



CELEBRATING COMO FRIENDS' PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

### 2023 Contribution to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory

## TOTAL CONTRIBUTION \$2,327,091

COMO ZOO	
Zookeeper Positions and Care for the Animals	
Replace Outdoor Giraffe Sunshades	\$58,000
Replace Outdoor Giraffe Sunshades.  Digital X-ray Machine	\$50,000
Replace Cracked Glass in Orangutan Habitat	\$24,000
Replace Cracked Glass in Spider Monkey Habitat	
Tropical Encounters Leaf-cutter Ants	
Crate for Large Cats	
Gorilla Holding Improvement.	
Tropical Encounters Sloth Habitat Expansion	
Spectrophotometer	
Radiograph Machine	
Polar Bear Head Training Crate	
Animal Behavior Training Consultant	
Animal Enrichment Items	
Freezer and Dishwasher for Animal Buildings	\$4.500
Tonovet Plus Tonometer	
Zookeeper Training and Development	
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MARJORIE MCNEELY CONSERVATORY	\$929.063
Gardener Positions and Plant Care	
Sunken Garden Vent Repairs	
New Fence and Irrigation System in Japanese Garden	
Replace Pavers on The Ordway Gardens Terrace	
Integrated Pest Management	\$58,000
Tronical Encounters Soil Replacement	\$50,000
Victoria Water Garden Design Plan	\$50,000
Jananese Garden Tree Trimming and Technical Training	\$31,000
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New Lights in North Garden	\$14,600
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### Dear Friends,

Como Friends was created 24 years ago by volunteers and visionaries who saw that the historic Zoo and Conservatory was beloved by visitors while also in need of updates and improvements so it could thrive in the 21st century.

This vision for protecting Como's rich history while strengthening it through strategic investment became the force behind Como Friends. In 2023, Como Friends reached an astonishing milestone through the generosity of the community. Together, we now have contributed more than \$50 million to Como Park Zoo and Conservatory from charitable gifts and proceeds from the gift shops. These dollars have funded transformative improvements and programs that served nearly 1.8 million visitors in 2023. Como is still free of charge and has the largest audience of any cultural institution in the state.

Achieving a milestone this momentous would have been unimaginable back in 2000, when Como Friends was a fledgling organization. Yet in spite of our small size, we had a big vision for what was possible at Como, and were able to engage some incredible community leaders to serve on our board, growing our work year after year. Through three critical capital campaigns, with strong storytelling and stewardship, and across years of memorable events like ZooBoo and Sunset Affair, we've been able to continuously expand the community of people who care about Como. We've also been able to show them the impact of their gifts and purchases in the gift shops.

That was certainly true in 2023, as gifts from our community were invested in improvements that are easy to see, like the improved curb appeal of the Visitor Center's front door, and others you may never know about, like veterinary equipment such as the new tonometer that supports healthy vision for dozens of animals. Support from the generous individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations listed in this annual report helped make every part of it possible, elevating the care Como's talented keepers and horticulturists provide to our plants and animals, while helping us to plan for Como's ability to inspire the next century of visitors.

Reaching the \$50 million milestone reminds us of the power of community where every gift adds up to a stronger, more sustainable, and more vibrant Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to reaching our next giving milestone with you!

Jackie Sticha
President

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Board Chair

Como Friends Como Friends Board of Directors

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# CELEBRATING COMO FRIENDS' PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

#### STARTING A NEW CENTURY AT COMO

Created by visionaries and volunteers more than a century ago, Como Park Zoo & Conservatory has always relied on community support to keep this public treasure growing. In 2000, several long-standing volunteer support groups combined forces to create Como Friends, a unified organization committed to preserving this community and gift shop sales.

#### **REMAKING A LANDMARK**

One of the most recognizable rooflines in the Twin Cities, fund in 2002 through the generosity of the family of St. Paul Garden Club and longtime Como supporter. Como Friends support also helps prepare the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory for its centennial in 2015, with ongoing improvements.

"Como's transformation over the last 20 years is really rooted in this great public-private partnership. Having Como Friends with us at the table at the start of every project has been a real benefit when it comes to the design process and value engineering of our capital improvements. They can see where we're going to have challenges, and it helps them to be a better advocate for us as they're seeking additional funding from the community. Como Harbor is a great example of that, because our original budget would have allowed for improvements to animal welfare and enrichment, but it wouldn't have allowed for the things that make the habitat much more welcoming to our visitors like the shade structures in the KSTP Amphitheater. There's so much that Como Friends makes possible year to year, from small projects, to major repairs, to behind-the-scenes operational support. Como just wouldn't be where it is today without their support."

