



LOVELAND LIVING PLANET  
AQUARIUM.

# 2025 Annual Report

**MATSCHIE'S TREE KANGAROO**  
*Dendrolagus matschiei*



**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
WE INSPIRE PEOPLE TO EXPLORE, DISCOVER, AND LEARN ABOUT EARTH'S DIVERSE ECOSYSTEMS.

**LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE**  
*Caretta caretta*

# FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Growth and transformation have always been central to who we are. They drive us to innovate, to deepen understanding, and to help people see our planet, and their place within it, with greater clarity. At Loveland Living Planet Aquarium (LLPA), that progress is visible every day: in the millions of guests we have welcomed, in students reached in classrooms across Utah, and in learners of all ages who discover that science is not distant or abstract, but alive and relevant. None of this happens without you. Our supporters are the catalyst that makes this work possible.

As we enter 2026, we stand at a pivotal moment. The opening of the Sam & Aline Skaggs Science Learning Center marks a significant evolution in our mission—expanding our reach, deepening our impact, and strengthening our role as an educational partner. What began as a place for exploration has become a statewide learning ecosystem, serving students through outreach, field trips, camps, teacher training, and now formal higher-education academic pathways.

Through partnerships with Utah State University (USU) and Utah Valley University (UVU), students can pursue undergraduate learning, research, and career preparation in science, ecosystems, and animal care—right here in Utah. These pathways extend into marine biology, biology, botany, and veterinary medicine. They also include business, marketing, and creative design majors creating opportunities that connect academic study with real-world application. Together, these collaborations extend our impact beyond individual visits, building sustained educational journeys that connect early curiosity to future careers. From Title I classrooms to university laboratories, our work now reaches learners across communities, ages, and disciplines.

This growth reflects the same vision that has guided us from the beginning: to connect people to Earth's ecosystems in ways that inspire exploration, discovery, and learning. Your generosity fuels every program, every partnership, and every moment when discovery becomes purpose. Together, we are building something enduring, an institution that serves Utah, contributes to a global conservation, and helps shape a more informed and connected world.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your belief in this mission. Your support sustains our work today and propels our vision forward for generations to come.



Brent Andersen  
CEO & Founder



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**28**

**YEARS OF  
INSPIRING**

For 28 years, we've been inspiring people to explore, discover, and learn about Earth's diverse ecosystems. Since 1997, we have connected millions of guests with wildlife through immersive habitats, education, and conservation efforts, fostering curiosity and stewardship of the natural world.

**GRAY REEF SHARK**  
*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos*

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 **ZOO  
ARTS &  
PARKS**  
 **SALT LAKE  
COUNTY**

 **MUSEUMS for ALL**  
*an initiative of the*  
Institute of Museum and Library Services

“WHAT WOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO DO  
IF YOU KNEW YOU COULD NOT FAIL?”

**FOR BRENT ANDERSEN, THE ANSWER WAS,**

“I WOULD INSPIRE TENS OF MILLIONS  
OF PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR  
PLANET AND SEE THE BEAUTY AND  
MAGNIFICENCE OF LIFE.”



MOON SEA JELLY  
*Aurelia aurita*

OUR PAST



**2004** FIRST LOOK AT THE FUTURE



**1999** A MAN WITH A PLAN—AND A VAN

**BRENT ANDERSEN**



**250K VISITORS IN THE FIRST YEAR**

**2014** THE NEXT WAVE IN DRAPER



**1997** THE LIVING PLANET ESTABLISHED



**2006** SANDY LOCATION IS A SENSATION



**2016** FORD EXPEDITION ASIA HABITAT OPENS



**2018** GENTOO PENGUIN GENETIC TESTING WITH UVU PUBLISHED



**2019** RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE BY THE AZA



# OUR PAST

**2020** RIO TINTO KENNECOTT PLAZA OPENS

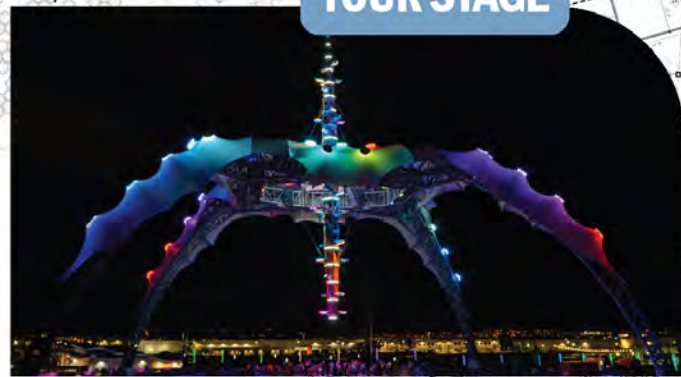


EECO IS  
**156**  
FEET TALL

**2022** SCIENCE LEARNING CENTER GROUND BREAKING



**2022** EECO TAKES CENTER STAGE



EECO  
WAS ONCE THE  
U2 360°  
TOUR STAGE



**2023** KOMODO DRAGON ARRIVES



**2024** PARTNERSHIP WITH USU

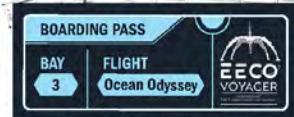


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**2024** LLPA JOINS MUSEUMS FOR ALL



