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ANNUAL REPORT

A Special Donor Recognition &
Annual Report Edition

WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL UTICA ZOO 2022 ANNUAL REPORT, WHERE THE FOCUS IS ON YOU, OUR LOYAL DONORS!

PREPARED BY JOAN M SINNOTT PHD, CHAIR OF UTICA ZOO DONOR RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

We would like to formally thank each and every person, business, and organization who has supported the Utica Zoo over the past year, and for the continued support we receive from our community. We hereby incorporate YOU into our Donor Recognition Families designated by native songbird species, to which we have added the Wood Thrushes to honor our in-kind donors!

As you donate and think about these small New York State birds, please keep in mind our mission:

CONSERVATION: To help these birds survive as they struggle with human-induced habitat loss, set up a bird feeder and/or wildflower garden in your backyard!

EDUCATION: Have you noticed that the Bluebirds, Robins & Woodthrushes are all more closely related to each other than to the other birds? They are all members of the Turdidae Family, and are all insect-eaters, as opposed to the other seed-eaters, so you will most likely not see them at your bird feeder, but they may frequent your wildflower garden.

RECREATION: As you peruse our donor list, enjoy the drawings and quotes from the diary of John James Audubon (1785-1851), provided to us by the Audubon Center in Mill Grove PA.

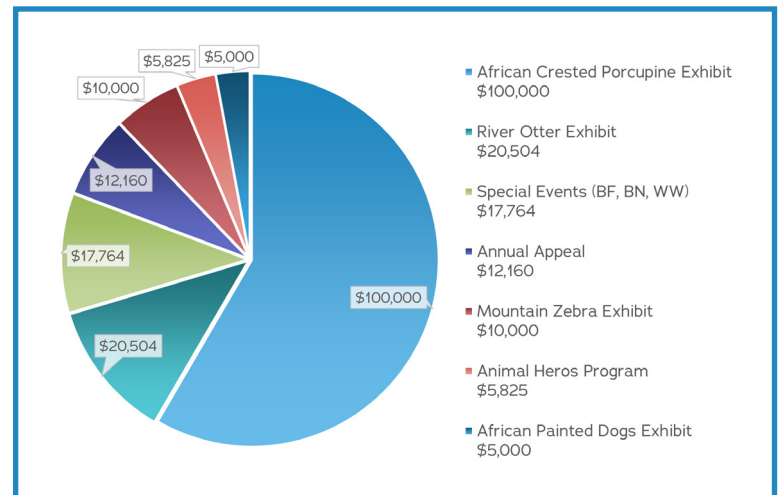
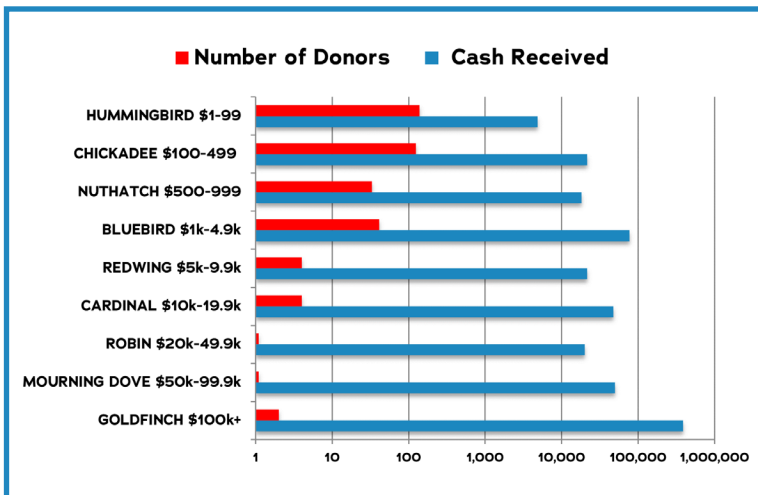


We proudly report that the total amount raised in 2022 was \$650,502.

Shown below are the cash donations by bird family category. Our most populous family, the Hummingbirds, who made cumulative gifts of \$1-99, consisted of 138 donors yielding a total of \$4,848. Our Goldfinch family (+100k) had 2 donors this year, totaling \$389,720.

If you would like to see our LOVELY ZOO get even BIGGER and BETTER in the future, consider moving UP to the next level bird family next year!

