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2012 Annual Report

**Zoo Attendance**

<b>2012</b>	<b>455,283</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>411,194</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>423,887</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>456,414</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>414,794</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>412,369</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>391,729</b>

*Zoological Society of Buffalo, Inc.*  
**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Zoological Society of Buffalo, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation organized for the establishment, maintenance and operation of the Zoological Gardens; for the education and recreation of the people and visitors of the Niagara Frontier; for the advancement and encouragement of the science of zoology; for the practice of conservation of the world's wildlife; and for the exhibition of diverse species of animals from throughout the world.*



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Donna M. Fernandes, Ph.D

In 2012, we were once again chosen as the best place to bring the family by Buffalo Spree. So I thought it would be appropriate to use the theme of family for this year's Annual Report.

We had a very good year at the Zoo. Our total attendance reached 455,283 visitors, representing an 11% increase over the previous year. The unusually warm weather last winter benefitted the Zoo's bottom line. Earned income exceeded budget in several areas; however, sponsorships and annual fund did not make budget, so we ended the year with just a modest surplus of \$3,427. We utilized much of last year's funding from the Zoo Foundation to make critical repairs including new parts for our historic carousel, replacing the sliding glass doors to Beastro and patching roofs in our hyena holding and zebra barn.

The biggest project of all was starting construction on the new Entry Plaza in the site of our former Children's Zoo. The groundbreaking ceremony on September 20th was attended by a number of local politicians as well as some of the lead donors to the project. In 2012, we also completed design development for the Arctic Edge exhibit. The cost estimate indicated that the project remained on budget, so we began work on the Construction Documents.

The new Entrance and Arctic Edge exhibit come with an \$18 million price tag and much of our time was spent on the capital campaign. Zoo leadership met one-on-one with every member of the WNY State delegation to request support for the Bear Necessities campaign. We also submitted a second Consolidated Funding Application to New York State and received a grant of \$376,000 from Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The WNY Regional Economic Development Council had recommended that the Zoo receive \$1,000,000 for Arctic Edge, but the region did not receive sufficient funds through Empire State Development to support that request. On a positive note, Mayor Brown committed \$550,000 in the City's 2013 Capital Budget to Arctic Edge bringing the city's support to over \$1 million. At the end of 2012, total commitments to the capital campaign reached \$12.7 million.

The capital campaign wasn't the only focus of our FAMILY FUNDRAISING. Catillion 2012 - Born to Be Wild - was a great success with another sellout of tables, netting \$125,000 for the Foundation. Congratulations to Steve and Nicole Swift and the entire catillion committee. The Swifts also hosted the first ever gift-gathering party for the silent auction. Thank you to the Swifts and to all of you who supported last year's event.

We also relied on our FAMILY FRIENDS for support, including the Women's Board, ProZoo Board and our Corporate Sponsors.

The ProZoo Board held two highly successful fundraisers to benefit the Zoo. Polar Bites, on February 16th, featured 57 vendors and attracted more than 1,200 people. The event brought in over \$60,000 in income. Wines in the Wild on July 25th welcomed more than 2,600 people to the zoo and netted over \$106,000. Thank you to the Women's Board for the great Basket Raffle and Silent Auction. And thank you to the development,



marketing, grounds and maintenance staffs for their terrific oversight, coordination and execution of the event.

Our loyal sponsors provided nearly \$160,000 in income to the Zoo in 2012. Coca-Cola and Sahlen's hotdogs continued their longterm association with the Buffalo Zoo. NOCO continued its support of Sea Lion Cove while Buffalo Exterminating renewed its commitment to Otter Creek. Time Warner renewed their commitment to the Distance Learning Program. Try-It Distributing signed on to sponsor the Hyena exhibit. Fisher-Price increased their annual commitment to the Zoo by adding Grandparents Day to their sponsorship of the playground and Show Spot. Bimbo Bakeries joined Tops Markets and Goya Foods as sponsors of "Labor Day at the Zoo." Goya Foods also sponsored the Bear exhibit and Hispanic Heritage Day. Univera renewed their Zoo sponsorship, sponsoring the Gorilla troupe while Perry's Ice Cream renewed their sponsorship of the Tiger exhibit. First Niagara continued their support of Ferocious Fridays. Bank of America, 2 Find Your Home and Volkswagen of Orchard Park were presenting sponsors for Wines in the Wild. United Healthcare supported "Wild about Wellness" Day and New York Life sponsored Breakfast with Santa.

Last year, the Buffalo Zoo was the place to be for FAMILY FUN. Our monthly "Zooer Saturdays" featured a variety of free animal themed activities and keeper talks on the first Saturday of the month. Featured species in 2012 included our reptiles, big cats, gorillas, bears, elephants, rainforest animals, sea lions, river otters, snow leopards, and reindeer.

The summer season ended with a highly successful Labor Day at the Zoo. Twelve thousand visitors took advantage of the \$1 entry price and many expressed their gratitude for the reduced admission day as they exited the Zoo.

Two new special events for 2012 met with great success in their respective debuts. Hispanic Heritage Day, held on September 15th, featured music and food from an array of cultural groups. Goya Foods partnered with the Zoo on this event along with the

Hispanic Heritage Council. The Zoo offered a discount of \$1 with any donation to the Food Bank of Western New York, bringing a significant amount of food and cash donations to this worthy cause.

On September 16th, the Navy came to the Zoo as part of Fleet Week in Buffalo. The Navy Bomb Disposal Unit set up a display adjacent to the Elephant yard, complete with two bomb disposal robots. Our Sea Lion staff did a great job in preparing a special navy-themed Sea Lion show. The highlight of the day was the Navy Leap Frog Parachute Team that jumped from a circling C130 airplane and landed in the Zoo's parking lot.