**2024** AQUATIC SOUND LEVEL STUDY PUBLISHED BY BYU




**2024** ZEBRA SHARK ARRIVES AT LLPA, MARKING FORAY INTO SAFE PROGRAMS



# OUR PAST

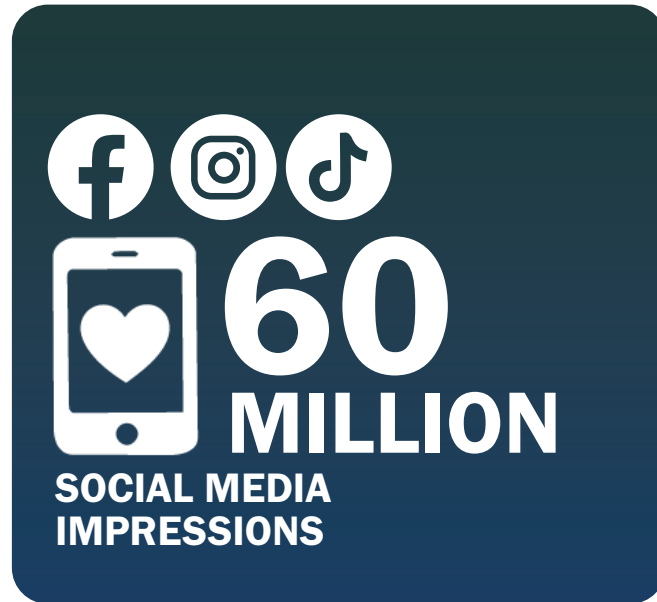
# ALL-TIME STATISTICS



**13.3**  
**MILLION**  
GUESTS SINCE OPENING



**123,533**  
**FREE**  
COMMUNITY  
VISITS



**60**  
**MILLION**  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
IMPRESSIONS



**625,000**  
**TITLE I**  
FIELD TRIPS



**101,541**  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



**30,000+** ANIMALS IN  
OUR CARE



OUR PAST

“WITH THE TREMENDOUS  
EFFORTS OF A REMARKABLE  
TEAM OF STAFF, VOLUNTEERS,  
DONORS, AND BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES THE AQUARIUM  
HAS GROWN...

CONFIRMING THE DEMAND  
FOR A LARGER AQUARIUM  
IN UTAH.”

**-BRENT ANDERSEN**

**MAR 2025** AZA ACCREDITATION



**10 MILLION GUESTS & COUNTING**

**MAY 2025** GENTOO PENGUIN GENETIC RESEARCH PICKED UP BY THE AZA



**APR 2025** 10 MILLIONTH GUEST



**APR 2025** ARRIVAL OF THE MACARONI PENGUINS



**JUN 2025** SUMMER BREAK CAMPS



**AUG 2025** WESTERN TOADS SUCCESSFULLY RELEASED INTO WILD



**AUG 2025** ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE FAME PROGRAM WITH UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY



**SEPT 2025** FIRST FIELD TRIPS IN THE NEW CLASSROOMS



**90,876 STUDENTS REACHED THROUGH OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

**JUL 2025** MOUNTAIN AMERICA EVENT CENTER OPENS



**DEC 2025** MEMBER PREVIEW OF THE BRAND NEW FORD EXPEDITION ASIA



**OUR PRESENT**

# EXPANDING EDUCATION

Education is the foundation of everything we do, inspiring curiosity, scientific discovery, and lifelong learning for guests of all ages.

## FROM VAN TO FLEET

In 1999, our education outreach began with a single van and a small team of educators bringing live-animal science programs directly into Utah classrooms. As demand grew, one outreach vehicle became a fleet, expanding access to schools across the state and reaching students who couldn't visit the Aquarium.



## INTERNAL GROWTH

In 2014, three dedicated classrooms were built at our Draper location, laying the foundation for expanded on-site learning. Today, those original spaces have grown into 14 classrooms, meeting ever-increasing demand as LLPA's education programs continue to reach communities statewide.





# EDUCATION REACH & ACCESS

Every student deserves the chance to explore science. Through scholarships, Title I partnerships, and programming for non-traditional learners, we remove barriers and open doors so curiosity, not circumstance, shapes a student's experience.



## LOVE ON THIN ICE



Picture from the classroom of Mrs. Corelli, Grade 6-7 Science, in Atlanta, GA

Love on Thin Ice, the Aquarium's social media series about penguin breeding season, leapt from our Penguin Research Station straight into a sixth-grade classroom in Atlanta, Georgia. One science teacher built an entire reproduction unit around Gentoo Penguin courtship, opening each lesson with a Love on Thin Ice video. Students stayed highly engaged, actively moving penguin photos to track courtship behaviors and bring the science of reproduction to life through hands-on learning.



### JUNIPER BARN OWL

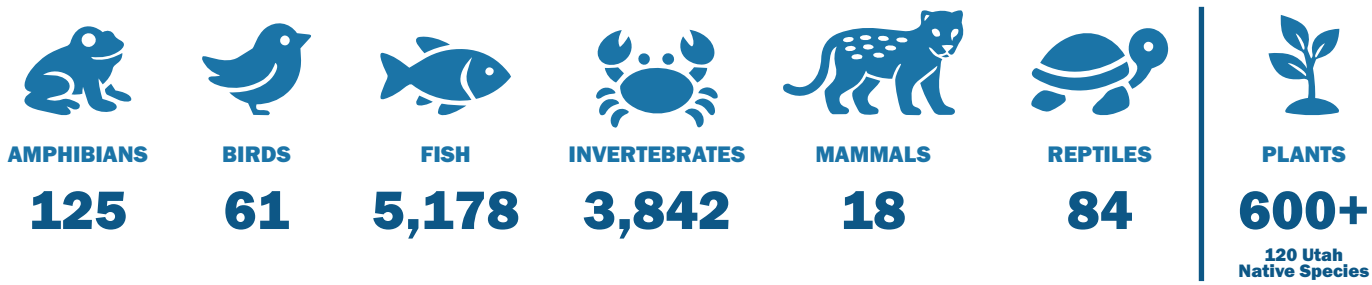
*Tyto alba*

Barn Owls thrive in the same agricultural landscapes that define much of rural Utah. Through Juniper, we connect students from peripheral communities to the science happening in their own backyards.



# ANIMAL CARE

Through expert animal care, we safeguard species, support global conservation, and inspire curiosity, empathy, and stewardship for the natural world we all share.



