance and improve the animals habitats. At Franklin Park Zoo, this included a new barn and corral for the Poitou donkeys, expanding their space and opportunity for exploration in their habitats. Stone Zoo had several projects including expansion of the whooping crane habitat, a new shelter for the snow leopards, a new mixed species habitat for spiny-tailed iguana, Gila monster, and chuckwalla, and a new habitat for ringtails,



BY THE NUMBERS

1,464

ANIMALS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO AND STONE ZOO

190 SPECIES REPRESENTED
ACROSS BOTH ZOOS

55 pounds of apples
WERE EATEN BY SMOKY AND BUBBA,
OUR TWO BLACK BEARS

153 pounds of zucchini
WERE EATEN BY OUR RING-TAILED LEMURS

158,028 grapes
WERE EATEN BY OUR ANIMALS

2,022,800 mealworms
WERE EATEN BY OUR ANIMALS



2 AFRICAN PAINTED DOGS MADE THEIR DEBUT

a member of the family Procyonidae which includes other small omnivores such as the raccoon and the coati.

All of our species serve as ambassadors for their wild counterparts. The diverse residents at both Zoos illustrates the vast biodiversity of our world with our guests, encouraging them to make meaningful connections and inspire conservation efforts to help these species, both near and far. 🦋



IMMERSIVE Experiences

Zoo New England creatively presents immersive experiences for guests, which help them discover and embrace new corners of the natural world. This dedication to guests' interests and experiences helps to formulate how the Zoo adapts for the future and offers new opportunities that appeal to guests of all ages. The efforts of our labor are not unnoticed, as ZNE once again welcomed over 1 million annual visitors in FY 24, for the third consecutive year in a row.


Guests were thrilled when Franklin Park Zoo's *Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience* returned to the Zoo for the fourth year, offering up a brand-new immersive experience of vibrant lantern displays that took inspiration from ancient Egypt and mythological creatures. This outdoor, evening lantern event once again proved to be popular, despite the rainy weather, attracting 156,996 guests of all ages.

ZooLights, Stone Zoo's annual holiday light experience, saw continued success as a favorite holiday tradition by attracting 87,034 visitors over the holiday season. This yearly event is beloved by guests and the local community at large, drawing in new interest and repeat visitors each year. Decades in, ZooLights continues to grow in popularity and remains a signature event at Stone Zoo.

Zootopia, ZNE's largest fundraising gala, shattered our donation records to become our best-performing gala yet. With Franklin Park Zoo as the backdrop for this event, our guests contributed over \$810,000 in donations, a \$116,000 increase over FY 23's total of \$693,895. Guests were able to learn more about our impactful programs while touring different

parts of the Zoo, including our historic rock garden, which is currently undergoing a highly-anticipated renovation.

In FY 24, work continued on Butterfly Oasis, a new, immersive walk-through butterfly experience at Stone Zoo. At Franklin Park Zoo, all eyes were looking to the future at our spring groundbreaking for the African Experience, which will feature two integrated habitats—the expanded African Savannah and the new, state-of-the-art African Penguin Coast. This exciting project, opening spring 2026, will allow guests to connect with our conservation mission from the moment they enter our gates.

As ZNE continues to offer new experiences, we aim to inspire the next generation of wildlife conservationists and nurture their interests, while also educating visitors of all ages on how they can contribute to conservation efforts at local, national and international levels. Not only are guests connecting to the natural world during their visit, they are building new memories that resonate long after they leave. 



COMMITTED TO Conservation

With conservation programs and efforts that are tailored to the nuances of each ecosystem, Zoo New England works to maintain the delicate balance that keep wildlife and environments thriving in a constantly-evolving world. Conservation is a long-term journey that requires dedicated investments of both time and resources to achieve success, and ZNE is deeply committed to this work.

In FY 24, we expanded our local conservation work in New England, and are now working with six threatened turtle species native to Massachusetts, including a new project with the northern diamondback terrapin, and are also working across the border in New Hampshire, protecting eastern box turtles that are endangered in that state. Through these turtle conservation projects, we headstarted and released 127 rare turtles back to the wild in FY 24. Additionally, in the spring, we protected 33 turtle nests – a record number of nests for one season.