A "Bon Voyage, Nanuq" weekend was held on October 13th and 14th to mark the departure of our male polar bear from the Buffalo Zoo and his resettlement in the Columbus Zoo. HSBC's "Boo at the Zoo" and our annual Halloween Hayrides completed the Fall season, while December's Member's Holiday Party and Breakfasts with Santa closed out the year.

The Education Department's high quality FAMILY PROGRAMMING brought in a record number of participants. Summer Nature Camp had the highest attendance in recent history with 564 campers over the course of seven weeks. We also worked closely with WNY United Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse to provide them with 5 weeks of summer programming for 6th grade students based on our Animal Enrichment distance learning program and Animal Behavior unit from our Mentoring Young Scientists program. The Education Department collaborated with the education staff at the Darwin Martin House to produce a portion of the Darwin Martin House summer camp focused on the art and science of exhibit design.

Over 35,000 school children visited the Zoo in 2012. Many of those students enjoyed a free docent tour or participated in a formal classroom program. Last year, the Education Department's growing homeschool following was expanded to include offerings for ages 9-12 and 13-17 along with the previous monthly programming for children ages 5-8.

The Education Department was also involved with several major events in 2012. On January 19th and 20th, the Zoo hosted and co-taught a national FrogWatch USA training for zoos and other wildlife organizations interested in starting a FrogWatch USA chapter in their area. FrogWatch USA is a citizen science program that allows individuals and families to learn about the wetlands in their communities and help conserve amphibians by reporting the calls of local frogs and toads. There were a total of 20 participants representing the Buffalo Zoo, Seneca Park Zoo, Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Cornell University, Bronx Zoo, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, and the Buffalo Audubon Society.

On February 10th and 11th, The Buffalo Zoo co-hosted a two-day symposium on the Future of Zoos with Canisius College. Zoo experts from around the country were in attendance and the event received considerable media attention.

On October 25th, the Buffalo Zoo, Rosamond Gifford Zoo, and Seneca Park Zoo jointly hosted a workshop on "Why Zoos and

Aquariums Matter (WZAM)" with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). The workshop focused on two national studies about what people think of zoos and aquariums, their motivations for visiting these institutions, and their conservation values and behavior.

The Buffalo Zoo would not exist were it not for our outstanding animal collection. Managing this collection requires a certain amount of FAMILY PLANNING. In 2012, we had a total of 81 births and hatchings at the Zoo including: bumblebee dart frog, Indochinese box turtle, Annam leaf turtle, scarlet ibis, roseate spoonbill, cattle egret, blue peafowl, red-breasted goose, yellow-crowned night heron, boat-billed heron, rainbow lorikeet, cinereous vulture, rock hyrax, tammara wallaby, 6-banded armadillo, slender-tailed meerkat, spotted hyena, polar bear, prehensile-tailed porcupine, agouti, vampire bat, reindeer, big-horned sheep, and golden lion tamarin.

In addition to the births, we acquired several new males for recommended pairings with our females including giraffe, roan antelope, Indian rhino, and Sulawesi macaque. Female ocelot, Massasagua rattlesnake, and pancake tortoises were received to breed with our males. Last year, we also added some new species for exhibition in the Reptile House, including Nicobar pigeon, shama thrush, Jamaican boa, Oustalet's chameleon and Solomon Island leaf frogs.

With all these births and acquisitions, it is surprising to learn that the total number of specimens actually declined in 2012. This is because 120 of our juvenile Eastern Hellbenders were released back into the wild as part of the Zoo's headstart program with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. These individuals, originally collected as eggs in the Allegheny watershed, spent two years at the Buffalo Zoo growing large enough to survive in their natural habitat. This long-term partnership with the DEC is just one example of the Zoo's commitment to local conservation.

So our Zoo family was quite busy last year providing for the recreation and education of our visitors and the captive breeding and conservation of our animals. I want to thank all of the full-time, part-time and seasonal staff at the Zoo for their remarkable support and contribution to our mission. I also want to thank the Buffalo Zoological Society's Board of Directors, the Women's Board, ProZoo Board and Docents for their time and talents, and the treasure they bring to the Zoo.



# ANIMAL COLLECTION AND INVENTORY

## Species born or hatched in 2012

Yellow-banded poison dart frog, boat-billed heron, western cattle egret, Eurasian black/cinereous vulture, Australian rainbow lorikeet, yellow-crowned night heron, roseate spoonbill, Indian/blue peafowl, red-breasted goose, scarlet ibis, common vampire bat, red-rumped agouti, prehensile-tailed porcupine, slender-tailed meerkat, spotted hyena, dama/tammar/scrub wallaby, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, reindeer, addax, rock hyrax, 6-banded/yellow armadillo, polar bear, Indochinese box turtle, Annam leaf turtle

## Species or specimens acquired in 2012

Puerto Rican crested toad, Amazon milk frog, Solomon Islands leaf frog, shama thrush, nicobar pigeon, roseate spoonbill, giant African millipede, North American river otter, Sulawesi crested macaque, roan antelope, ocelot, southern tamandua, Rothschild's/Baringo giraffe, greater Indian one-horned rhinoceros, Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake, Oustalet's chameleon, African pancake tortoise, Chinese crocodile lizard, reticulate gila monster, gila monster, Jamaican boa

## Species removed from the collection in 2012

Black lory, yellow-streaked lory, blue-streaked lory, dusky lory, Australian rainbow lorikeet, green-naped lorikeet, ivory-billed aracari, flag cichlid, pink-toed tarantula, antillean pink-toed tarantula, black-and-white ruffed lemur, grey-bellied douroucoulli, golden tiger, grizzly bear, Kodiak bear, West African pygmy goat