Total Animals: **9,308**  
Total Animal Species: **614**



## DAILY DIETS

Through our partnership with Harmons Grocery, animals receive fresh, high-quality ingredients, supporting optimal nutrition, longevity, and species-specific dietary needs.



**HARMONS**  
NEIGHBORHOOD GROCER

Scan to see how produce is chosen for LLPA!



## ENRICHMENT PLANNING

Individualized enrichment plans stimulate natural behaviors, support cognitive health, and reflect species-specific behaviors observed in the wild. Donors helped provide enrichment by purchasing items found on our Husbandry wish list.



Scan to see animal enrichment items selected by our keepers!



CABBAGE BARK TREE  
*Andira inermis*

# ANIMAL CARE

We prioritize comprehensive veterinary care to protect animal wellbeing today while advancing the science that improves care for species worldwide.

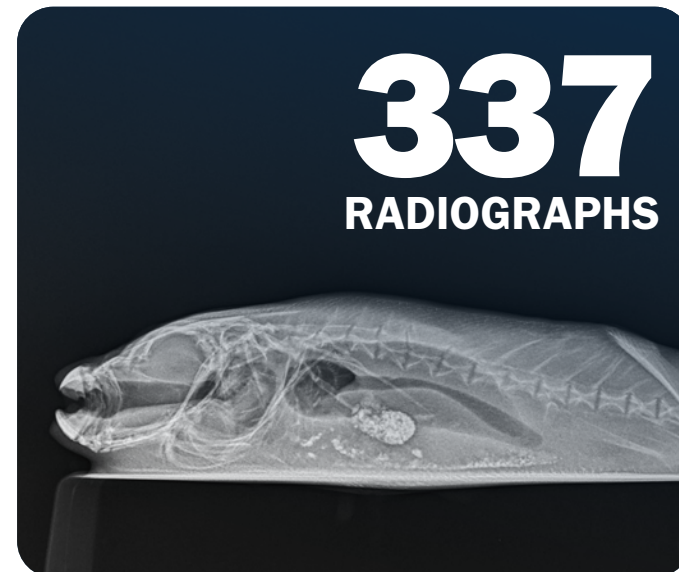
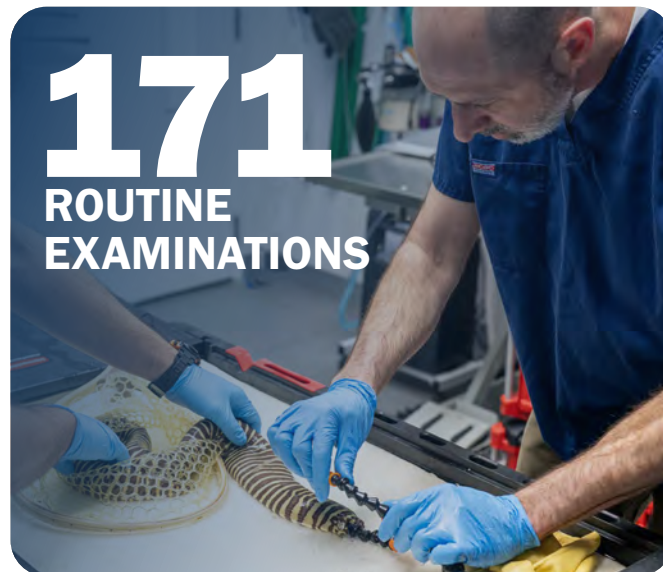
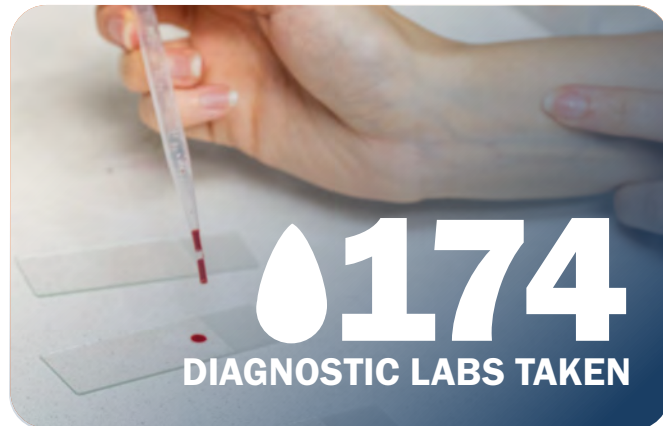


## VETERINARY LAB

Our growing onsite diagnostic capabilities already allow for faster testing and treatment, reducing stress and response time. As our collection and research expand, a new, state-of-the-art veterinary laboratory will further strengthen our animal care.

## 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- An endangered Blue-Billed Curassow was diagnosed and successfully treated for a fungal lung infection using advanced endoscopic techniques that the Aquarium is now able to provide on-site.
- One of our largest and oldest stingrays underwent a successful laparoscopic surgery with the help of our Saltwater and Veterinary teams. Safely anesthetizing the 200 pound animal required more than 200 gallons of anesthetic-treated water and a team of 10 people.



ZEBRA MORAY EEL ANNUAL HEALTH EXAM

# CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Every species protected today strengthens the future of our living planet.



## FROM UTAH TO THE WORLD

2025 marked the beginning of an AZA-wide Species Survival Plan® (SSP) program focused on Gentoo Penguins, the first of its kind to study genetic parentage in the species. Before this study, it had been difficult to track the genetics of a Gentoo Penguin colony, as many birds, aside from the biological parents, come together to care for each chick. This project started with the Aquarium; with your support, we've been able to transfer this to a nationwide endeavor to study Gentoo Penguins in all AZA facilities.

## IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS

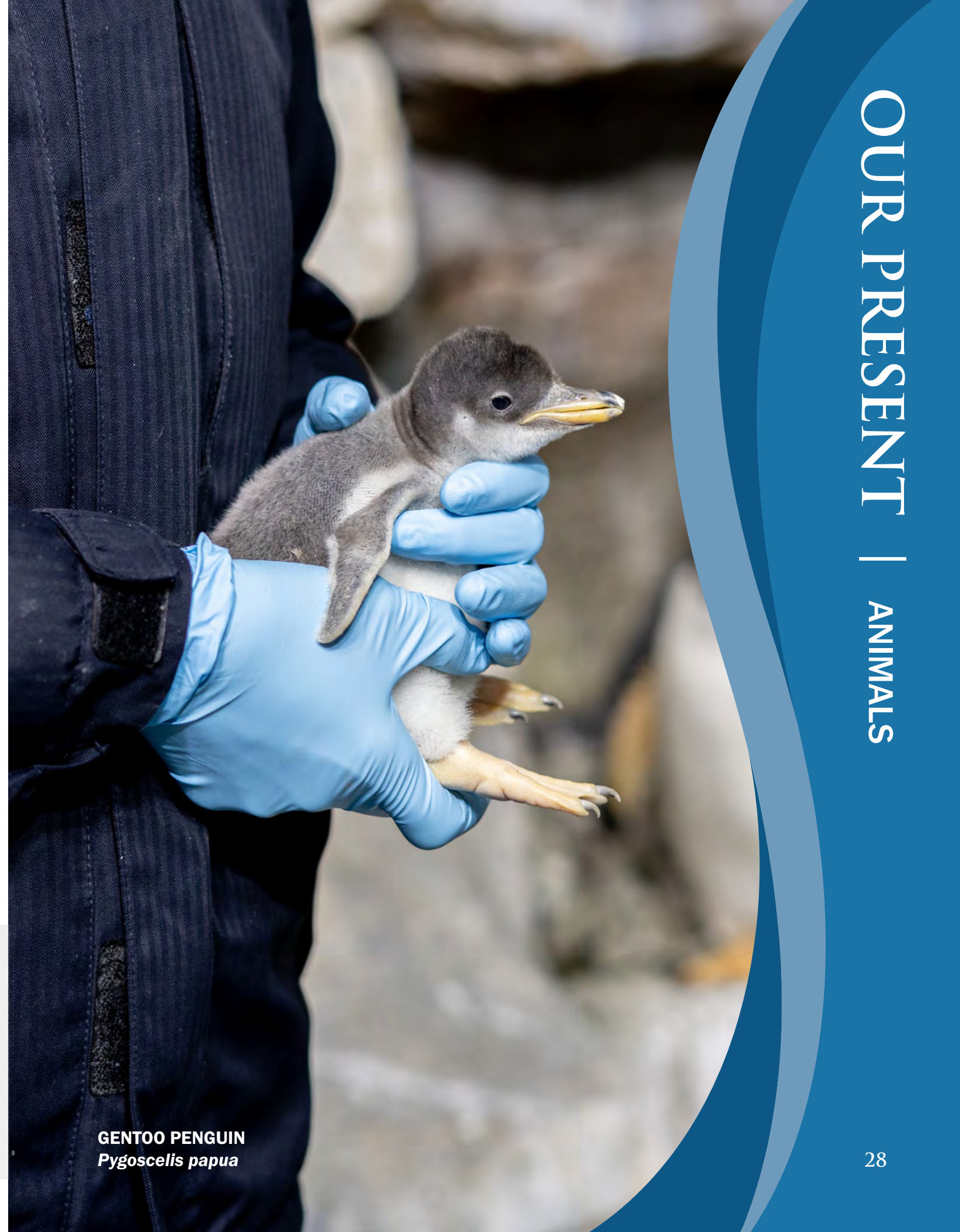
The Aquarium team hatched Western toads in 2024, which were deemed "Species of Greatest Conservation Need" by the State of Utah. After being monitored for a year to ensure that they survived their first winter, these toads were then released into a preserved area of Southern Utah with the help of Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR), or transferred to both Hogle Zoo and Omaha Zoo to promote genetic diversity.

- University partnerships with USU preserved a first-of-its-kind cuttlefish climate study, advancing research on salinity change and coastal resilience.



Scan to learn more

- Academic collaboration with BYU helped us measure and reduce sound impacts, directly improving animal welfare in new event spaces.



GENTOO PENGUIN  
*Pygoscelis papua*

# 2025 ANIMAL HIGHLIGHTS

Each new species represents a deliberate choice, one rooted in conservation value, scientific relevance, and the ability to translate distant ecosystems into meaningful, local learning experiences. Through participation in AZA Species Survival Plans®, collaborative research, and immersive education, these animals help connect Utah's students and families to global biodiversity and the shared responsibility of protecting it.



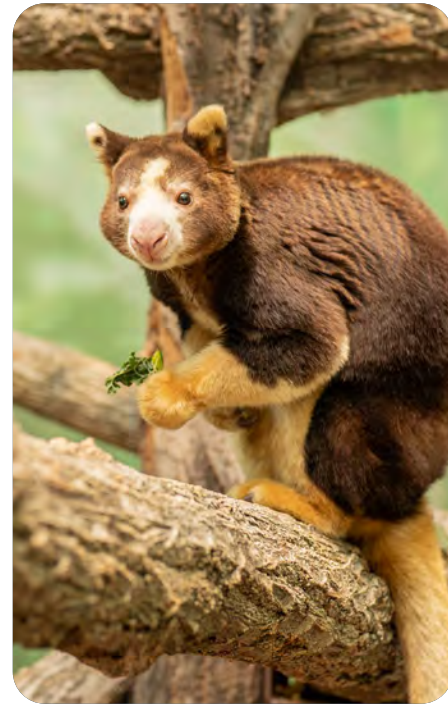
**BINTURONG**  
*Arctictis binturong*

An arboreal animal whose presence supports SSP conservation efforts while introducing guests to the hidden biodiversity of Southeast Asia's disappearing forests.