Through our Hatchling and Turtle Conservation through Headstarting (HATCH) program, over 2,000 students in 30 Massachusetts schools had the opportunity to observe and care for tiny turtle hatchlings, which were released back into the wild at the end of the school year. Not only does this program provide hands-on learning opportunities for students, but it also greatly improves the turtles' chances of survival once released back into the wild. Under the students' attentive care, the turtles typically grow much faster than their wild counterparts, giving them a big advantage and making them less prone to predation once they return to the wild. In FY 24, this impactful program was awarded top honors

in the North American Conservation Award category by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Beyond our local efforts, our conservation work spans across the globe, from the rainforests of Central America to the Tost Mountains in Mongolia. ZNE now supports 20 projects and programs around the world that protect wildlife while engaging with local communities. This work includes research of endangered African painted dogs and protections of lions and large predators in Tanzania, the protection of Mexican gray wolves and endangered jaguars in the southeastern United States and Mexico, and reintroducing the critically endangered white-cheeked gibbon to the forests of Vietnam.



L to R: ZNE staff Cara McElroy, Dr. Eric Baitchman, Emilie Wilder, and AZA President & CEO Dan Ashe

ZNE leads field missions for the advancement of research and to benefit wildlife and people, including the One Health Research Program expedition conducted by our conservation team in Madagascar's Manombo Special Reserve. Led by ZNE Conservation Genomics Scientist Dr. Rachel Johnston, this three-week expedition aimed to learn more about the health of Madagascar's habitats and how it impacts wildlife and human health in the region. The

23-person team, which included a Malagasy veterinarian, two Malagasy Master's students, and two Duke University Ph.D. students, examined over 160 animals to gain understanding of the overall health and welfare of the ecosystem, as well as its impact on critically-endangered species. This mission focused on three central components of the environmental health equation: identifying novel viruses with spillover potential, assessing biodiversity within the

reserve, and evaluating overall water quality. Upon return to the U.S., sample analysis revealed the discovery of several new viruses that we continue to study to understand their significance for wildlife and human health in the region.

As our field conservation team works tirelessly on behalf of wildlife conservation, their work serves an inspiration for the next generation of conservationists. ZNE, a steward of conservation education worldwide, has championed the Wildlife Conservation Network Graduate Scholarship Program, awarding nine wildlife conservation scholarships to recipients in countries such as Congo, Rwanda, Bolivia and Togo. ZNE also awarded six inaugural grants to snow leopard conservationists dedicated to the protection of this rare and enigmatic big cat. These grants, which ZNE manages through the generous support of the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation, provides strategic funding to recipients from around the world, especially in the 12 snow leopard range states. The program supports research and conservation capacity within the snow leopard conservation community and helps to identify gaps in knowledge or needed conservation actions, as well as funding new projects that fill these knowledge gaps or provide missing conservation interventions.

Closer to home, ZNE worked to help secure the passage of legislation in Massachusetts—*An Act Regulating the Use of Elephants, Big Cats, Primates, Giraffes and Bears in Traveling Exhibits and Shows*. It was a powerful victory for many species who are ill-suited for such shows, and also important for the



Students donating used cell phones for Gorillas on the Line

general public’s protection from the dangers of the uses of these animals at state fairs and other shows. ZNE hosted the legislative committee at Franklin Park Zoo so they could better understand the husbandry and social needs of the animals covered by the legislation.

ZNE is committed to inspiring people of all ages to actively participate in conservation efforts, in ways both big and small. Through the annual Gorillas on the Line initiative, guests of all ages can directly impact gorilla conservation by donating old cell phones, tablets and other small electronic devices. This initiative raises awareness for habitat-destructive mining, which negatively impacts a wide range of species including gorillas. Though a seemingly small action, donations like these are an example of how everyone can make a positive difference on behalf of wildlife and habitat conservation. 🌱

BY THE NUMBERS

MORE THAN 2,000

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



9

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO YOUNG CONSERVATIONISTS WORLDWIDE



FRANKLIN PARK ZOO BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

312 DIFFERENT SPECIES WERE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED TO RESEARCH GRADE LEVEL:



47

BIRDS including 7 different warblers, osprey and eastern bluebird

88

ARTHROPODS

113

PLANTS

44

FUNGI

5

REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS



Northern two-lined salamander



SHARING THE WONDERS OF THE Natural World

Throughout the school year, squeals of delight and animated chatter can be heard throughout both Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo as schoolchildren of all ages discover all that the Zoos have to offer.

Field trips to the Zoo are an opportunity for students to learn more about science, wildlife and conservation. In FY 24, 61,388 students visited as part of scheduled school field trips, which are free to Massachusetts schoolchildren. These outside-of-the-classroom adventures are an essential part of any school experience, and are a great way for schoolchildren to learn more about wildlife and conservation at an early, formative age.

