

2023

Annual Report



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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



Victoria, 51 year old chimpanzee

25 Years of Sanctuary

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Primate Rescue Center, Inc. (PRC) remains a beacon of commitment to the welfare of primates. Our devoted staff, volunteers, and interns continued their tireless efforts to ensure every primate resident receives appropriate, species-specific care tailored to support their individual nutritional, medical, social, and intellectual needs.
- We welcomed a new face this year with the addition of Caregiver Michelle Meeker in June. Caregiver Elizabeth Gatlin was promoted to Animal Care Staff Supervisor. All administrative staff (including our Executive Director) perform caregiving duties when needed. Our team has a **total of over 63 years of experience caring for primates.**



Michelle Meeker, Caregiver



Elizabeth Gatlin, Care Staff Supervisor



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2023 HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

- The sanctuary completed repairs and enriching structural improvements to three primate enclosures this year.
 - After a successful campaign to raise funds for the capuchin monkey's outdoor enclosure improvements, staff members Melanie Parker, Tanner Gatlin and Michael Staples built four new platforms to increase the amount of usable space for the capuchins and offer them expansive areas to eat, groom, rest, and play together.
 - Former intern Lauren Mayer constructed a large hammock for the chimpanzees' outdoor enclosure to add to the ongoing improvements and structural enrichment opportunities for the chimps.
 - We made necessary repairs and renovations to one of the monkey houses to ensure many years of safe housing for its residents.



Capuchins' new two-story platform



Jenny in hammock



Monkey house repairs in progress

RESCUE & RELOCATION OF ANIMALS IN NEED

Our unwavering commitment to serving primates in need across the United States remains steadfast, regardless of where their journey to sanctuary begins or ends. While we take in newly rescued animals at our Kentucky facility as space allows, we also offer invaluable assistance with equipment, transportation, and expert staff to ensure the seamless and humane relocation of primates to other sanctuaries.

- We assisted with the **relocation of 2 primates** rescued from private homes. Both Ted (long-tailed macaque, Lexington KY) and Willie (capuchin monkey, Beth Page TN) spent a month at the PRC where they received specialized care and medical evaluations before PRC staff members Elizabeth and Tanner Gatlin transported them to Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Texas.
- We ensured **8 additional primates** found appropriate refuge through our referrals to and collaboration with partner sanctuaries.



Ted & Willie in transport to Texas



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NOTABLE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM EVENTS

The Primate Rescue Center's history stretches back to 1987 when long-tailed macaque Gizmo arrived and began a journey that has now **spanned 36 years** of refuge to numerous primates along the way. Every day that we provide a safe haven for the rescued monkeys and apes in our care is a day to celebrate. We like to acknowledge some significant milestones for our sanctuary residents. We are proud and honored to care for and celebrate the **"20+ Years of Sanctuary Club,"** which includes the following **18 PRC residents** this year:

(Left to Right as Listed)

1992 - 31 Years of Sanctuary

- Jenny Siamang gibbon

1993 - 30 Years of Sanctuary

- Bisou spider monkey

1996 - 27 Years of Sanctuary

- Martina chimpanzee
- Ike chimpanzee
- Rodney chimpanzee
- Noelle chimpanzee
- Jenny chimpanzee

1998 - 25 Years of Sanctuary

- Maggie moor macaque
- Zulu chimpanzee
- Victoria chimpanzee
- Donald chimpanzee