Shown below are the most popular giving categories for 2022. The 100K gift by Utica Zoo's Guardian Angel will renovate the porcupine habitat in our historic 1927 Primate Building. This project will allow zoo visitors to have private "encounters" with Joey & Buttercup as they engage in their Animal Cognition Training. The otter gift comes largely from Betsi Dugen, the zebra gift from the Russell Warner Trust, and the painted dog gift from Jim and Debra Wurz.



Other Utica Zoo animals are eagerly awaiting gifts from YOU!

From our Executive Director

Conservation and Education have long been the foundation for the Utica Zoo's Mission. With the addition of the new education center at the zoo's entrance, the plans to expand and diversify educational topics and resources are exciting! Combining this along with the introduction of new species, renovated habitats and babies...clearly, the Utica Zoo is continuing to be on an upward trajectory! Thank you to all of our partners and supporters who make this rewarding and impactful work possible.

-Andria Heath



From our Board Chair

In the past three years as Board Chair, I've been fortunate to witness many milestones and successes over the years. These achievements are made possible through the unwavering support of our community, donors, and volunteers. Your commitment and generosity have allowed us to maintain a great environment for our animals and staff. I encourage you to visit our zoo, explore our exhibits, and connect with our animals. Every visit supports our ongoing mission, ensuring that future generations can experience the same.

-Kevin Conway

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THANK YOU to our

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD FAMILY

Trochilidae | Archilochus colubris | \$1 - \$99

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Did you know?

An adult ruby-throated hummingbird may eat twice its body weight in food each day, which it burns up with the high metabolism necessary to sustain its rapid wing beat and energetic movements.

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Whitesboro Presbyterian Church
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“This lovely little creature moving on humming winglets through the air...”

THANK YOU to our

BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE FAMILY

Paridae | *Parus atricapillus* | \$100 - \$499

A-G

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The Hoffmans
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Did you know?

Chickadee calls are complex and language-like, communicating information on identity and recognition of other flocks as well as predator alarms and contact calls. The more dee notes in a chickadee-dee-dee call, the higher the threat level.

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William Wilson
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Martha Zollweg



“Should you offer it, no matter how small a portion of your fare, it alights without hesitation, and devours it without manifesting any apprehension.”

THANK YOU to our

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH FAMILY

Sittidae | *Sitta carolinensis* | \$500 - \$999

A-G

Dave & Carolyn Allen

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Drew & Jenn Ward

“It moves alertly when searching for food, climbing downwards or sidewise, with cheerfulness and liveliness, which distinguish it at once from other birds.”



THANK YOU to our
**EASTERN
BLUEBIRD FAMILY**

Turdidae | Sialia sialis | \$1000 - \$4999

A-G

AX Enterprize LLC
Baird Wealth Management
Hank & Sheila Bamberger
Big Apple Music
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Herkimer & Oneida Counties
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“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.”

WHAT'S NEXT AT THE UTICA ZOO?

INTRODUCING OUR NEW FOUR-SEASON RED PANDA HABITAT

We are thrilled to announce our plans for an extraordinary addition to the Utica Zoo – a brand new, state-of-the-art four-season red panda habitat!

Working in collaboration with WDM Architects of Wichita, KS, and Clinton based firm, Nelson Associates Architectural Engineering, we aim to create a captivating open-air environment that will provide an enriching experience for both our red panda and our visitors – and make way to welcome additional red pandas in the future!

This new habitat will feature several elements to ensure an immersive and enjoyable experience for everyone including:

- Open-air concept with water features, trees, and specially designed structures for an atmosphere that mimics their native Himalayan environment and showcases their remarkable climbing abilities.
- On-exhibit day room to allow the red pandas to be on display in an environment that encourages their well-being and enrichment in all weather conditions.
- Guest viewing to exterior yard and to on-exhibit day room.
- Animal management area with three separate holding areas.



\$1,000,000

\$750,000

\$500,000

\$136,336

TO BRING THIS PROJECT TO LIFE, WE ESTIMATE A TOTAL COST OF \$1 MILLION.

The initial gift for drawings and plans came from the Community Foundation of Oneida and Herkimer Counties and the Rotary Club of Utica, who chose the Utica Zoo as the recipient of the funds from their 2nd Annual Service Above Self Gala.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL!

JOIN US ON THIS INCREDIBLE JOURNEY AND BECOME A VITAL PART OF OUR RED PANDA HABITAT PROJECT!

Together, we can make a lasting difference for these remarkable animals and provide a remarkable experience for all who visit the Utica Zoo.