Greater Indian one-horned rhinoceros (acquired 2012)

	2012 Species / Specimens
Mammals	53/210
Birds	33/111
Reptiles	38/124
Amphibians	10/435
Fish	6/254*
Invertebrates	6/305*

**TOTALS 146/1,439\***

*These numbers do not include Education Department animals; otherwise, all species and specimens physically at the Buffalo Zoo are counted. Counts indicated by \* are estimated.*

Spotted hyena (born 2012)



Polar bear (born 2012)



Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake (acquired 2012)



Eurasian black/cinereous vulture (born 2012)

# New and Upcoming Exhibits

## *New Entrance and Arctic Edge Exhibit*

The Buffalo Zoo held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 20, 2012, signifying the start of construction on a brand new entry complex. Reusing and renovating an existing structure, the new entrance will feature new ticketing windows, a brand new gift shop and café, and a suite of rest-rooms. A Great Lakes water feature will be the centerpiece of the new entry plaza.

Building the new entrance is the Zoo's first step towards building the new polar bear exhibit, which will be called Arctic Edge. The footprint for the state-of-the-art exhibit will cover some of the area currently occupied by the Zoo's entrance on Parkside Ave.

Fundraising efforts continue to move forward in support of the new polar bear habitat, and construction of Arctic Edge is scheduled to begin late in 2013.



*Ground Breaking of the Future Entrance*



*Polar Bear Habitat Arctic Edge*

# Research Projects Supported in 2012

The Zoological Society of Buffalo recognizes that important contributions are made to the Zoo and to the profession through research efforts. The Society also recognizes that research benefits society at large by contributing to our collective knowledge of nature. Listed below are a selection of some of the research projects conducted in 2012 (or continued from 2011). These projects were conducted as a result of

## **African antelope- Addax and Gemsbok**

**Sue Margulis, Ph.D.**  
**Jacqueline Ball**  
**Canisius College**  
**Buffalo, NY 14208**

*Addax, Addax nasomaculatus and gemsbok, Oryx gazella are two African bovids that are ideal subjects for observational research. While closely related (both in the subfamily hippotraginae), they have some noticeable behavioral differences. The purpose of this research project is to investigate behavioral similarities and differences of addax and gemsbok during the breeding and calving season.*



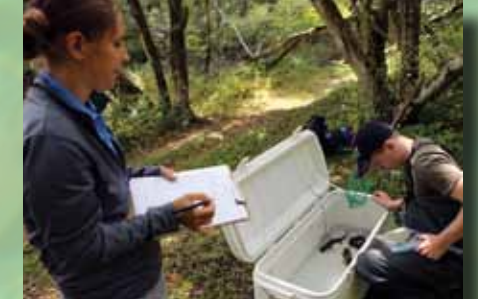
approval from the Zoo's Research and Conservation Committee and/or cooperation with Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) requests. Additional information about the Committee, as well as other research projects supported by the Zoo, can be found in the Buffalo Zoo's Research and Conservation Committee's 2010 Annual Report, which is available at [www.buffalozoo.org](http://www.buffalozoo.org)

## **Eastern Hellbender**

**Ken Roblee**  
**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Albany New York**

**Penny Felski**  
**Herpetological Manager, The Buffalo Zoo**

*Agreement with NYSDEC to hatch and rear hellbenders for release at age three into present and former range sites in New York State. Rearing of captive larvae and monitoring of 2012 released hellbenders continued into 2013. A successful sample release of 100 hellbenders was conducted in 2012 and another is pending for 2013 with plans to develop and implement soft release techniques. The remaining animals will be released in 2014.*



## **Amur tiger**

**AZA Tiger SSP**  
**Dr. Tara Harris, Director of Conservation and Tiger SSP Coordinator Minnesota Zoo**  
**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

*Data provided for a study to determine factors contributing to the success rate of SSP recommended breeding in the Amur tiger population.*

**CENTER FOR CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH OF ENDANGERED WILDLIFE**  
**Cincinnati Zoo**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio**

*Artificial insemination of female Amur tiger at the Buffalo Zoo using semen from male tigers at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo. Contribution to the research that will lead to successful artificial insemination of large felids.*



## **Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake**

**Lisa Faust, Ph.D.**  
**Research Biologist, Alexander Center for Applied Population Biology**  
**Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, IL 60614**

*Penny Felski, Herp Manager, served as a team leader in the field study survey of Massasauga rattlesnakes in their natural habitat. The yearly study aids in the conservation of wild populations. Surveyors collect data on survey methods, search efforts, basic site information, and weather information. 2012 was the fourth year in the ongoing mark/recapture effort in Michigan. Every snake is processed for general health assessment, and samples are collected for future research needs. Environmental, spatial, and habitat assessment data are also collected for each capture or sighting. Penny also serves on the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake's SSP Research Committee.*

## **Asian Elephant**

**Coordinating Principal investigators**

**Jill Mellen, Ph.D.**  
**Education & Science Director, Disney's Animal Kingdom.**

**John Lehnhardt**  
**AZA Elephant TAG Vice Chair Animal & Environmental Policy Director**  
**AZA Elephant Center**

*The purpose of this study is to determine the environmental and husbandry factors that are most important to elephant welfare. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, we will establish science-based benchmarks for assessing individual elephant welfare by studying the population housed at Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited zoos (290 elephants in 78 facilities). This is a multi-year study funded by the IMLS and member Zoos.*



## **Polar bear**

**Pamela Wong**  
**Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto**  
**Department of Natural History, Royal Ontario Museum**

*The research will characterize telomeres--repetitive DNA sequences and associated proteins at the ends of chromosomes--as potential indicators of age and fitness as an aid to the conservation of wild polar bear populations.*