2000 - 23 Years of Sanctuary

- Grady capuchin monkey

2001 - 22 Years of Sanctuary

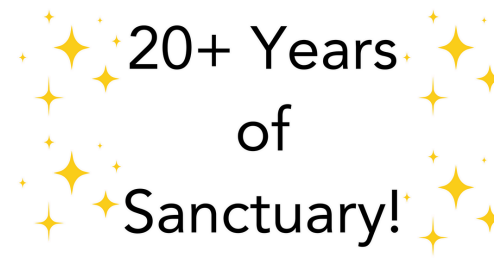
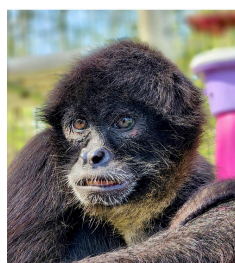
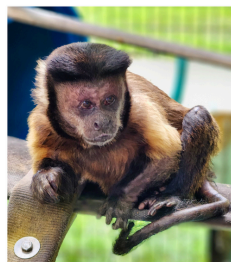
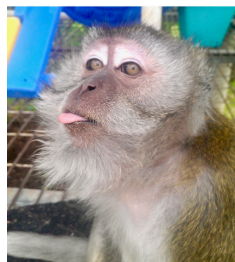
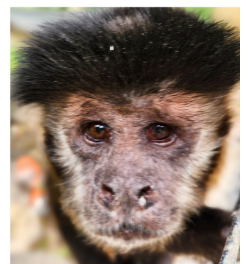
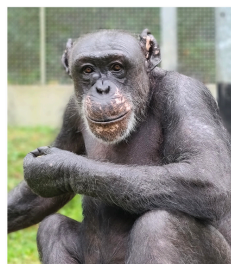
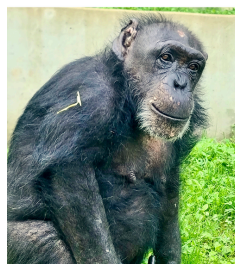
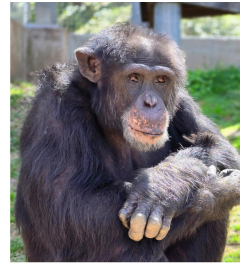
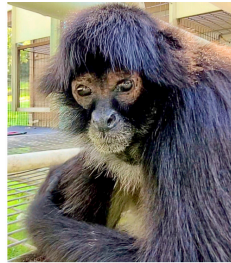
- Zoe long-tailed macaque
- Cysgo capuchin monkey