Michelle Furrer, Como Park Zoo & Conservatory Director/Campus Manager

#### A SHARED MISSION

In 2005, Como Zoo and the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory celebrate a new unified structure with a shared mission and a single Visitor Center, made possible through Como Friends' first successful capital campaign. This transformative project creates welcoming new gathering spaces for our community as well as a new experience in Tropical Encounters, an immersive ecosystem treasure for a new generation through fundraising initiatives combining the flora and fauna of the South American rainforest.

#### MAKING MINNESOTA'S CONSERVATION CLASSROOM

With new classrooms in the Visitor Center, Como's education programs now have room to grow, with School Group the Conservatory gets a new name and a new endowment offerings, summer camps and free St. Paul Public School field trips that encourage kids to become citizen scientists while Marjorie McNeely, an avid gardener, former president of the studying Como's wild and precious animals and plants. With Como Friends' support, Como has become the state's leading provider of conservation education, welcoming more than 850,000 school-age visitors each year.

#### **BUILDING POLAR BEAR ODYSSEY**

Built to resemble the rocky outcroppings and saltwater depths of the Hudson Bay, the Polar Bear Odyssev habitat is unveiled in 2010. With state-of-the-art features made possible by Como Friends' investment, this next-generation habitat brings visitors nose to nose with Como's polar bears, Neil, Nan and Kulu.



#### **GROWING HORTICULTURAL COLLECTIONS**

With one of the Midwest's best bonsai collections and a sansui garden considered one of the region's rising stars, Como's exceptional Japanese horticultural collections come together in The Ordway Gardens, opened in 2013. Paid for entirely by private contributions to Como Friends, the new wing also allows Como to realign the Charlotte Partridge Ordway Japanese Garden with the original vision of its designer, Masami Matsuda, a ninth-generation landscape architect from St. Paul's sister city of Nagasaki, Japan.

### ADVOCATING FOR GORILLA FOREST

Creating more face-to-face encounters with nature is the goal of all Como's animal habitats, including the Gorilla Forest renovation opened in 2013. Como Friends' advocacy efforts help secure public funding to create this naturalistic home for Como Zoo's family troop and bachelor group of western lowland gorillas.



"I always love working on projects at Como because this is truly a state asset, with statewide significance. Fewer than one in six Como visitors live in St. Paul, but more than a third of Como's funding comes from St. Paul taxpayers. It's a gift from the people of St. Paul to the state of Minnesota and beyond."

"Most anywhere else you go, extra money gives you better access to things. But here, everything you see is free to everyone. Every person who comes to Como has the same opportunity to learn and to grow. That's why I'm so proud to watch the great things that are happening here, because we all benefit from it, and we're all better off for it. I believe that if we want to fight inequities, we need to do more of what Como is doing."

#### **CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS**

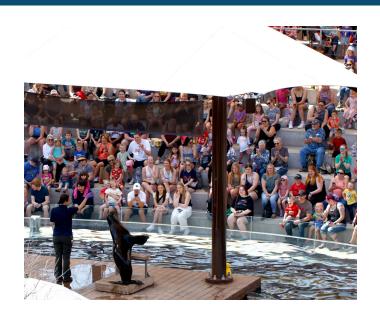
From returning endangered penguins to the sea, to tracking snow leopards in the wild, Como's Conservation Champions bring their expertise to conservation efforts in the field, and share what they've learned with Como visitors. Made possible with funding from Como Friends, this innovative program allows Como's professional staff to take part in meaningful conservation projects at home and around the world.

#### **CREATING COMO HARBOR**

A Como tradition since 1956, the Sparky the Sea Lion Show is reimagined for the next generation through Como Harbor, the \$21 million seals and sea lions habitat supported by Minnesota taxpayers and private contributions to Como Friends. Opened in 2021, the state-of-the-art habitat transforms the heart of Como with an expansive amphitheater and four-season saltwater pools for Sparky and her friends.

#### **OUR VISION**

As we begin our third decade as Como's nonprofit partner, we envision a future where community generosity ensures Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is a global leader in conservation, animal care and horticulture, with barrier-free access for all. From the upcoming renovation for Como Zoo's large cats and wolves, to new empathy-focused education programs, and continued investments in Como's historic campus, your support helps make Como Park Zoo & Conservatory the best it can be today—and even better tomorrow.



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## CELEBRATING OUR EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL



### With free admission for all, Como's open-door policy helps 1.8 million annual visitors feel at home in nature

With no admission fees or parking permits required, coming to Como Park Zoo & Conservatory is as simple today as it was when you were a child. Keeping it that way is part of the mission of Como Friends, which provided more than \$2 million in support of Como in 2023, an annual contribution that also helps meet the growing needs of our next generation of visitors.