## **Western Lowland Gorilla**

**Dominique Bertrand**  
**Anthropology Department, SUNY at Buffalo**

*Stress causes a myriad of behaviors in captive gorillas (Gorilla gorilla), and the negative effects of some of these behaviors make it crucial that caretakers recognize the causes of stress in order to circumvent them as much as possible. The present research will explore possible stressful effects that unknown visitors have on captive gorillas by measuring stress indicative gorilla behaviors and their use of enclosure space. Specifically we ask "what effects, if any, do visitor density, noise level, position, attention getting behaviors, and age composition have on gorilla use of space, self-directed behaviors, aggression, activity levels, social behaviors and regurgitation?"*

**Sue Margulis, Ph.D**  
**Matthew LeFauve**  
**Canisius College, Buffalo, NY**

*The effects of human presence on gorilla behavior will be measured. By evaluating gorilla behavior during varying crowd levels from zero to high, it may be possible to understand the influences of visitors on gorilla behavior. By incorporating remote, video-based observations when even an observer is not present, the study will be able to determine if the observer also may alter behavior.*



## **Asian One-Horned Rhino**

**Jane Kennedy**  
**The San Diego zoo San Diego, California**

*Data contributed for a study of birth behavior of Asian one-horned rhinos in captivity.*

**Monica Stoops**  
**Cincinnati Zoo- CRES Cincinnati, Ohio**

*Samples submitted for the determination of estrus cycles in captive Asian one-horned rhinos. The accurate determination of estrus is used to time natural and artificial breeding attempts.*

# Conservation Projects Supported in 2012

## Cars for Conservation Fund

A method to secure funding for conservation projects was implemented in 2006. The "Cars for Conservation" program receives \$0.25 from each parking fee collected. The funds generated are distributed to national and international conservation programs.



## Financial support was provided to the following conservation organizations in 2012:

### Abbe-Freeland Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Major NYS wildlife conservation and rehabilitation center in Angelica, New York. Support provided through donation of materials and expertise in husbandry, shipping, management, etc. (NYS)

### Addax SSP, Antelope TAG, AZA

Funding provided to aid in the re-introductory program for Addax antelope through the Sahara Conservation Fund. CFC (Africa)

### American Livestock Breeds Conservancy

Contributions to support the conservation of heritage livestock breeds. (U.S.)

### Amphibian ARK, IUCN/SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group

Contributions for captive and in situ research in the husbandry and breeding of amphibians. CFC (Africa)

### Anteater, sloth, armadillo specialist group IUCN

Contributions to support the in-situ conservation of edentate. (South America)

### AZA Ape TAG

A three year commitment to provide funding for research projects involving great apes. (Africa)

### AZA Conservation Endowment Fund

Regular donations are made to the Conservation fund through proceeds from on site "wishing wells" and through the Research/Conservation Fund. Informational graphics about the Conservation Endowment Fund are provided at the site of the donation. CFC (Worldwide)

### AZA Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake SSP

Support of in situ conservation programs for the endangered eastern Massasauga rattlesnake. (NE U.S. – Michigan, WNY)

### AZA Puerto Rican Crested Toad SSP

Support of the reintroduction, conservation, education, and research programs for the Puerto Rican Crested Toad. (Puerto Rico)

### AZH

Contributions distributed by the Association of Zoo Horticulturists to support plant endangered conservation. (North America)

### Bear Conservation Fund, International Association for Bear Research and Management

Contributions for the research and conservation of in situ bear populations. CFC (Worldwide. Bears are on all continents EXCEPT Africa, Australia, Antarctica)

### El Valle Amphibian Conservation Center (EVACC)

In-situ and ex-situ Panamanian amphibian conservation was supported in 2010. The Goals of EVACC are to save 12 species of Panamanian endemic frogs for education, display, and the future maintenance of the species. The Buffalo Zoo supplied funding for the salary of one local Panamanian as an EVACC keeper for a year. (Panama)

### Friends of Laguna Atascosa Refuge

In-situ ocelot conservation and education contribution. (South America)

### Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center

Financial support of brown bear conservation and rescue and Yellowstone National Park education efforts. (Western U.S.)

### International Elephant Foundation

Financial support of in situ conservation projects. (Africa and Asia)

### International Rhino Foundation

Financial support provided for North American Save the Rhino Campaign which helps to conserve rhinos in the wild. CFC (Africa and Asia)

### International Rhino Keepers Association

Financial support provided to support in situ rhino conservation programs. (Asia and Africa)

### International Snow Leopard Trust

Financial support of Natural Partnerships Program. CFC (Himalayan region of Asia)

### Lion Tamarins of Brazil Fund

Support of the conservation, education, and release research projects for lion tamarins in situ. (Brazil)

### Pan African Sanctuary Alliances (PASA)

Financial support of in situ sanctuary activities focusing on primate conservation and education. (Africa)

### National Elephant Center AZA

Contributions for the development, construction, and operation of a 300 acre facility for the management and reproduction of AZA elephants. (Florida)

### Polar Bears International

Contributions to this non-profit organization dedicated to the worldwide protection of the polar bear. CFC (Canada)

### Turtle Survival Alliance

Contributions for turtle in-situ conservation and education in Asia and South America. (SE Asia)

# Education

Our education department remained busy as ever in 2012 with existing programming, as well as a number of new projects. In addition to those mentioned in the Letter From the President, a few of the highlights included:

The Buffalo Zoo, in partnership with the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society, was awarded \$5,500 in funding to develop and test a new school program for students from ten classes in grades 3-5 entitled, Erie Canalway Connections. The program focuses on the

interconnectedness of humans and our local environment to the Erie Canal in the past and in the present. The program was extremely well received by teachers and students.