To learn more about this new habitat and how you can contribute, visit uticazoo.org/redpanda



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



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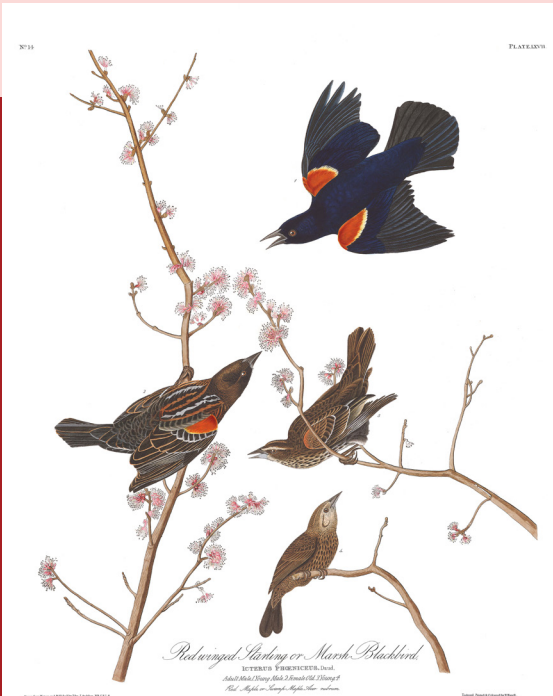
REDWINGED BLACKBIRD FAMILY

Icteridae | *Agelaius phoeniceus* | \$5000 - \$9999

Hugh & Coky Humphreys

Staffworks Inc. & Anita Vitullo

James & Deborah Wurz



“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.”

THANK YOU to our
CARDINAL FAMILY

Fringillidae | *Cardinalis cardinalis* | 10,000 - \$19,999

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.....

Russell Warner Trust

.....

Estate of Ernest Yagel

**“Go where it may, it is
always welcome, and
every where a favorite,
so rich is its song, and so
brilliant its plumage.”**



THANK YOU to our

AMERICAN ROBIN FAMILY

Turdidae | *Turdus migratorius* | \$20,000 - \$49,999

Betsi Dugan



“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.”

THANK YOU to our
MOURNING DOVE FAMILY

Columbidae | *Zenaida macroura* | \$50,000 - \$99,999

Brindisi for Congress

“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.”



THANK YOU to our

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)



Estate of Evelyn Webster



“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.”

THANK YOU to our
WOOD THRUSH FAMILY

Turdidae | *Hylocichla mustelina* | In-Kind Donations

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*Names in bold indicate annual partners

“How often it has
revived my drooping
spirits, when I have
listened to its wild
notes in the forest, after
passing a restless night
in my slender shed.”





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Annual Report 2022

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.

Financial Statement of Activities

Support & Revenues	2022			2021 Total
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	
Contributions and Bequests	\$ 459,022	\$ 193,864	\$ 652,886	\$ 592,462
Donated Materials and Services	34,898	-	34,898	29,608
Grants - County	300,000	-	300,000	300,000
Grants - Other	1,244,504	-	1,244,504	661,600
Admissions Charges	339,554	-	339,554	466,032
Membership Dues	146,174	-	146,174	140,227
Gift Shop and Concession Sales	220,101	-	220,101	390,959
Lease and Rental Income	37,628	-	37,628	31,509
Fundraising	209,461	-	209,461	174,393
Investment Income (Loss)	(449)	2,465	2,016	2,316
Management Income	28,000	-	28,000	28,000
Miscellaneous	16,239	-	16,239	37,467
Program Income	79,078	-	79,078	111,113
Net Assets Released From Restrictions	19,793	(19,793)	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Support	\$3,134,003	\$176,536	\$3,310,539	\$2,965,686
Expenses				
Program Services	2,079,440	-	2,079,440	1,601,401
General and Administrative	378,396	-	378,396	434,897
Fundraising	114,280	-	114,280	149,494
Total Expenses	\$2,572,116	-	\$2,572,116	\$2,185,792
Change in Net Assets	561,887	176,536	738,423	779,894
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	3,225,858	637,823	3,863,681	3,083,787
Net Assets, End of Year	\$3,787,745	\$814,359	\$4,602,104	\$3,863,681

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Although this publication highlights the vital contributions which sustained us through 2022, your continued flow of unrestricted support is key to the future growth and prosperity of the Utica Zoo.

There are countless ways to give back, through naming opportunities, sponsorship, planned giving, and more.

Please call Andria Heath, Executive Director, at 315-738-0472 x41 to learn more about impactful means of supporting the Utica Zoo.



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