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## MISSION STATEMENT

To alleviate the suffering of primates wherever it occurs by:

- Providing sanctuary or referral to appropriate facilities
- Working to end the trade in primates both in the US and abroad
- Educating the public to the plight of primates caught in the breeder/dealer cycle
- Assisting researchers and zoo personnel in finding appropriate placement for surplus primates
- Encouraging compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws and animal welfare statutes



*Dewey, 35 year old rhesus macaque  
\*22 years of sanctuary\**

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Primate Rescue Center, Inc. (PRC) staff, volunteers, and interns continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every primate resident receives appropriate, species-specific care that is designed to support each individual's nutritional, medical, social, and intellectual needs.
- In March, PRC Veterinarian Dr. Dan Bowling and the staff performed comprehensive physical examinations for each of the chimpanzee residents with assistance from veterinarians Dr. Beth Hammond of [Lion Country Safari](#), Dr. Woodrow Friend of [Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital](#), and Dr. Sarah Evans. We were able to perform these comprehensive examinations over three days for all nine of the chimpanzee residents. Veterinary technician Kaitlyn Wooton of [Animal Hospital of Nicholasville](#), many veterinary professionals, PRC veteran volunteers, and PRC interns also helped us accomplish this ambitious endeavor. Dr. Dan Bowling and the staff also completed biennial physical exams for twelve of our monkey residents in 2018.
- We established a partnership with the Whole Foods Market at the Summit at Fritz Farms in Lexington, KY that increased the overall food donation to our primate nutrition program, including exotic and unusual fruits and vegetables for the primates to enjoy. Whole Foods Market also generously chose the PRC as the benefitting charity for their Nickels for Non-Profits program for the months of October through December.
- We hired a primate caregiver to the care staff team, as well as a part-time produce driver to pick up our daily produce donations from local Kroger and Whole Foods stores. In 2018, our team consisted of five full-time caregivers, one part-time caregiver, and one part-time produce driver. In addition to their animal care duties, some of the caregivers also hold titles as Volunteer Coordinator, Primate Pal Coordinator, and Social Media Associate. All administrative staff (including our Executive Director) perform caregiving duties. Our team has a cumulative of 35 years of experience caring for primates.





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## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

- In April, we launched a [new website](#) design with a modern, user-friendly style to reach a broader audience. Each primate resident has a personal profile page and donation button to sponsor him or her through our [Primate Pal Program](#). [The Blog](#) section has been expanded to showcase educational blogs about the PRC residents and all things happening at the sanctuary, as well as recent news articles focused on issues concerning primates in captivity and the wild.
- In April, Executive Director Eileen Dunnington attended the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) Workshop in Gainesville, Florida and was a presenter in the *Meet the New Directors* panel. She also joined other colleagues to visit fellow primate sanctuaries Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary and Center for Great Apes.
- We designed and constructed a Memorial Garden on the sanctuary grounds to honor and memorialize primate residents who have passed away. The garden contains beautiful plants, rocks and a birdbath donated by staff and volunteers, as well as river stones etched with the name of each beloved primate we have lost over the years. This tranquil tribute garden provides a place for our staff, volunteers, interns, supporters, and others to remember the incredible individuals for whom we were able to give the gifts of peace, love, and sanctuary.



- We added essential equipment to enhance our ability to provide high-quality care to the primates. An electric feeding cart was put into service in January, allowing us to more efficiently transport primate diets, medications, and enrichment to all areas of the sanctuary. This equipment is low-maintenance, environmentally friendly, and reliable, and it will serve the primates for many years to come. We also added necessary and lifesaving medical devices to complement our comprehensive medical program, including a blood pressure monitoring device to aid us during physical examinations, as well as the ability to more closely monitor the primates in between routine examinations.



**RESCUE & RELOCATION OF ANIMALS IN NEED:** While we take in newly rescued animals at our Kentucky facility, we also provide staff assistance, equipment, and transportation at our expense to ensure that animals destined for other sanctuaries are moved quickly, safely and humanely.