On February 6th, we became a part of the Leadership Team for a new initiative called Art Partners for Learning (APL). It is a grant-funded initiative to create a united arts education community to expand services and access in the eight counties in Western New York. The leadership team spent the year putting together the



framework for the partners. They also worked on establishing professional development opportunities for cultural organizations and teachers, as well as putting out a request for proposals to cultural organizations interested in submitting educational programming for inclusion in APL's list of qualified programs for schools.

The Education Department expanded its reach into the growing homeschool community. In 2011, we established programming for students ages 5-8. This year, offerings were expanded to reach students through the age of approximately 12-13.





# Development, Marketing, and Special Events

The Buffalo Zoo had a wonderful year of programming. There were a number of successful fundraising and marketing efforts as well as a full year of fun events for the community to enjoy. Some of the highlights included:

## Fundraising campaigns

The Zoo's Adopt an Animal program was very successful in 2012. The ongoing annual adoption sales did well, and were boosted by a Valentine's Day promotion, the popular Christmas package, and a new Spooky Halloween adoption promotion that was an instant success.

Other successful fundraising efforts included TOPS Shop for the Animals, the Buy the Animals Lunch program, and the Women's Board calendar sale and holiday luncheon.

## Marketing and Sponsorships

The Zoo is very grateful for all of the generous sponsors who supported us in 2012. Our major sponsors included 2 Find Your Home, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, Fisher-Price, First Niagara, Goya Foods, NOCO, Perry's Ice Cream, Sahlen's hotdogs, Time Water Cable, Tops Friendly Markets, United Healthcare, Volkswagen of Orchard Park, and Wegman's.



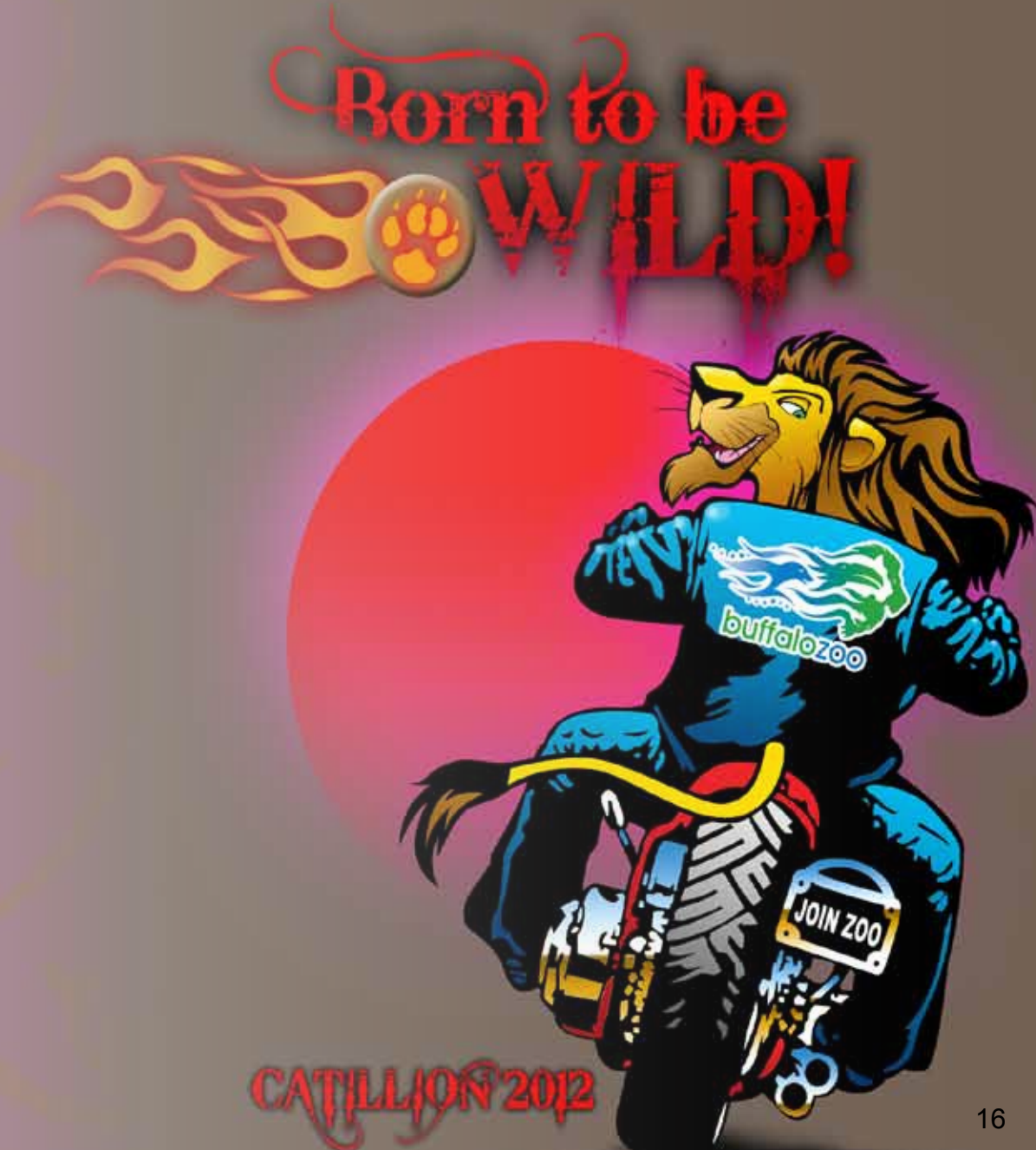
## Special Events

In 2012, the Zoo held a number of special events throughout the year, including two old favorites, Wines in the Wild and Polar Bites, hosted by the ProZoo Board. Together, these two events raised over \$160,000 for the Zoo.