2002 - 21 Years of Sanctuary

- Luke long-tailed macaque
- Dehlia spider monkey
- Chester spider monkey

2003 - 20 Years of Sanctuary

- Jake Japanese macaque

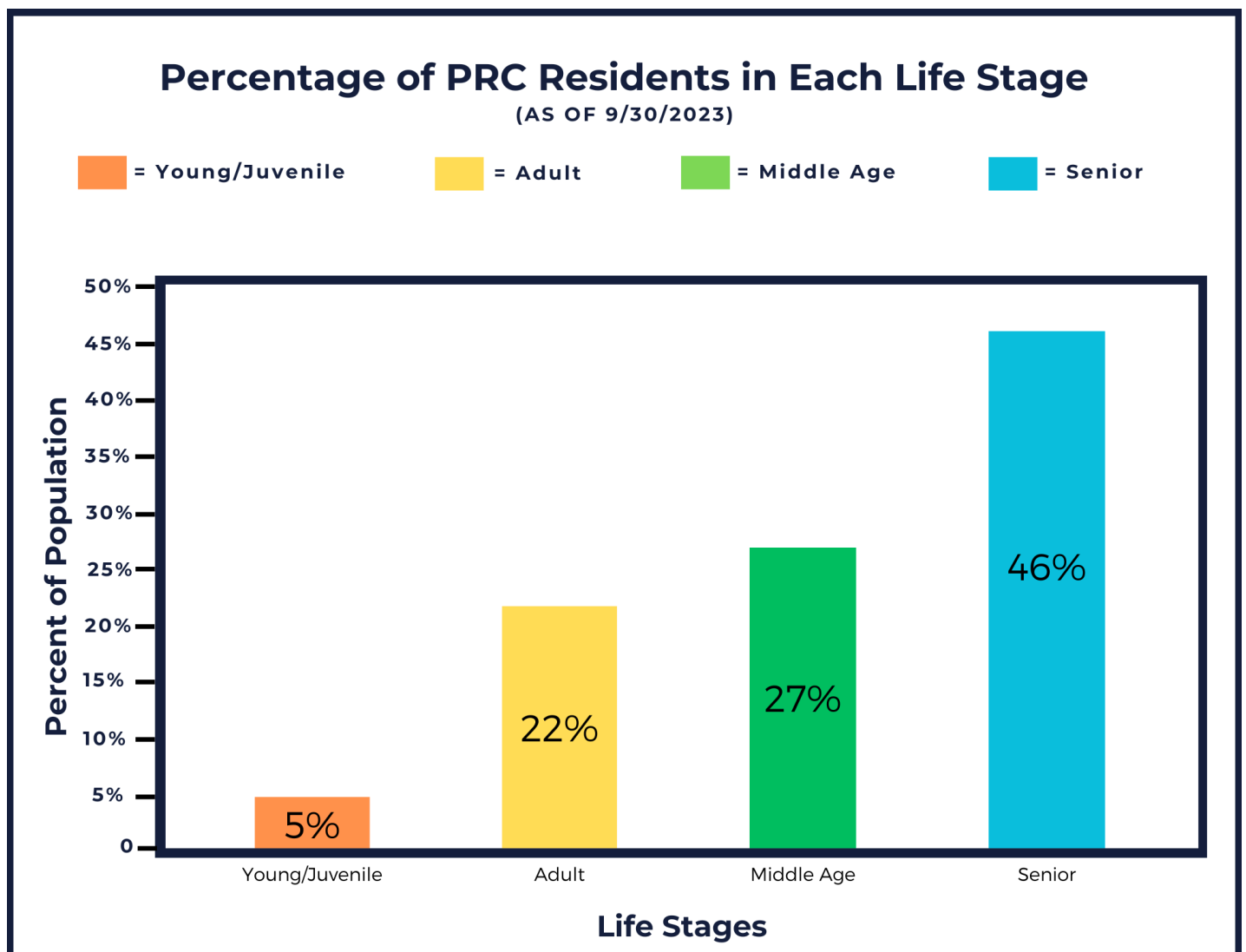




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NOTABLE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM EVENTS (continued)

With the goal of lifetime, individualized care at the forefront of our promise to each primate who lives at the PRC, we continue to assess and adapt each resident's care plan with several variables in mind. In planning care for an individual we consider species-specific needs in regard to nutrition and enclosure variety, factors such as age, general physical health, medical issues, and social and emotional health. This individualized process has proven to extend the length of life for the majority of our residents, and ensures we meet them where they are and provide them with the best care each day. The majority of our residents are currently in their senior stage of life, making their care plans even more complex. To meet their needs we make modifications to accommodate for physical abilities or the addition of new health care challenges. We are immensely proud of the work we do at the PRC and the continued success of our individualized primate care plans, as well as the resiliency we see in our primate residents. We will continue our specialized approach to primate care and always strive to be proactive in our promise of lifetime care.





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NOTABLE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM EVENTS (continued)

Our caregiving team continues to advance our operant conditioning training program. We focus on cultivating positive and safe husbandry and veterinary care behaviors in our animals. For example, we have been working with diabetic chimpanzee, Noelle, on training to allow daily blood glucose monitoring. This method of training, emphasizing positive reinforcement, has led to significant improvements in animal care, especially among primates previously hesitant to cooperate. We will continue these efforts to maintain a calm, stress-free experience for the primates' health assessments and daily care.



Caregiver Elizabeth Gatlin working with Noelle using operant conditioning

PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH & EVENTS

Over the past year, the PRC has worked diligently to share our mission with the local community and beyond. We've hosted events at the sanctuary, conducted educational presentations and interviews with various media programs, schools, and businesses on-site, off-site and online, and continued to expand our organization's website and Primate Pal Program. In addition, our outreach programs are designed to encourage compassion for all species, especially in children and young adults, to raise awareness about the accomplishments and needs of the sanctuary and to teach about primate behavior, exploitation, and rehabilitation.



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PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH & EVENTS (continued)

On-Site Events

- We were thrilled to host PRC Members on-site at our **2023 Member Event** in June, allowing **nearly 400 members and guests** to learn more about the history of the sanctuary, our current residents, and our day-to-day Animal Care Program.
- We expanded our On-Site Volunteer Program through our new **Enrichment Workshop**. Both the staff from The American Board of Family Medicine and members of Christ Church Cathedral participated in on-site Enrichment Workshops, where they enjoyed an educational tour of the sanctuary and made enrichment for the primates. We are so proud to have initiated this new branch of the Volunteer Program and look forward to providing many more unique volunteering experiences to members of our community.

Off-Site Events and Education

- PRC was once again the benefitting charity for the **Run through the Vineyard Bourbon and Wine 5K**, hosted by **1922 House Winery and Vineyards, Happy Hour Liquors, and RaceRise**.
- We continue to participate in learning workshops and lectures at educational institutions, local businesses and online forums for humans of all ages, including the **University of Kentucky Volunteer Nonprofit Fair, Red Oak Elementary Career Day, Scott County Library's Teen Night**, and the **Lexington Rotary Club**.



Caregiver Caitlyn Hume and guests near chimp enclosure at Member Event (top left), Concession stand at Member Event (top right), Enrichment Workshop with Christ Church Cathedral (bottom left), Eileen Dallaire and Joseph Grider at Run through the Vineyard Bourbon and Wine 5K (bottom right)



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PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH & EVENTS (continued)

Outreach, Fundraisers and Media

- With the help of social media, newsletters, and our website, the Primate Pal Program has continued to show growth each year. With a **total of 269 Primate Pals**, donors were able to help us directly support the care of primates living at the PRC.
- Our email and print newsletters inform readers about happenings at the sanctuary, as well as an array of primate-related issues, including the prohibitions on pet ownership, ape and monkey social behavior, and ongoing legislation concerning primates.
- Our social media pages engage **over 16,400 followers** on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. This represents an **increase of 3.1%** followers since 2022.
- 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, Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day, and National Volunteer Week with followers, donors and the primate sanctuary community.
- We increased public awareness of the exotic animal trade and the sanctuary's mission through interviews with local news affiliates and partnerships with local businesses.
- We continued our Business Sponsorship Program to increase awareness in the community, encourage a reliable source of funding, and attract new supporters of the PRC's mission. In 2023, our business sponsors included **Pet Wants Lexington, Great Lakes Equine Massage Therapy, Mark Rush Photography, and Joker Web Hosting.**