Always an important partner to area schools, today's Como student visitors reflect a more multicultural Minnesota, with an estimated 70 percent of field trip kids who come from communities of color, and nearly a third who are English language learners. That's why making sure young people see themselves at the zoo has been the goal of a host of programs supported by your contributions to Como Friends this year, from the Right Track zookeeping and horticultural apprentices helping diversify Como's future workforce, to the multi-language signage that's improved wayfinding for non-English speakers, to the relaunch of a long-standing field trip partnership with St. Paul Public Schools that teaches second graders to become "plant detectives." Through exceptional education programs, busing scholarships, and even new sliding scale fees for Como's popular summer camps, your support for Como Friends helps teach the next generation that there are no barriers when it comes to appreciating our natural world.



Free admission is one of the most important contributions Como makes to our cultural landscape, breaking down economic barriers to ensure that one of Minnesota's most visited destinations belongs to everyone. Today, Como is one of only a few zoos and botanical gardens in the country that's always free to visitors, and your support for Como Friends makes it possible.











## CELEBRATING **NEW PROJECTS**



### Your support makes more possible at Como, from tiny pest predators to sunshades for Como Zoo's tallest residents

An autumnal tradition since 1915, the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory's chrysanthemum show attracts thousands of visitors every year, including uninvited guests called "thrips"—needle-thin sucking insects that can damage plants or transmit viruses from one plant to the next. But now, thanks to a robust Integrated Pest Management and software system supported by Como Friends, horticulturists keep thrips from ruining the show with a small but mighty weapon. Known as the cucumeris mite, this half-millimeter predator insect is one of the thousands of beneficial bugs that help keep Como's flowers blooming and pesticide use to a minimum.

Investments like this are not always visible to visitors, but they often have an outsized impact on Como's annual operations. In 2023, your support helped to provide for a host of new projects, from replacing the sunshades that keep Como Zoo's giraffes looking cool, to updating Tropical Encounters with new soil to anchor the plants and developing plans for an expanded home for Chloe the sloth, to repairing vents in the historic Sunken Garden to provide optimal conditions for the beautiful flower shows. Your contributions also helped Como Friends launch new Asset Preservation Grants, allowing Como to address urgent or emerging maintenance needs, ensuring the historic buildings and grounds get all the TLC they need to welcome nearly two million annual visitors.



Through three successful capital campaigns,
Como Friends' funding has helped to
transform Como's historic campus for the
21st century, creating state-of-the-art animal
habitats and expanding Como's public
gardens and horticultural collections.
Through this work, Como fuels more than
\$200 million in economic impact to our region,
helping to generate more than 2,000 jobs every
year. According to the Trust for Public Land,
support for parks and community treasures
like Como returns between \$4 and \$10 for
every dollar invested.





### CFI FBRATING COMO'S ANIMAL CARE



### With more than 1,200 animals of all shapes, sizes and species, veterinary care is a constant at Como Zoo

Beloved by Como visitors who know him by his first name, 28-year-old Neil also happens to be one of the oldest living polar bears in North America. Earlier this year, Neil was diagnosed with gastric dilatation-volvulus, or bloat, a sometimes life-threatening condition that required emergency surgery. Fortunately, Neil made a full recovery, thanks to the quick attention of keepers, Como's new on-site veterinary team, and state-of-theart animal resources, all supported in part by your contributions to Como Friends.

While Como's keepers are second to none, the equipment required to care for Como Zoo's animals needs continual upgrading, whether that's replacing the boomer balls the polar bears beat up in their play, or updating the freezer and dishwasher that support animal diets for dozens of species, or replacing the glass that gives us all a better glimpse of Como's active and engaging orangutan troop. Your support in 2023 also made it possible to amp up Como's arsenal of equipment, from specialized crates to care for polar bears and large cats; to scuba tanks and spectrophotometers that keep water habitats healthy for amphibians, fish and marine mammals; to a new radiograph, tonometer and digital x-ray machine that allow Como Zoo to provide quicker, cutting-edge veterinary care to animals.



More than 20 years ago, Como Friends funded the launch of the positive reinforcement animal training initiative that's helped to make Como Zoo a national leader in progressive care for animals of all sizes, from penguins to polar bears. Today, your support helps to provide for the specialized equipment, professional training and cutting-edge care it takes to keep more than 1,200 animals of all species healthy and curious.