The theme for this year's Catillion, our annual black tie gala, was "Born to be Wild." The sold out event was a smashing success, raising \$125,000 for the Zoological Society of Buffalo Foundation.

The new "Zooper Saturdays" series featured a different species or animal group every month, and invited visitors to take part in a variety of animal activities. The events took place on the first Saturday of every month and were free with regular Zoo admission. The series has become very popular among Zoo patrons.

Other special events that took place during 2012 included Jungle Love, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Labor Day, Howl-O-Ween Hayrides, Breakfast with Santa, Members Appreciation Nights, and two new events, Navy Day and Hispanic Heritage Day.



# Friends of the Zoo 2012

The Board and Staff of The Zoological Society of Buffalo, Inc. would like to thank all of the individuals and organizations listed below. All leadership gifts made during the 2012 calendar year are acknowledged here. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy. If you notice any mistakes or omissions, please notify the Development Office at the Buffalo Zoo. We are grateful to all of our donors for their continuing support and generosity.

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The Annual Fund supports the operation of the Buffalo Zoo. The unrestricted gifts from all segments of the community assist in carrying out the mission of conservation, recreation and education for the all Zoo visitors. In 2012, nearly \$300,000 was given to support the Zoo. Listed below are the leadership donors who supported the 2012 initiative.

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*Buffalo Common Council President*  
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*President, Buffalo Zoo Women's Board-*  
Michael J. LoCurto  
*Member, Buffalo Common Council*  
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*Erie County Legislator*  
Mark C. Poloncarz  
*Erie County Executive*  
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*Docent President*  
Matthew J. Riscili  
*Pro Zoo Board President*  
Sean Ryan  
*New York State Assembly*  
Michael A. Siragusa  
*Erie County Attorney*

## PROZOO BOARD

Christopher Alderson  
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Frank Callocchia  
Joelle Chamorro  
Jennifer Costanzo

Erin Denig  
Amy Fuchs  
David Goldstein  
Christopher Ham  
Katherine Hesch  
Scott Horton  
Christopher Kulpit  
Jared Morales  
Thomas Muraca  
Brian Pimm  
Matthew Riscili, President  
Lissette Ruotolo  
Wendy Scott  
Nicole Schuman  
Samuel Smith  
Jourdan Stevenson  
Pauline Will

## WOMEN'S BOARD

Lucy Betz  
Jeanne Binner  
Jo Bissell  
Donna Bohan  
Betty Brewster  
Barb Bronkie  
Lynn Clark  
Marcia Cleary-Walker  
Lisa Cooper  
Ann Fries  
Janet Gorfien  
Diane Josefiak  
Pat Keller  
Terrie Kelly  
Colleen Koehn  
Rhea Mathien  
Judy McConvey  
Sandy Mendel  
Whitney Mendel  
Audrey Mitchell  
Denise Moll  
Sally Munschauer  
Jeannette Newman  
Valerie Pierro  
Gretchen Porcher  
Candy Porter  
Karen Rudnicki  
Pat Schafer  
Jan Schworm  
Deanna Sciole  
Carol Vaughan  
Gail Warner  
Heather Warner  
Becky Welte

# Staff

## Administration

Donna M. Fernandes, Ph.D.  
*President/CEO*  
Rachel Syracuse,  
*Executive Assistant*

## Animal Collection

Gerald Aquilina,  
*General Curator*  
Jean Millier,  
*Registrar*

## Keepers:

David Brigham	Vicki Hodge
Erin Brisson	Lynn Hogle
Caitlyn Bruce	Chris Kieber
Illa Caira	Melissa King
Cathreine Carroll	Kayla Krajna
Cheryl Chintella	Jamie Kranz
Robert Dempsey	Jacob Lange
Shanna Dempsey	Courtney Macklin
Alicia Dubrava	Katrina McIntosh
Penny Felski	Katherine Meegan
Ronald Geiger	Megan Monaco
Kristi Glovack	Larry Radford
Cyndi Griffin	Mindy Shute
Dave Gritzmacher	Lori Vanderwalker
Pam Harmon	Audrey Williams
Joe Hauser	

## Apprentices:

Christina Barone	Lindsay Norton
Zachary Campbell	Nicholas O'Hare
Nicole Henry	Kristen Sciarrino
Rachel Hyatt	Kathryn Scime
Cassandra Irwin	Gary Steele
Kerensa Koithan	Rachel Stepien
Scott Kronenwetter	Kate Webster
Tiffany Mill	

## Veterinary Staff

Kurt Volle, DVM  
*Veterinarian*  
Alice Rohauer  
*Veterinary Technician*

## Administration and Finance

Denise J. B. Maloney,  
*Director of Administration and Finance*  
Carol Yetto,  
*Business Manager*  
Jessica Turner,  
*Accounting Clerk*  
Eric Penoyer,  
*Information Technology Manager*  
Michael Paluch,  
*Administrative Assistant/Switchboard Operator*  
Alicyn Ringler,  
*Administrative Assistant/Switchboard Operator*  
Shabar Rouse,  
*Administrative Assistant/Switchboard Operator*

## Guest Relations Associates:

Wanda Hurley,  
*Guest Service Manager*

## Associates:

Alexandra Booth	David McKenna
Yekaterina Bopp	John McMorrow
Sam Cavalleri	Anthony Panetski
Kari Choczynski	Leah Powers
Alexandria Clark	Alicia Quebral
Kevin Clark	Monica Quebral
Grace Clauss	Thomas Quebral
Harleena Franklin	Sandra Springer
Mike Franko	Taneda Travis
Linda Harris	Ellen Truty
Anna Hourihan	Anastasiya Tsoy
Christine Kobus	Stephanie Vanclleaf
Justin Lee	Christopher Watson
Deandra Lewin	Shannon Wilson
Patrick Luvender	