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- We were involved in the rescue of 9 primates and assisted with transportation to other reputable sanctuaries where appropriate.
  - We worked with [Animal Legal Defense Fund](#) to rescue two lemurs in dire need of sanctuary care from a roadside zoo in Maryland and transport them to the [Endangered Primate Foundation's Prosimian Sanctuary](#) in Florida.





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## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (continued)

- We worked with the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources to provide care for the duration of court proceedings for four common marmosets who were illegally held and confiscated in Kentucky counties. We then transported the four individuals to [Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary in Florida](#).
- We worked with [Peaceable Primate Sanctuary](#) in Indiana to rescue Opal, a long-tailed macaque, and provide her with lifetime care at PRC. We also assisted with the transfer of Hope, a rhesus macaque, from Peaceable Primate Sanctuary to her forever home at [Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch](#) in Texas. In the fall, we introduced Opal to a monkey companion, Jax. The two quickly bonded and enjoy frequent grooming sessions.
- We rescued and provided 24-hour hospice care to Jolena, a female vervet monkey, who was extremely ill and had been severely neglected while living as a “pet” in a private home in Virginia.
- We indirectly assisted with the rescue of 5 primates through coordination and referral to other primate sanctuaries. We continue to respond to primates in need as we work with our sanctuary partners to alleviate the suffering of primates across the United States.



**PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH & EVENTS:** Over the past year, the PRC has worked hard to share our mission with the local community and beyond. We conducted several educational presentations and interviews with various media programs, schools, and businesses, as well as participated in many local community events. Our educational programs are designed to encourage compassion for all species, especially in children and young adults, and to teach about primate behavior, exploitation, and rehabilitation.

## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Our Annual Member Event in June enticed over 420 supporters and friends to join us at the sanctuary, where they enjoyed learning about the primate residents and observing their gift of sanctuary. Members participated in a silent auction, purchased unique merchandise, spoke with caregivers and volunteers, and observed the incredible primate residents of the PRC. We obtained sponsorship support from [Central Bank](#) and [Hayden Company](#) to help cover the costs of putting on this event, as well as in-kind support from various local businesses for our silent auction and raffle. We also celebrated the 20th anniversary of the rescue of the remaining “Dahlonaga 5” chimps – Donald, Zulu, and Victoria.



- With the help of social media, newsletters, and the updated website, our [Primate Pal Program](#) has grown significantly. We have seen a 23% increase in the number of annual sponsorships compared to 2017, with 62% of our Pals choosing to renew their sponsorship from last year. With a total of 123 Primate Pals, donors were able to help us directly support the care of each primate living at the PRC.



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## 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS (continued)

- Our email and print newsletters are designed to inform readers about events and happenings at the sanctuary, as well as an array of primate-related issues including the legalities of pet ownership, ape and monkey social behavior, and ongoing legislation concerning primates caught in the illegal pet trade and laboratory facilities.
- We continue to host educational learning workshops and lecture at many community and educational events for students and groups of all ages, including Eastern Kentucky University Careers Class & Animal Enrichment Class, University of Kentucky Pre-Vet Club, Georgetown College, Jessamine County Youth Leadership Program, Career Day at Baker Intermediate Middle School, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and Sayre Christian Village.
- We shared our mission with the local community through our participation in several outreach events, including West Sixth for a Cause, NoLi Night Markets, Whole Foods Nickels for Nonprofits, and GirlsGirlsGirls Burritos for a Better Lexington.
- We increased public awareness of the exotic animal trade and primate research through interviews with the Jessamine Journal, WLEX News, and FOX 56 Spirit of the Bluegrass as well as other affiliates.
- Our social media pages engage over 11,400 followers, including [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#). We participated in several online giving events throughout the year, including Kentucky Gives Day, Giving Day for Apes, Giving Tuesday, the Bluegrass Community Foundation Good Giving Challenge, and Facebook fundraisers to support the direct care of the primates living at the sanctuary. We also celebrated and promoted World Chimpanzee Day and Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day with followers, donors, and the primate community.