Zoo New England was once again a partner for the 5th Quarter of Learning program, co-managed by 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 Zoos provide a unique setting for STEM-focused learning, and ZNE is committed to ensuring that children of all backgrounds have the opportunity to experience and learn about the wonders of the natural world through hands-on discovery.

Instilling a love and appreciation for wildlife early on is critical to inspiring the conservation leaders of tomorrow. In FY 24, plans began for the fall 2025 launch of a nature-

based preschool at Franklin Park Zoo. ZNE partnered with Boston Outdoor Preschool Network to be the host site for this new preschool, whose goal is to provide environmental education to families in the surrounding neighborhoods. This is the first free nature-based preschool in Boston.

Throughout the summer, the always popular ZooCamp was in full swing at both Zoos. Our ZooCamps continue to be a sought after summer activity for budding zoologists and animal enthusiasts, with spots filling very quickly. In FY 24, we were able to double the size of Stone Zoo's ZooCamp, from 30 to 60 campers a week for the summer sessions. Through exploring the Zoos, meeting some of the animals up close, and enriching activities, ZooCamp provides participants the opportunity to learn and make new friends all while having fun.



In February, ZNE, along with five other cultural institutions, launched a pilot program with the City of Boston to provide free access to students from Boston Public Schools on the first two Sundays of each month. The program, named BPS Sundays, allowed the qualifying students to bring three additional guests with them for a day of discovery and fun. Since the program launch, Franklin Park Zoo has welcomed thousands of participants.

ZNE's Education department is planning for the future with the creation of its Education Department Plan, spearheaded by the Zoos' new Director of Education, Trevor Mia. The plan, designed to span 2025 through 2030, will create a new departmental organizational chart, strategic pillars for goal tracking, and will further implement ZNE's Master Interpretive Plan.

The Education department is also continuing to focus on building a Connectors program to further engage with guests on Zoo grounds, and create more meaningful connections to our mission. In FY 24, scheduled educator chats reached more than 136,000 visitors and included 2,462 informal presentations, 516 ambassador animal encounters, 1,400 formal presentations, and 87 education table activities.



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

BY THE NUMBERS



39

PARTICIPANTS
IN OUR ZOOTeens
PROGRAM

12

PARTICIPANTS IN
TEEN AMBASSADORS
PROGRAM

MORE THAN

7,800

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
AND PROGRAMS HELD
IN FY 24 WITH NEARLY

228,000

AUDIENCE MEMBERS
REACHED THROUGH ZNE
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS





INSPIRING Tomorrow's Leaders


With several educational and employment programs for budding zoologists, Zoo New England is a leader in nurturing conservation interest in future generations. This year, as our ZooTeen program celebrated its 25th anniversary, Franklin Park Zoo saw an influx of new faces as local youth joined our team. The benefits of this program are twofold, as we offer opportunity for youth to explore careers in the conservation field, while encouraging future generations to become responsible stewards of our natural world.

Each year, our ZooTeen program draws in an insightful and excited group of youth to work with our staff onsite, and FY 24 was no exception. Throughout the summer, 39 youth participated in the ZooTeen program, working in departments including Education, Children's Zoo, Bird's World, Horticulture, Commissary, Membership, ZooCamp, and Zoo School. As part of the ZooTeen program, participants had the chance to engage in development sessions, honing their professional skills including resume writing, networking, mental health and education interpretation. Our staff also had the opportunity to take our ZooTeens on local field trips, visiting the New England Aquarium and Spectacle Island in the Boston Harbor.

Additionally, from October through June, ZNE welcomed 12 participants as Teen Ambassadors, who gained valuable work

experience in Bird's World, Children's Zoo and the Education department. They also helped care for Blanding's turtles being "head-started" through the Field Conservation department's award-winning Hatchling and Turtle Conservation through Headstarting (HATCH) program.

As a part of the Teen Ambassador program, our Youth Programs manager directly facilitated professional development programming, which offered lessons in interpretation, professionalism, animal enrichment and interview skills. Eight of the 12 Teen Ambassadors applied and were accepted to return as ZooTeens the following summer, furthering their commitment to conservation education and outreach.

For young individuals considering career opportunities in conservation and animal care, zoos are one of the best places to start their professional development. ZNE's ZooTeens program offers developmental growth to help build fundamental career skills, giving our ZooTeens the support needed to nurture their professional development. In honing their professional workstyle and collaborative skills, ZooTeens develop the necessary tools for success in the professional world, whether in the conservation field or beyond. The success of this program over 25 years is a point of pride for ZNE, and will continue to be a formative opportunity for local youth in the future. 