**CLOUDED LEOPARD**  
*Neofelis nebulosa*

Endangered and extraordinary, these rainforest predators anchor critical breeding science and tell the story of vanishing wild places.



**MATSCHIE'S TREE-KANGAROO**  
*Dendrolagus matschiei*

A rare forest acrobat whose survival depends on global collaboration, bringing endangered cloud forests from Papua New Guinea to curious minds in Utah.



**LOOKDOWNS**  
*Selene vomer*

LLPA collaborates with the AZA Aquatic Sustainability Committee to breed fish in managed care to support sustainable fisheries. With their reflective bodies and unique swimming behavior, Lookdowns highlight the diversity of coastal marine life and the importance of healthy near-shore ecosystems.



**ASIAN AROWANA**  
*Scleropages formosus*

Asian Arowanas, sometimes called 'dragon fish', are among the world's most protected freshwater fish due to illegal wildlife trafficking and habitat loss. Animals in accredited care help highlight the global impacts of wildlife trade and the importance of international conservation law.

# SPECIES SURVIVAL PLAN

Together, Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited institutions work to manage animal populations through Species Survival Plans. Through participation in these programs, we contribute to advances in animal care and conservation efforts by ensuring that only healthy genes are passed on through breeding, promoting sustainability in a species.

In 2025, the Aquarium added eight new SSP programs, bringing our total participation to 32 programs.



# PARTNERING FOR CONSERVATION IMPACT

Conservation partnerships expand impact by connecting institutions through shared knowledge, data, and coordinated action.



## SAFE

### SAVING ANIMALS FROM EXTINCTION

SAFE is an AZA-led initiative that concentrates collective expertise and resources on species at the greatest risk of extinction. To further the SAFE mission and help fight extinction, we focus our efforts on habitat protection, research, and community engagement.

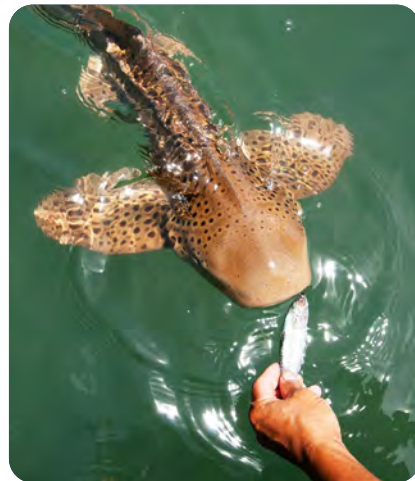
**Animals: Shark and Ray Program**

## StAR PROJECT

### THE STEGOSTOMA TIGRINUM AUGMENTATION & RECOVERY PROJECT

The StAR Project is a global effort to restore populations of the endangered Indo-Pacific Zebra Shark in regions where the species has disappeared or dramatically declined due to overfishing and habitat degradation.

**Animal: Zebra Shark**



## SWARM

### SAVING WILDLIFE THROUGH ACTION, RESEARCH, & MOBILIZATION

We partner with SWARM to enhance invertebrate care and conservation by sustaining healthy populations under human care and reducing pressure on wild populations. This is done through the sharing of husbandry knowledge, breeding protocols, and population data with other institutions.

**Animals: Giant African Millipede**



## UTAH DWR

### UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE SERVICES

Working with the Utah DWR allows our animal care and conservation expertise to support native species protection while reinforcing our commitment to Utah's natural heritage.

**Animals: June Suckers, Virgin River Spindace, Woundfin, Colorado Pikeminnow, North American River Otter, and Desert Tortoise**



**DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON**  
*Amazona oratrix*

## WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ALLIANCE

Led by AZA, the Wildlife Trafficking Alliance works to combat the illegal wildlife trade through education, advocacy, and collaboration. We are proud to support the Alliance in raising public awareness, supporting policy efforts, and partnering with enforcement agencies and conservation groups to address one of the greatest threats to global biodiversity.

**Animals: Asian Arowanas, Cuban Rock Iguana, Double Yellow-Headed Amazon Parrot**

# AZA ACCREDITATION

In 2025, the Aquarium successfully earned AZA accreditation again, affirming our commitment to the highest standards in animal care, conservation leadership, and science-based education.



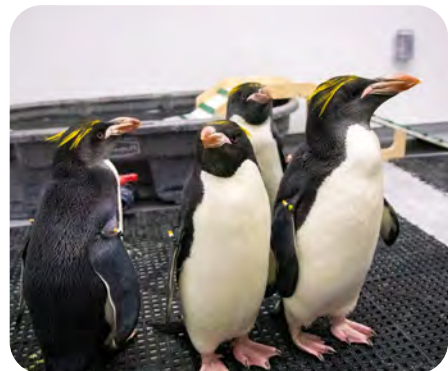
## 2025 ACCREDITATION

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums is the gold standard for animal care, conservation, and education. Fewer than 10% of animal facilities nationwide meet AZA's rigorous requirements, making accreditation a mark of excellence and accountability.