## VOLUNTEER AND INTERN PROGRAMS

- We have a thriving [Volunteer Program](#) consisting of On-Site Volunteers (20 of which have volunteered for over one year), Off-Site Volunteers, Out-of-Town Volunteers (individuals living and working on-site for over one month), and Member Event Volunteers, to total 70 volunteers and 4,367 hours in 2018.
- We offer an [Internship Program](#) for students from across the country and overseas that immerses individuals in the daily operation of a primate sanctuary. Our Internship Program graduated eight interns who contributed 2,372 hours in 2018, including our Long-Term Intern Clara Loesche, who began her yearlong internship in September 2018.







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**ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT:** We network with other animal advocacy groups to maintain records on the whereabouts of captive primates and strive to make public any information regarding specific cases of primate abuse. As always, we continue to collaborate with the State and Federal authorities to rescue illegally held primates.

**SANCTUARY SUPPORT:** We provide funding, equipment, technical support, and consulting services to primate sanctuaries – nationally and internationally. We support both national and international primate sanctuaries with monetary and in-kind donations, information sharing and as a founding member of the North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance. Donations have supported orphaned chimpanzees in 12 African nations and Spain, as well as provided care for chimpanzees retired from biomedical research laboratories and rescued monkeys in Canada and the United States.

## SANCTUARY PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCOLADES

- Once again, the PRC was voted a Top-Rated Nonprofit by [Great Nonprofits](#), a leading charity search tool. A wide range of reviewers gave us scores of 100% and mentioned a variety of unique details that make the PRC stand out as a nonprofit.
- The PRC is proud to meet all Better Business Bureau Charity Standards and earn the Wise Giving Alliance BBB Accredited Charity Seal. PRC also met the rigorous standards required to participate in the 2018 Combined Federal Campaign and also earned the GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency and America's Best Charities Seal of Excellence.
- Our sanctuary participates in [Kroger Community Rewards](#), [Amazon Smile](#), [iGive](#), and [GoodDeedSeats](#) referral programs, which donate a percentage of their customers' everyday purchases to the PRC.





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## GOVERNANCE & STAFF

The Primate Rescue Center, Inc. is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors who receive no compensation for their services.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **J. Clayton Miller**, Chairman

Executive • Lockmasters, Inc.

Co-Founder • Primate Rescue Center, Inc.

Board Member since January 1998

#### **Lynn Osborne**, Treasurer

Owner • M & E Specialty

Board Member since September 2016

#### **Dr. Margaret Upchurch**, Secretary

Professor of Neuropsychology • Transylvania University

Board Member since April 2017

#### **April D. Truitt**, Director

Co-Founder • Primate Rescue Center, Inc.

Board Member since January 1998

#### **Wyn Morris**, Director

Owner • Morris Bookshop

Board Member since September 2017

### STAFF

**Eileen Dunnington**, Executive Director

**Melanie Parker**, Caregiver, Volunteer Coordinator, & Primate Pal Program Coordinator

**Laura Clifford**, Part-Time Caregiver & Social Media Associate

**Becca Banks**, Caregiver & Social Media Associate

**Tori Himes**, Caregiver

**Caitlyn Hume**, Caregiver (*joined team in January 2018*)

**Scott Roseberry**, Maintenance and Grounds (*left team in June 2018*)

**Joe Warren**, Part-Time Produce Driver (*joined team in November 2018*)





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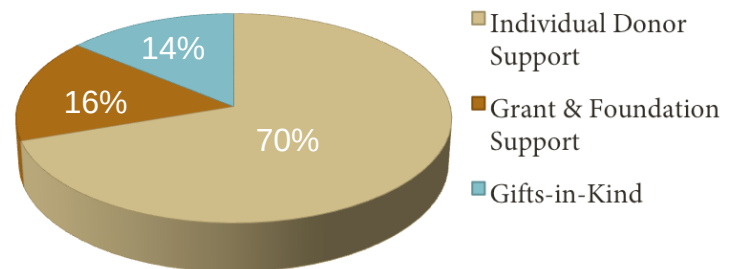
## REVENUE & EXPENSES

