In this special Summer 2021 UZ newsletter:

We focus on our DONORS, who financially supported the UZ during The Great Pandemic of 2020. As the pandemic spread, and caused the cancellation of most of our in-person seasonal activities, we started up the UZ Emergency Fund, by which all cash donations were matched up to $20,000 per month (April-October) by Joan M. Sinnott PhD. Our donors also came through with flying colors in response to our routine 2020 year-end mail solicitations.

The total amount raised from our amazing donors in 2020 was $707,051!

Here we join other major non-profits by giving our donors formal public recognition in print. Our Giving Categories are named after some common New York birds, most of which you can easily attract to your birdfeeders. (1) In tune with our conservation mission, we honor these small migratory birds because of their inclusion in 2020 Project SAFE (Save Animals From Extinction) of the American Zoological Association. (2) In tune with our education mission, we designate our bird families by their taxonomic nomenclature. (3) As a final touch, in tune with our recreation mission, our bird/donor families are embellished with drawings and quotes of the great American naturalist, John James Audubon. ENJOY!

It is often difficult ...

...to put a value on in-kind donations, but we equally appreciate these gifts, and list them here: (Special Thanks to Total Solutions and Walmart Distribution Center #6038 for each contributing over $20,000 in-kind in 2020)

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Submitted by:
Joan Sinnott
From our Executive Director

I always welcome the opportunity to publicly state how much I treasure the position of executive director of the Utica Zoo. I'd be understating reality if I didn't share what a challenge this role was during 2020.....in fact it would be disrespectful to all of the UZ team, their hard work, creativity, frustrations and successes, to not elaborate that there were so many peaks and valleys during the year. The greatest moments were when the community supported the work and future of the Zoo....there were so many tangible as well as subtle gestures and we’re using this special edition of the combined FY2020 annual report and Zoo News to thank those who stepped up. A very special note of recognition to Joan M. Sinnott, PhD who early on instituted a monthly match of up to $20,000 April through October. Additionally, it was Joan’s deepest wish that we also recognize each and every donor from the $5 gift to greater amounts and the in-kind contributions. Joan oversaw this new program we are launching with this edition utilizing the North American Song Bird to identify and celebrate the contributions. This is fitting as the Utica Zoo partners with our accrediting body, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to help protect and conserve the North American Song Bird through Project SAFE: Saving Animals From Extinction. Jim Viggiano is completing his 9th year on the Utica Zoo board of directors as treasurer, mentor, and major donor. Jim deserves a special acknowledgement for the dozens of ways he has supported the zoo over the years...we’re grateful he’ll continue to be engaged. At the August 2020 annual meeting, Robert Jubenville, PhD ended his 9th year as a board member having served as Chair of the Board since 2015; we couldn’t give him the fanfare he deserved during the virtual meeting; Bob, thank YOU for a job well-done!! We hope you enjoy reading about our supporters and their passion to support the Zoo-- we also hope you become inspired to join them. It’s only through the support of our individual, corporate, and foundation donors, members, and community near and far that the Utica Zoo will truly meet its potential for generations to come.

-Andria Heath

From our Board Chair

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, many small businesses and nonprofits faced uncharted obstacles and were forced to navigate both financial and operational challenges on the fly. Without the community support from our donors, members, and people in the surrounding areas, the Utica Zoo would not be where it is today. On behalf of the entire UZ team and board, I want to thank you for your support, your generosity, and continuing to help us in our mission.

-Kevin Conway

Please notify the Utica Zoo for any inaccuracies in reporting financial gifts in this document.
THANK YOU to the...

UZ RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD FAMILY

A-B
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Anonymous #2
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“This lovely little humming winglets

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Holly Erickson
Trochilidae
Archilochus colubris
$5 - $99

creature moving on through the air...”
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UZ RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD FAMILY

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Travis Mcdermott
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Krista Sheehan
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Philip Zollweg
In 2020, while so many of us remained stationary, the Motus Wildlife Tracking Network program took flight locally as the Utica Zoo became a Northeast tracking station!

The Motus network includes hundreds of stations around the world, like the one now installed atop the Joan M. Sinnott, PhD. Education Center, which tracks endangered and threatened birds, bats, and other migrants on their global journeys. Biologists equip thousands of migrant animals each year with tiny radio tags weighing as little as 0.15 grams. If a tagged animal passes within 10 miles of a receiver station it is detected and the data is sent to researchers.

This station is part of a global receiver array on every continent except Antarctica, under the direction of Birds Canada. Motus is part of a critical conservation effort to help scientists and researchers better understand bird migratory patterns as well as generate public awareness about climate impact on population, survival, and species dynamics.