AZA accreditation is not permanent. Institutions must undergo accreditation every five years, including comprehensive reviews of:

- **Animal welfare and veterinary care**
- **Conservation and research impact**
- **Education and community engagement**
- **Safety, ethics, and financial sustainability**

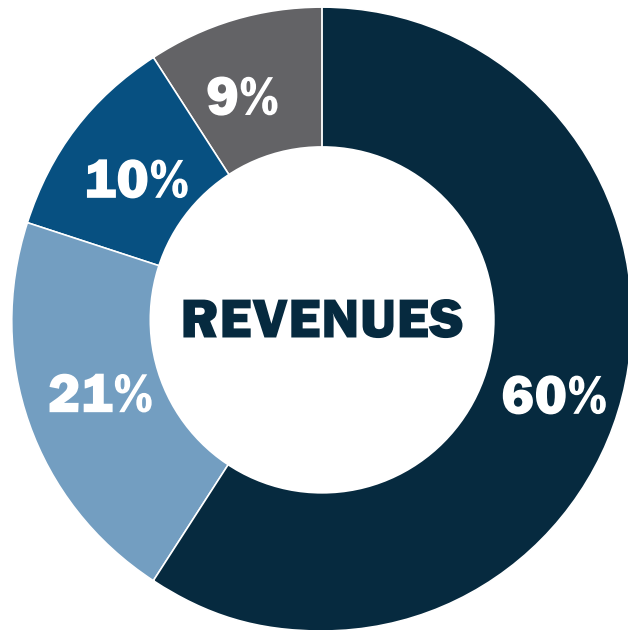
Maintaining AZA accreditation holds us accountable to nationally recognized standards that protect animal welfare, strengthen conservation outcomes, and ensure organizational integrity.



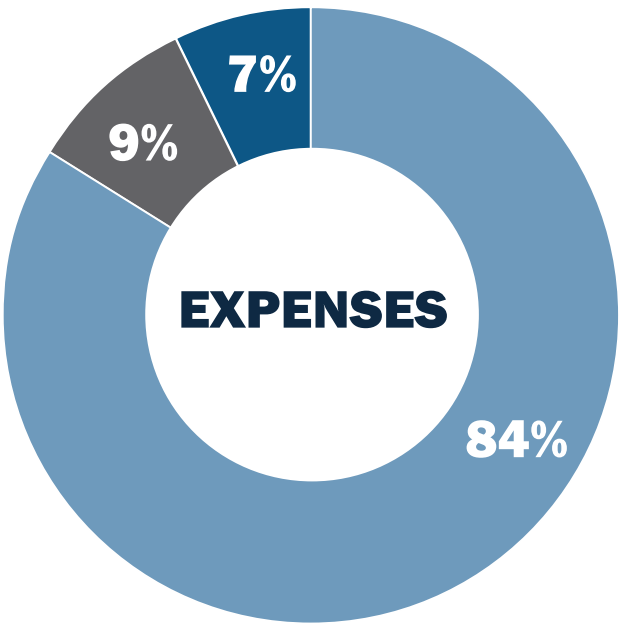
**KOMODO DRAGON**  
*Varanus komodoensis*

# FINANCIALS

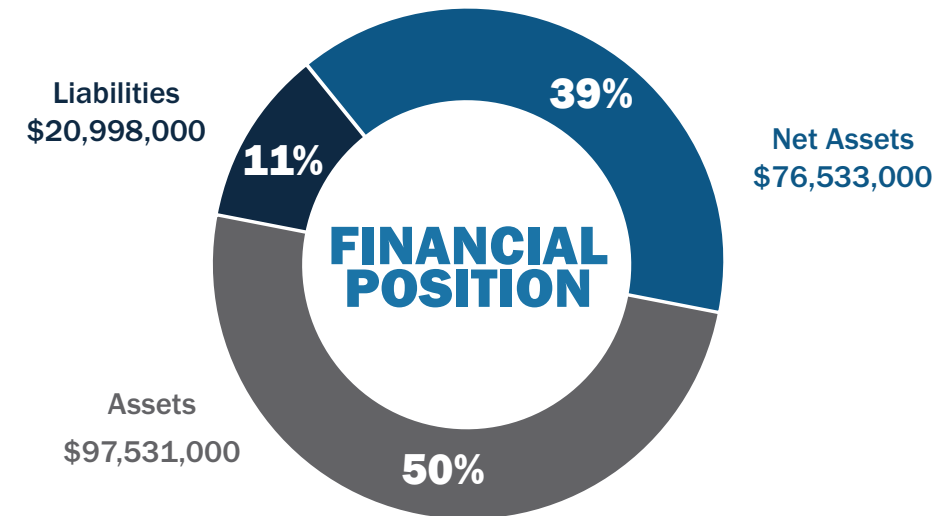
Strong financial management sustains the programs, animal care, and education that drive long-term impact.



Admissions & Memberships	\$16,045,000
Events & Concessions	\$5,592,000
Grants	\$2,879,000
Contributions	\$2,287,000
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$26,803,000</b>



Aquarium & Education	\$15,529,000
Management & General	\$1,664,000
Fundraising	\$1,294,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,487,000</b>



## TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 1,173,000 Guests



- GENERAL ADMISSION: 673,000
- MEMBERSHIP: 318,000
- BANQUET & EVENTS: 182,000

**TOTAL REVENUE: \$26,803,000**  
**TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 1,173,000**

# EMPLOYEE & VOLUNTEER STATS

A strong, mission-aligned team ensures that animal care, education, and guest services are delivered with consistency, expertise, and care.