## Food Service

Laurie Hope,  
*Food Service Manager*  
Monica Maddox,  
*Food Service Supervisor*  
Hank Clark,  
*Cook*

## Associates:

Aaron Collura	Erica Jezioro
Christa Edwards	Gweneth Koppers
Tina Atkins	Ulyssicia Lambert
Marissa Bencini	Devin Lewis
Kevin Boldt	Davetta Lewis II
Terrace Capps II	Nicole Lowe
Essence Chisholm	Mitchel Maraschiello
Dominique Day	Sabrina Milton
Diamond Dowell	Francis Mondrala
Jordan Elliott	Khaliq Muhammad-Satcher
Jonathan Flitt	Barry Rolls
Morgan Flitt	Alafias Satcher
Desaray Ford	Janice Sessions
Stepan Frolov	Matthew Speidel
Dylan Gastle	Ashley Ulaszko
Benjamin Gattie	Ekaterina Urazgildeeva
Connor Getz	Daria Vasileva
Bria Green	Lavar Walker
Tyler Henderson	Dominque Washington
Brantan Jackson	

## Development and Marketing

Adair M. Saviola,  
*Director of Development and Marketing*  
Denise M. Moll,  
*Development & Membership Manager*  
Dian Lewin,  
*Development Projects Coordinator*  
Ronald Reynolds,  
*Administrative Assistant*  
Anita Clark,  
*Office Assistant*  
Eric E. Lee,  
*Art Director*  
Michael Powers,  
*Marketing Manager*  
Jennifer Fields,  
*Public Relations Coordinator*  
Rachel Gottlieb,  
*Public Relations Coordinator*  
Kathryn Jordan,  
*Events Coordinator*

## Education

Tiffany Vanderwerf,  
*Curator of Education*  
Donna McIntosh,  
*Education Registrar*  
Maureen Pantera,  
*Volunteer Coordinator*

## Education Specialists:

Rebecca Balk	Robin Sanecki
Jennifer Bertin	Lindsey Simmen
Matthew Johnson	Adam Smith
Scott Lawson	Darren Snieszko
Rebecca Muffoletto	Elizabeth Thompson
Melissa Pfohl	

## Education Support Staff:

Kathryn Baglio	Patrica Lannon
Chelsea Bergmann	Sarah Lenz
Isadora Bevan	Zoe Lohnes
Emma Brady	Kelly Lyons
Meredith Brown	Laura Marcus
Emily Brucks	Andrew Noto
Sara Butzbach	Krystal Plyer
Cassandra Carlson	Candy Porter
Carly Ann Cerra	Jessica Prater
Scott Foster	Elena Puccio
Amy Friel	Emilye Rybarczyk
Mary Ann Galluccio	Jessica Shean
Tatiana Goldsmith	Cathleen Smith
Wendy Guba	Tina Stevenson
Jessie Harle-Mould	Lisa Thibault
Jackson Herlan	Amanda Wittman
Andrea Kaye	Barbara Woronowski

## Horticulture and Grounds

Steven Mead,  
*Director of Grounds and Maintenance*

## Grounds Keepers:

Melanie Anderson  
Dave Goehle  
Chris Metz  
Michael Shanahan  
Walt Whitcomb

## Seasonal:

Aerielle Davis  
Ariane Fulk  
Helen Lowry  
Christine Regula

## Maintenance Keepers:

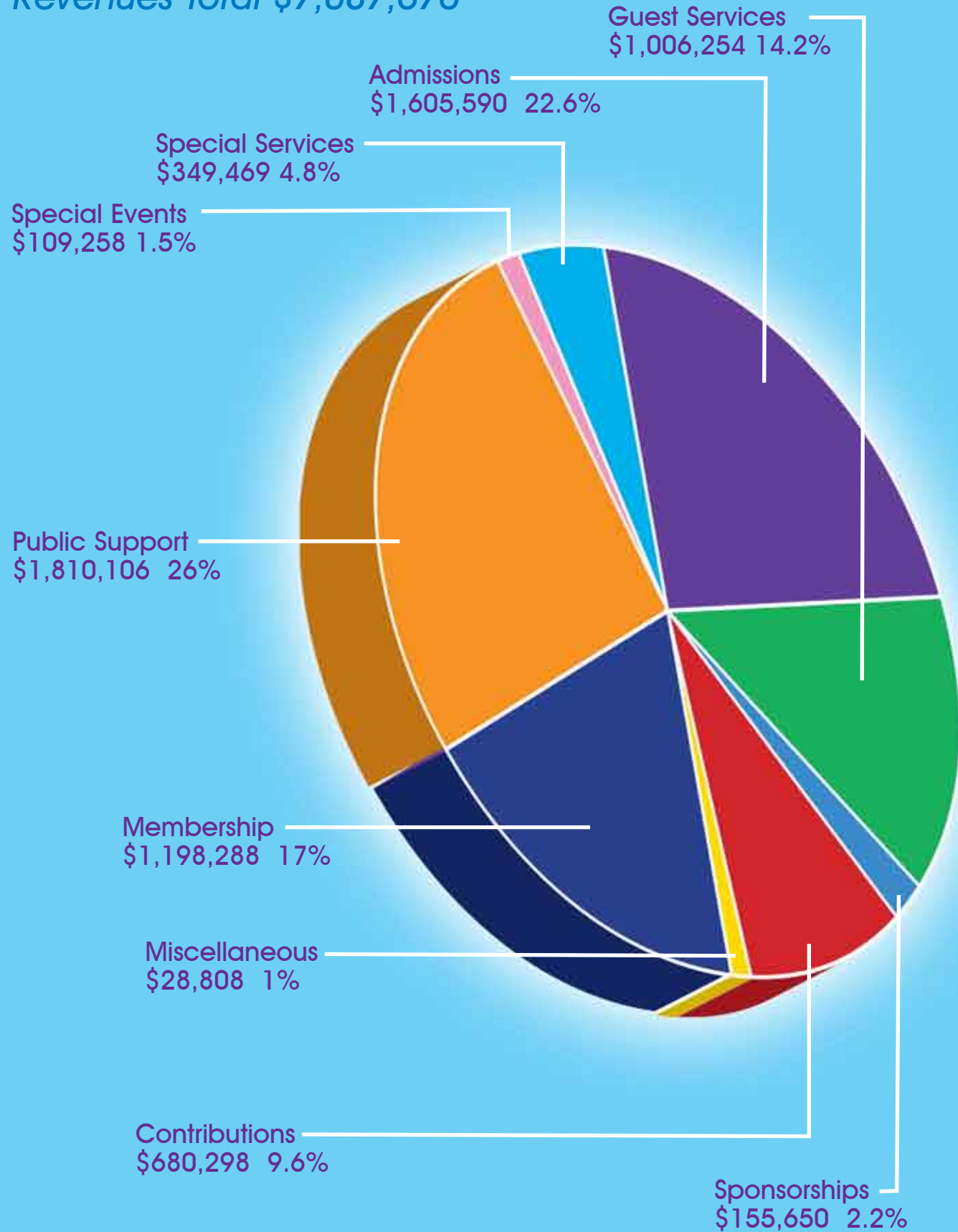
Joey Call  
Christopher Galas  
Mark Knight  
Richard Prims