There have been some detections at the Utica Zoo, most importantly, a Rusty Blackbird was detected for five days at the end of October of 2020. According to Motus, this is critical stopover information that researchers will use in hopes to conserve a severely declining bird!
THANK YOU to the...

UZ BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE FAMILY

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Parus atricapillus
$100 - $499

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how small a portion of your hesitation, and devours it apprehension.”
2020 was an interesting year for the Education Department! Within a matter of days, our education team had to pivot from in-person Zoomobiles and camps to virtual programs. When everyone started working and learning from home, our team wanted to bring a little bit of joy to our community during an incredibly stressful time and keep everyone connected with our animals when we were closed to the public. To reach this goal, we developed our KaZoo program! We created and shared three videos per week featuring a particular topic or animal, a craft or activity to do at home, and a fact sheet to learn more! This program launched in April and continued until our reopening in July. We also offered virtual Zoomobiles for schools, assisted living facilities, birthday parties, and more!

We were also able to successfully run our Summer Zoo Camp program for 2nd through 5th graders, as well as our teen volunteer training programs. In order to ensure the safety of our campers, staff, and animals, we made many modifications to our program, but still offered the same wonderful experience. We felt that summer camp was incredibly important this past year as it gave campers a chance to interact and learn with peers, something that they hadn’t been able to do for much of the year with virtual learning.

Utica Zoo Education Department offered:

18 | Birthday Parties
28 | On-grounds programs including Zoo camps, ambassador animal encounters, night prowls, story times and more!
9  | Virtual Zoomobiles
62  | Zoomobiles

Total People Reached: 2995 kids; 2603 adults
“It moves alertly when searching for food, climbing downwards or sidewise, with cheerfulness and liveliness, which distinguish it at once from other birds.”
John James Audubon (1785-1851)
He proclaimed himself an “unfettered and self-reliant woodsman”. From 1805, he traveled extensively throughout America drawing and studying wildlife. “My knapsack, my gun, and my dog were all I had for baggage and company.”

In 1863, the New York Historical Society purchased 430 original Birds of America watercolors from his widow, Lucy Audubon. Even then, the works were recognized as one of the finest accomplishments in American art and an important document in the natural history of the world.

Looking to donate? Head to uticazoo.org/donate
“The pure azure of its mantle, and the beautiful glow of its breast, render it conspicuous, as it flits through the orchard and gardens, crosses the fields of meadows or hops along by the road-side.”
“As soon as spring makes its appearance, almost all the Redwings leave the Southern States, in small detached and straggling flocks, the males leading the way in full song, as if to invite the females to follow.”

Anonymous #5

Theresa Flemma

Brett Humphreys/
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Alice Jerrard
(Legacy gift/deceased)

Jim & Deborah Wurz
THANKS to the...

UZ CARDINAL FAMILY

Fringillidae
Cardinalis cardinalis
$10,000 - $24,999

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(Legacy gift/deceased)
Bank of Utica Foundation, Inc. /Tom Sinnott
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Kenneth Stabler

“Go where it may, it is always welcome, and every where a favorite, so rich is its song, and so brilliant its plumage.”
“Nature again, in all the beauty of spring, promises happiness and abundance to the whole animal creation. Then it is that the Robin, perched on a fence-stake, or the top of some detached tree of the field, gives vent to the warmth of his passion.”
THANKS to the...

UZ MOURNING DOVE FAMILY

Columbidae
Zenaida macroura
$50,000 - $99,999

Edwin J. Wadas Foundation, Inc.

Thank you for our new playground!

“The Dove announces the approach of spring. Nay, she does more: She forces us to forget the chilling blasts of winter, by the soft and melancholy sound of her cooing.”
The new playground given to the Utica Zoo by the Edwin J Wadas Foundation, Inc.
THANKS to the...

UZ GOLDFINCH FAMILY

Fringillidae
Carduelis tristis
$100,000+

Joan M. Sinnott, PhD
In Memory of

John James Sinnott
(1875-1962)
Founder, Bank of Utica
(1927)

Roger John Sinnott
(1913-2009)
President, Bank of Utica
(1950-2000)

“In ascending along the shores of the Mohawk River, in the month of August, I have met more of these pretty birds in the course of a day’s walk than anywhere else; and whenever a thistle was to be seen along either bank of the New York canal, it was ornamented with one or more Goldfinches.”
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Annual Report 2020

Mission
Utica Zoo creates unique experiences and promotes public appreciation of wildlife through education, conservation, and recreation.

Vision
Utica Zoo will be a premier destination for visitor experience while providing excellence in animal care.