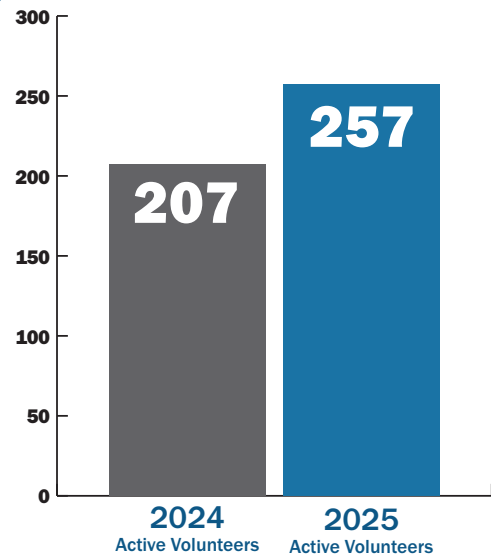
TOTAL EMPLOYEES

# 257

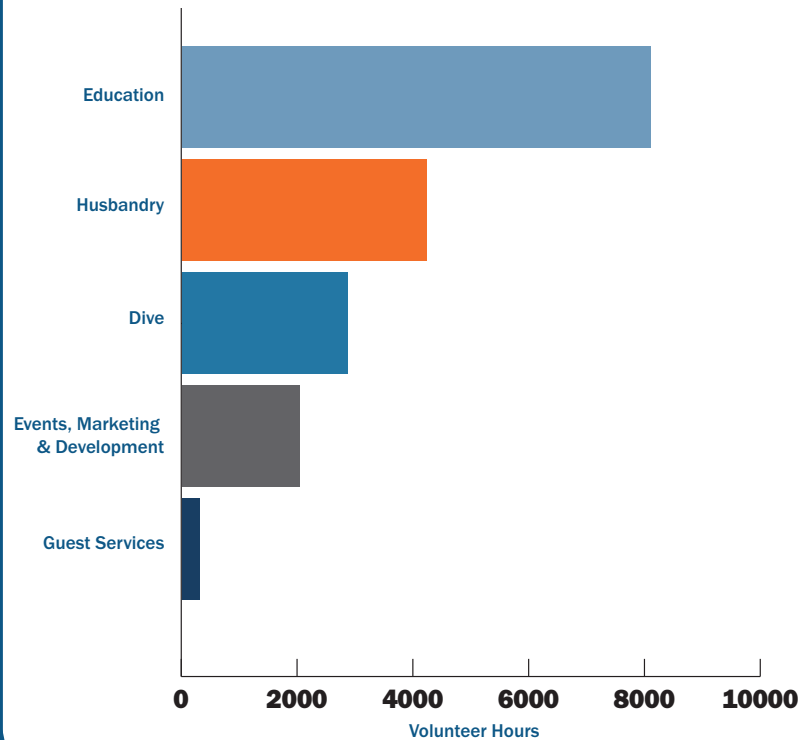
Full-Time: 179 | Part-Time: 78

# 8,100

INTERNSHIP HOURS



## HOURS BY DEPARTMENT



# 2,865

HOURS OF  
VOLUNTEER  
DIVES

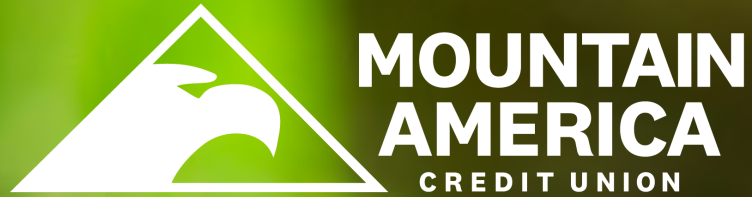


# 20,166

VOLUNTEER HOURS



# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS



RioTinto  
Kennecott



ANTHONY'S POISON ARROW FROG  
*Epipedobates anthonyi*

OUR PRESENT | PEOPLE

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS & AQUARIUM MEMBERS

**SAM & ALINE SKAGGS FOUNDATION**



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**GOLFODULCEAN POISON-ARROW FROG**  
*Phyllobates vittatus*

- AMBASSADORS COUNCIL MEMBER
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- OLPHIN FAMILY
- SCHMIDTKE FAMILY
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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CEO & Founder: Brent Andersen

GREEN-AND-BLACK POISON DART FROG  
*Dendrobates auratus*



“TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE ADDITION TO THE REACH AND NUMBER OF EXPERIENCES THAT WILL HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO INSPIRE TENS OF THOUSANDS EACH AND EVERY YEAR, AND I SMILE TO THINK OF HOW EACH OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE MAY FIND THEIR PASSION AND HOW THEY MAY IN TURN INFLUENCE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN JOURNEY.”

**- BRENT ANDERSEN**

NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER  
*Lontra canadensis*

OUR FUTURE

# RENDERING TO REALITY

Purposeful design transforms distant ecosystems into tangible learning environments.

As support from Utah's residents grew, so did the Aquarium, expanding to Gateway Mall in 2004 and Sandy in 2006. Founder and CEO Brent Andersen's vision went further: to bring Earth's ecosystems to Utah through immersive, educational experiences. In 2014, that vision became a reality with the opening of Loveland Living Planet Aquarium.

Designed with education at its core, each habitat was intentionally planned to help students and guests understand ecosystems

as living, interconnected systems. That philosophy continues in our newest Ford Expedition Asia, where students and guests will experience environments many will never see firsthand. From early renderings to the space as it exists today, thoughtful design turns concept into connection, bringing distant ecosystems within reach and deepening the educational journey.

Looking ahead, this foundation allows the Aquarium to do even more: reach more learners, deepen scientific understanding, and expand access to hands-on education.



Ari Robinson began his journey with the Aquarium at 15 as a volunteer, traveling to classrooms across Utah to bring live animals and science education to students. What started as a love for animal care evolved into something larger: helping imagine, design, and ultimately lead the organization itself. Ari's designs are reflected in the new Sam & Aline Skaggs Science Learning Center. Over time, his creative vision and operational leadership grew in tandem with the aquarium, leading to his current role as Chief Operating Officer.



AERIAL VIEW OF FORD EXPEDITION ASIA

  
**EXPEDITON ASIA**

 **MOUNTAIN  
AMERICA**  
**EVENT CENTER**

**CLASSROOMS &  
LABORATORIES**



**SAM & ALINE SKAGGS  
SCIENCE LEARNING CENTER**

**OUR FUTURE**

# FORD EXPEDITION ASIA

Ford Expedition Asia will bring distant ecosystems to Utah while upholding excellence in animal care, allowing guests to experience global biodiversity firsthand and deepen their connection to the natural world.



**BRINGING ASIA TO UTAH**

Through this hall, guests will be connected to ecosystems far beyond their everyday reach. Visible animal training spaces and immersive, naturalistic habitats create powerful connections with rare and extraordinary species.