STRENGTHENING Communities

At the heart of our mission lies a steadfast commitment to community participation and access, striving to inspire, educate and engage people about the wonders of wildlife. Our Zoos attract a diverse audience where visitors of all backgrounds have the opportunity to share experiences as they learn about the natural world.

Zoo New England is a committed community partner, and works with a growing list of community centers, camps, groups and organizations such as Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, Project RIGHT, Countdown to Kindergarten, Boston Outdoor Preschool Network, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, Franklin Park Coalition, the Wonderfund, The Emerald Necklace Conservancy, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce.

In June 2024, ZNE successfully completed its third and final year of its community outreach work in conjunction with Antioch University of New England, AmeriCorps and the neighborhoods of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain. Throughout

the last three years, ZNE staff met with more than 3,000 individuals and organizations, and based upon community input, worked with area non-profit organizations to create several pilot programs for pre-school playgroup learning opportunities for children and their caretakers. ZNE has partnered with Countdown to Kindergarten to run three play group cohorts. This programming is designed to both enhance learning and school readiness for preschoolers as well as parents/guardians with helping their children learn.

In FY 24, ZNE continued its partnership with the Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Boston. The ARL Spay Waggin' stops at Franklin Park Zoo once a month, offering important low-cost veterinary services to residents in the area. Since 2021, ARL has performed more than 1,000 spay and neuter surgeries at the mobile Spay Waggin' at Franklin Park Zoo.

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, we are committed to ensuring that the



Zoo experience is accessible to all. ZNE's dedication to this aspect of our mission is evident in our community outreach programs, which include:

- ▶ Library Pass Programs: Libraries purchase the pass which entitles their patrons to a discount to the Zoos.
- ▶ 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 \$5.00 per person. In FY 24, we welcomed 89,029 guests who visited Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo with their EBT/WIC cards. Additionally, EBT/WIC cardholders had the opportunity to purchase Boston Lights tickets for \$15, and we welcomed 28,609 guests through this program. In total, we welcomed 117,638 EBT/WIC cardholders.
- ▶ EBT Membership Program: Our membership program for EBT and WIC cardholders continues to grow, and in FY 24, this grew to 931 member households, an 18% increase over 783 member households in FY 23. 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 amount of free admission passes. In FY 24, ZNE distributed 6,400 passes to non-profit and community groups. Approximately half of the passes distributed were for Boston Lights. In FY 24, we received a grant in the amount of \$36,850 for the Community Pass Program to ensure that those who are economically disadvantaged in the communities of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain, which surround Franklin Park Zoo, have the opportunity to visit.
- ▶ 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.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 educate and inspire conservation stewards of the future. Listed here are those who made gifts between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

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**In sum, 1,552 volunteers contributed
 13,552 hours of volunteer service
 to ZNE during FY 24.**

FISCAL YEAR 2024

Financial Summary

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Change in
Net Assets as of June 30, 2024 (in Whole Dollars)

OPERATING REVENUES:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Admissions | 8,515,184 |
| Concessions Revenue (Net) | 801,527 |
| Membership Fees | 2,662,063 |
| Total Guest Operating Revenues | 11,978,774 |
| Other Operating Revenue | 1,754,445 |
| Total Operating Revenues | 13,733,219 |

NON-OPERATING REVENUE:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Investment Income (loss) | 130,314 |
| Other Income | (-) |
| Interest Income | 436,457 |
| Total Non-Operating Revenue | 566,771 |

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| State Appropriations and Grants | 10,293,952 |
| Private Gifts - unrestricted | 2,420,028 |
| Private Gifts - restricted | 2,670,451 |
| Total Other Contributions | 15,384,431 |

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|--|-------------------------------|
| Operating Expenses (including depreciation and amortization of \$3,692,558) | 29,439,395 |
| Change in Net Position | 245,026 |
| Net Position, Beginning of the Year | 55,485,193 |
| <hr/> Net Position, End of Year <hr/> | <hr/> 55,730,219 <hr/> |



FISCAL YEAR 2024 Highlights:

- ▷ Total overall attendance, inclusive of ZooLights and Boston Lights in FY 24, was 1,000,084, marking the third year in a row that attendance has exceeded 1 million.
- ▷ In FY 24, membership revenues from over 26,000 member households brought in over \$2,600,000.
- ▷ Zootopia, ZNE's largest fundraising gala, was once again held on the grounds of Franklin Park Zoo, and raised a record-setting \$810,329 in sponsorships, ticket sales, and auction revenue.



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