## Engineers:

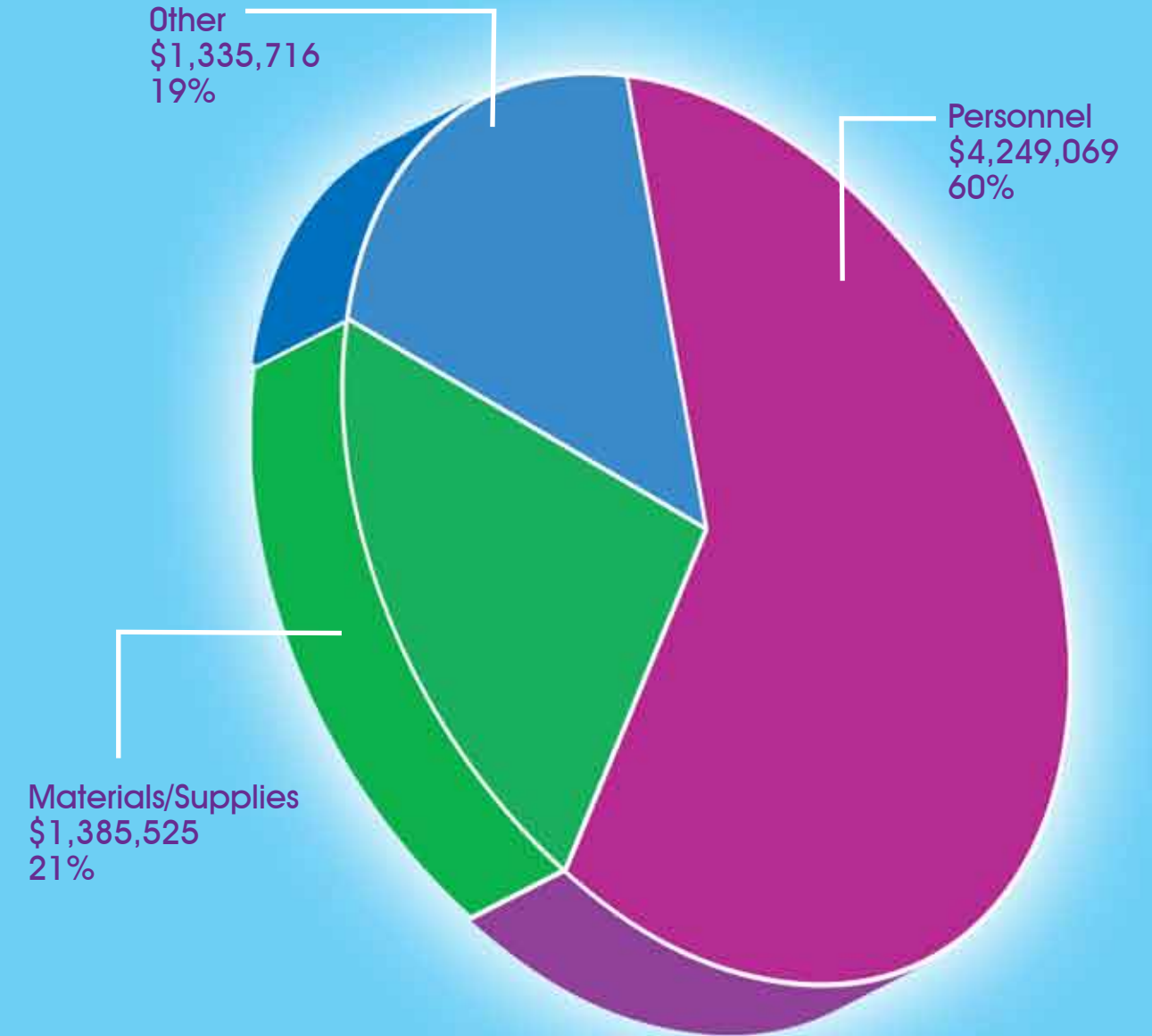
Ronald Zunner,  
*Chief Engineer*  
Larry DePietro  
William Dowling  
Randy Grupp

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