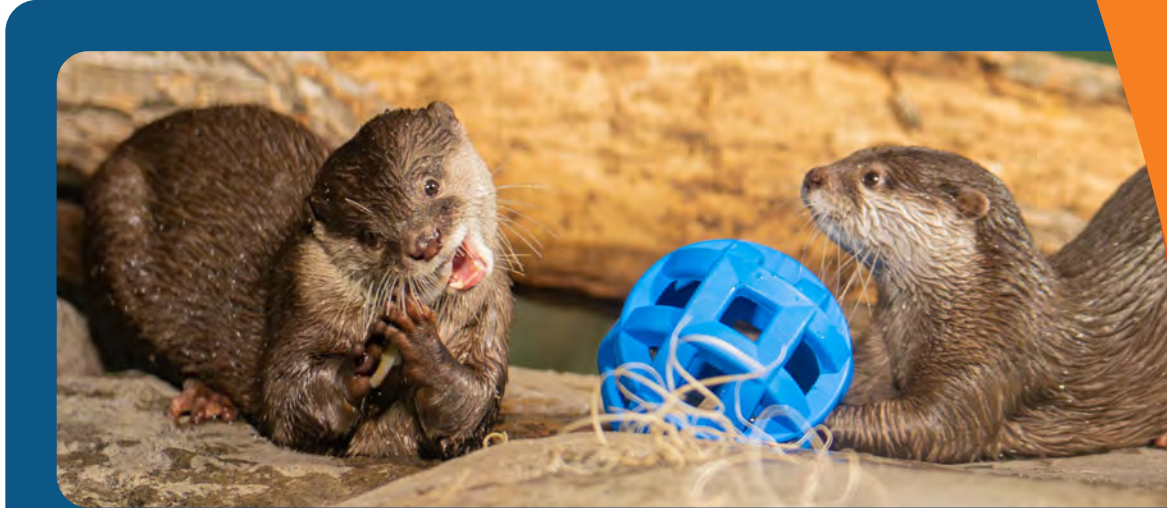
**AN EXPANDING ECOSYSTEM**

The expanded habitat hall will enable thoughtful growth of our living collection across regions, increasing participation in SSP programs and supporting onsite breeding efforts that advance conservation outcomes while maintaining the highest standards of animal care.



**ADVANCING ANIMAL CARE**

Plans are underway for a state-of-the-art veterinary care center on-site that will elevate animal wellbeing while providing hands-on training opportunities for students pursuing careers in veterinary medicine and conservation science.



**KAI & EMMIE  
ASIAN SMALL-CLAWED OTTERS**

*Aonyx cinereus*

These social otters turn play into powerful lessons about wetlands and wildlife trade. Their new home in Ford Expedition Asia was designed with SSPs in mind, and renderings reflect space for the colony to grow and thrive.

# MOUNTAIN AMERICA EVENT CENTER

Thanks to donor investment, the Mountain America Event Center is emerging as a powerful source of earned revenue, helping offset operating costs so philanthropic support can be directed more fully toward education, conservation, and animal care.



## LOOKING AHEAD

With the Mountain America Event Center now open, we will launch a public speaker series that brings scientists, conservation leaders, educators, and storytellers to our community. This will transform the donor-supported space into a platform for dialogue, discovery, and inspiration that extends learning beyond the habitats.

## COMMUNITY EXPLORATION

This new center allows us to operate longer hours, host simultaneous programs, and welcome significantly more community members at once. It is our intent to expand access and to serve Utah families more frequently through community events, designed to inspire our guests to explore, discover, and learn!

## EVENT CENTER AT A GLANCE:

- Three-quarters of an acre of event space.
- Guest capacity up to 900 plated or 2,000 theater style.
- State-of-the-art AV and presentation capabilities.
- Private viewing window into 75,000-gallon shark habitat.



OUR FUTURE

THE MOUNTAIN AMERICA  
EVENT CENTER

# LEARNING IN ACTION

A complete learning pathway ensures educational investment creates long-term impact, not one-time experiences.



## STATEWIDE STUDENT REACH

Through Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE), we partner statewide to reach every fourth grader in Utah, with alternating engagement in second and sixth grade, creating learning touchpoints. The opening of the Sam & Aline Skaggs Science Learning Center dramatically expands that reach, allowing us to serve more students, more often, and in deeper ways.

## LEARNING AT EVERY AGE

We now support learners across all ages through outreach, field trips, camps, teen programs, and public education. The opening of Coral Cove Childcare Center extends that pathway into early childhood, creating a foundation for lifelong science learning. Beyond K-12, established and emerging Memorandum's Of Understanding (MOUs) with Utah State University and Utah Valley University allow college students to study marine science and conservation here in Utah.

## EDUCATION AT LLPA IS A CONTINUOUS JOURNEY.

Scholarships

**SUMMER & SCHOOL BREAK CAMPS**  
Age: 6-15

iSEE

**TEEN PROGRAMS & LEADERSHIP**  
Age: 14-18

Title I Access

**COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS**  
Age: 18-25

**CAREERS IN SCIENCE & CONSERVATION**  
Age: Adult

**CORAL COVE CHILDCARE**  
Age: 2-10

**OUTREACH & FIELD TRIPS**  
Age: 6-17

**From early learners to future professionals, the Aquarium now supports a complete learning pathway.**



OUR FUTURE

“I WANTED PEOPLE TO SEE THIS AMAZING AND WONDERFUL MIRACLE OF LIFE AND CONNECT TO IT, AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS ALL PART OF ONE INTRICATELY CONNECTED GLOBAL ECOSYSTEM, THE LIVING PLANET, AND INDEED TO SEE THAT WE HUMANS ARE NOT SEPARATE FROM, BUT ARE A PART OF THAT ECOSYSTEM. I WANTED THEM TO SEE WHAT I SAW, THAT EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED AS ONE.”

**- BRENT ANDERSEN**





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