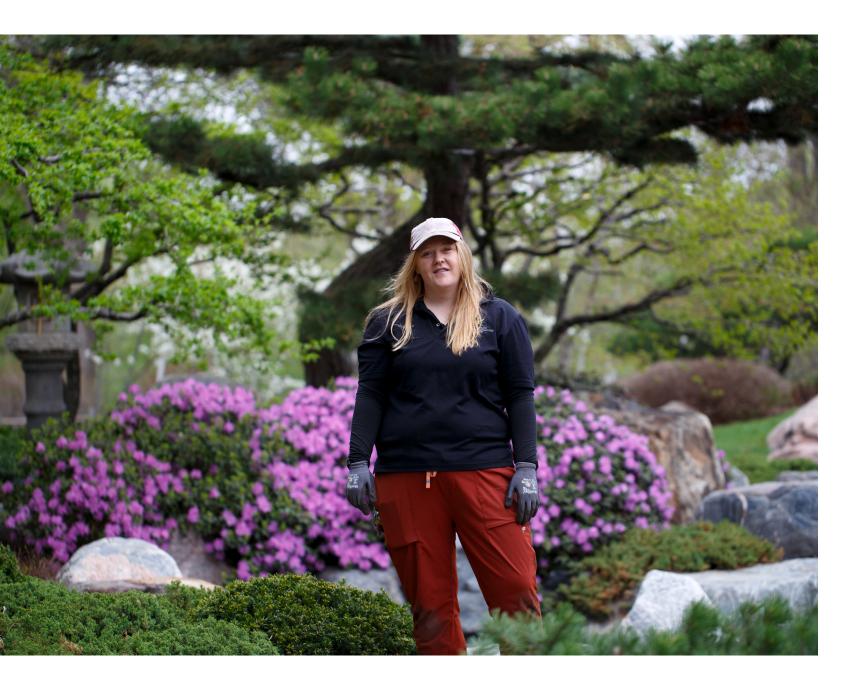








### CELEBRATING THE MARJORIE MCNEELY CONSERVATORY



### With deep roots in community, your support creates gardens and horticultural collections that delight the senses

For horticulturists at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, replacing the soil in Tropical Encounters was one of the most demanding items on 2023's to-do list. Paid for with a gift from Como Friends, the project gave the rainforest habitat a refresh from the ground up, ensuring that the tropical plants in this life-size terrarium have plenty of nutrients and room to grow, without disturbing the tropical birds, fish and amphibians that share the space.

Your support for Como Friends in 2023 helped rebuild and beautify nearly every corner of the historic Conservatory, from providing the new fencing, irrigation, and tree trimming expertise in the Charlotte Partridge Ordway Japanese Garden, to creating a new design plan for Como's beloved Water Gardens, to introducing even more beneficial bugs to growing spaces to continue curbing the need for pesticides. Funding also helped to better serve garden-loving guests with new lights in the North Garden, a new sound system throughout the Conservatory, and renovated flooring and pavers to keep Como's nearly 1.8 million annual visitors on solid footing.



Since 2000, contributions to Como Friends
have helped to fund gardener positions
and plant care at the Marjorie McNeely
Conservatory, supporting everything from the
renovation of the Charlotte Partridge Ordway
Japanese Garden to the five seasonal flower
shows that have made the Sunken Garden
Minnesota's most beautiful room.



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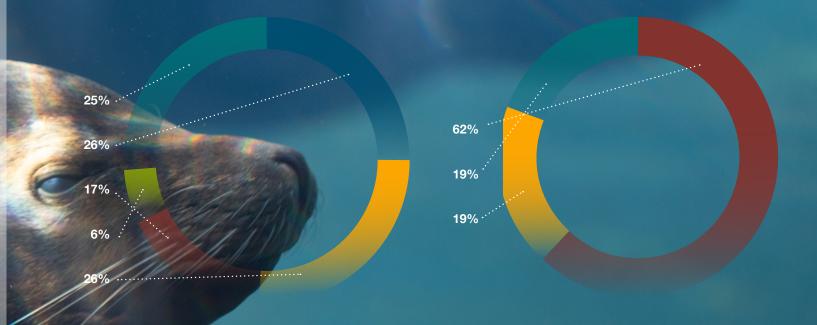




# STATEMENTS OF **FINANCIAL POSITION**

## STATEMENTS OF **ACTIVITIES**

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NET ASSETS  Net Assets without Donor Restrictions				
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions		131,743		280,25
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions				
Board Designated Reserve and Project Funds		3,094,358		 1,864,30
Board Designated Endowment		147,083		142,63
Undesignated Undesignated		3,165,517		3,098,21
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		6,406,958		5,105,14
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Net Assets with Donor Restrictions				
Perpetual in Nature		7,937,160		7,937,16
Purpose Restrictions		2,603,193		2,050,91
Time-restricted for Future Periods		1,411,495		473,91
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions		11,951,848		10,461,99
Total Net Assets		18,358,806		15,567,13
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	18,490,549	\$	15,847,38



### Sources of Revenue

Gift Shop Revenue \$1,532,551 (less cost of goods sold)
Corporate and Foundation Giving \$988,812
Events\$350,288
Investment and Other Income \$1,508,922

## Program and Mission Support

Program Support \$2	2,849,773
Mission Support  Management Expense	\$873,019
Mission Support Fundraising Expense	\$846.478

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