Financials
Statement of Activities

Support & Revenues
Contributions and Bequests,
Donated Materials and Services $700,052
Grants - County $29,307
Grants - Other $300,000
Admissions Charges $313,515
Membership Dues $208,134
Gift Shop and Concession Sales $111,132
Lease and Rental Income $148,858
Fundraising $11,890
Investment Income (Loss) $62,637
Management Income $1,945
Miscellaneous $28,000
Program Income $22,614
Net Assets Released From Restrictions $66,781
Total Revenues and Other Support ------------------
$2,004,865

Expenses
Program Services $1,390,774
General and Administrative $380,381
Fundraising $121,986
Total Expenses $1,893,141

Net Revenue $111,724
Newly Acquired Animals in 2020

- Everglades Rat Snake
- Curlyhair Tarantula
- Runner Ducks
- Eastern Screech Owls
- Virginia Opossum
- Canada Lynx
- Laughing Kookaburra
- American Beaver
- North American Porcupine
- Flemish Giant Rabbits
- Four-toed Hedgehog
- African Painted Dogs
- Bennett’s Wallaby (joeys born)
- Black Swans (on loan for the season)
- Nigerian Dwarf Goats (on loan for the season)

African Painted Dog, Black Swan, and Canada Lynx, respectively
The Utica Zoo acquired this beautiful 1300-acre parcel of land dedicated to hands-on conservation education in 2019. And while the pandemic delayed many programs and events, the Beaversprite Nature Center still provided hands-on educational opportunities for visitors to enjoy such as STEM-related homeschool classes and a spooky, animal-themed Haunted Trail in October. The downtime in 2020 also provided a bit of a respite as the bulk of the time was dedicated to sprucing up the trails and Nature Center after its vacancy.

This year family-fun programming and wildlife exploration is in full swing, along with a new camping addition, Little Sprite Retreat! Like the industrious inhabitants of this space, there are many new projects in the works that will provide enjoyment and enrichment to visitors (human and animal-alike) for years to come.

Beaversprite was originally founded as a wildlife sanctuary by Dorothy Richards.
Our year of strength, resilience & creativity to financially survive COVID-19

Joan M. Sinnott, PhD $20,000 Match Campaign
To help us survive, Joan challenged a $20,000 match donation each month, April through October 31, 2020. The first month we were successful in raising $17,000, and each month thereafter we met our $20,000 match goal, totaling $275,000 for operations! We thank our guardian angel, Joan!

Bottles & Cans
Due to the lack of opportunity for people to redeem cans at the local redemption centers, which were closed during the initial months of the pandemic, the Zoo became a convenient drop off spot. These efforts resulted in over $16,600 raised in redemption revenue!

Wine in the Virtual Wilderness, sponsored by Bank of Utica
Events make up a large part of our fundraising efforts, and when we weren’t able to raise a glass to the Zoo in person, Wine in the Wilderness went virtual. We welcomed 372 participants and 45 premium add-on participants, raising $12,733 in sponsorship, sales, and donations to support us through those challenging months.

Dr. Hilton’s Generosity & Dedication
We thank Dr. Ellen Hilton, our veterinarian, who donated back her compensation in the amount of $2,400 to aid us in covering expenses.

Jerome Donovan – in memory of the late Senator James Donovan for Donovan

Some families bring new members into the fold, and there is usually a story to tell. The Donovans wholeheartedly welcomed a lion cub born in 2011 to their warm family, our beloved Donovan.

Jerome Donovan often asks about the shenanigans that Donovan performs at the Utica Zoo and he boasts about it right along with his other “kids.” The Naming Gift provided by the Donovan family assists the Zoo with the annual care of this nearly 500 pound beauty.

Donovan as a cub with his father, Bakari.
There are opportunities available to support our animals over a number of years. This consistent revenue helps us with the daily care and keeping of our animals which was critical during the pandemic. We thank these generous donors for their annual giving and unwavering commitment to our sustainability.

### Coky and Hugh Humphreys for Coky

Andria Heath states “Coky is fully supported by Hugh and Coky Humphreys on an annual basis, not only through the contributions for her care but also all of the love Coky gives Coky on Facebook.”

### Big Apple Music

Supporting our Visayan Warty Pig Exhibit with a $10,000 contribution given over four years.

“The Utica zoo is a staple for our community and we are happy to support all the Rock stars who work for and call the Utica Zoo their home.”

– Mark Bolos, Sr. & Mark Bolos, Jr.

### Dr. Ken Murphy for Murphy

“Several years ago I began supporting the Utica Zoo funding various projects. It is a privilege to continue that support on a yearly basis donating to the African lion and other exhibits. Knowing this funding helped the Utica Zoo survive the challenges of the pandemic and sustains the zoo for generations to come is very gratifying.”

### Peter and Christine Freitag for Hartmann’s Mountain Zebra -

In memory of Abigail Freitag through the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc.

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