**Fiscal Year Ending December 2018**

**Based upon 2018 Audited Financial Statements**

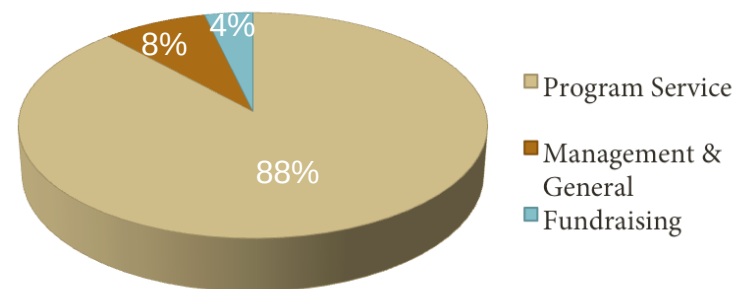
### Revenue

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Individual Donor Support   | \$318,177        |
| Grant & Foundation Support | \$73,645         |
| Gifts-in-Kind              | \$64,126         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>       | <b>\$455,948</b> |



### Expenses

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Program Service       | \$434,941        |
| Management & General  | \$40,102         |
| Fundraising           | \$18,374         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$493,417</b> |

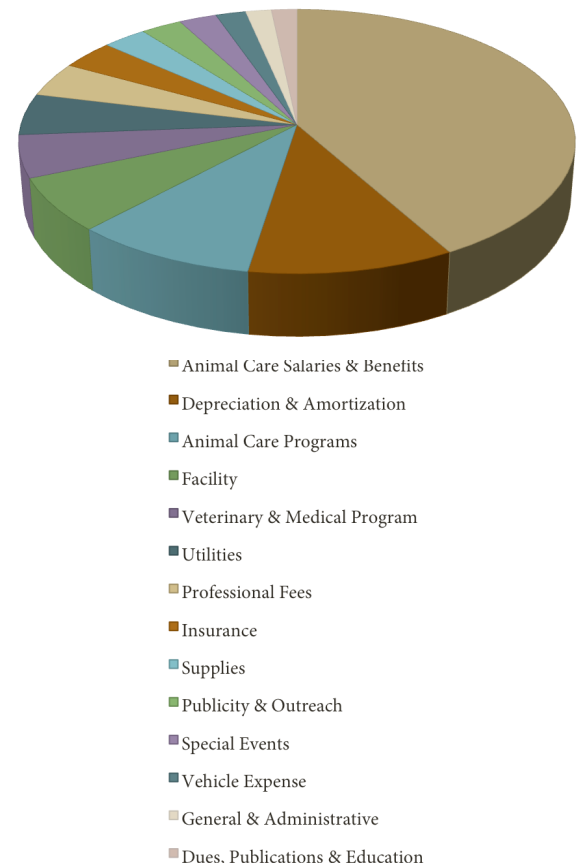


**Net Assets – January 1, 2018** **\$659,193**

**Net Assets – December 31, 2018** **\$621,838**

### Expense Category

|                                 |                  |       |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Salaries & Benefits             | \$206,362        | 41.8% |
| Depreciation & Amortization *   | \$52,655         | 10.7% |
| Animal Care Programs            | \$46,769         | 9.5%  |
| Facility                        | \$32,645         | 6.6%  |
| Veterinary & Medical Program    | \$25,600         | 5.2%  |
| Utilities                       | \$24,921         | 5.1%  |
| Professional Fees               | \$20,714         | 4.2%  |
| Insurance                       | \$17,457         | 3.5%  |
| Supplies                        | \$14,386         | 2.9%  |
| Publicity & Outreach            | \$13,328         | 2.7%  |
| Special Events                  | \$12,219         | 2.5%  |
| Vehicle Expense                 | \$9,805          | 2.0%  |
| General & Administrative        | \$8,301          | 1.7%  |
| Dues, Publications & Education  | \$8,255          | 1.7%  |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | <b>\$493,417</b> |       |



*\*Depreciation & Amortization Expense Requires No Cash Funding*