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VOLUNTEER AND INTERN PROGRAMS

- The PRC's Volunteer Program including On-Site, Off-Site, and Event Volunteers, has regained momentum and added new members to the team after the temporary hiatus due to Covid-19 in 2020. Our 2023 roster included 20 on-site volunteers, 1 off-site volunteer, and 21 event volunteers for a **total of 42 individuals**. Overall, volunteers worked a **total of 2,460 hours** in 2023.
- Our Internship Program immerses students in the daily operation of a primate sanctuary. Interns learn about primate husbandry, nutrition requirements, veterinary care, and enrichment needs of primates as well as about safety standards and practices. Our long-term intern (June 2022-January 2023) **contributed 1,152 hours** of service.



Member Event Volunteers & Staff Members

Volunteer Program Highlights

- On-Site Volunteer Cleeve Emurian worked with PRC staff to meticulously organize enrichment, Annual Member Event supplies, office and gift shop supplies and inventory. This purging and organizing represented a massive undertaking, but we are so thankful for Cleeve's enduring efforts to help sanctuary staff maintain our supplies and inventory efficiently.
- Former PRC caregiver Jennifer Brejcha (Michigan), lived on-site for 10 weeks, volunteering 40 hours a week as an Animal Care Volunteer and Event Volunteer during our Annual Member Event. Jennifer brought a great deal of experience and we appreciated learning about her past experiences and hearing her perspective on how the sanctuary and its residents have evolved over the years. Jennifer is an incredibly kind, thoughtful, and hardworking volunteer, and she will always be welcome here.



Cleeve Emurian, On-site Volunteer
since October 2019



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Volunteer Program Highlights (continued)

- We celebrated the accomplishments of members of our Volunteer Program with a lovely dinner party at the sanctuary! Volunteers enjoyed a tasty meal and delicious homemade dessert, followed by a ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate their remarkable service to the sanctuary and its primate residents. Recognizing the crucial contribution that our volunteers make to the success of the sanctuary is an important element that keeps our Volunteer Program fresh, fun, and worthwhile. These annual gatherings give everyone a chance to connect, share stories, and develop lasting friendships built around our common passion and interest – caring for the incredible apes and monkeys!



2023 Volunteer Appreciation Party



Amie LeMaster, On-Site
Volunteer since October 2011



Katie Mowrey, Long-term Intern '22-'23



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SANCTUARY SUPPORT

We provide funding, equipment, technical support, and consulting services to primate sanctuaries – nationally and internationally with monetary and in-kind donations and information sharing. We recently supported **orphaned chimpanzees in the Democratic Republic of Congo**.

SANCTUARY PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCOLADES

Once again, Great Nonprofits, a leading charity search tool, voted the PRC **Top-Rated Nonprofit**. The Primate Rescue Center is proud to meet all Better Business Bureau Charity Standards and has earned the **Wise Giving Alliance BBB Accredited Charity Seal**. PRC also met the rigorous standards required to participate in the **2023 Combined Federal Campaign** and earned the **GuideStar Platinum Seal of Transparency** and **America's Best Charities Seal of Excellence**. Our sanctuary participates in **Kroger Community Rewards**, **Amazon Smile**, **eBay**, **iGive**, and **GoodDeedSeats** referral programs, all of which donate a percentage of their customers' everyday purchases to the PRC.



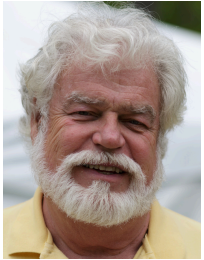
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GOVERNANCE - The Primate Rescue Center, Inc. is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors who receive no compensation for their services.



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Co-Founder • Primate Rescue Center, Inc.
Board Member since January 1998



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Board Member since January 1998



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Owner • Morris Bookshop
Board Member since September 2017



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Board Member since August 2022



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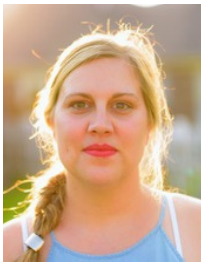
ADMINISTRATIVE AND CAREGIVING STAFF



Eileen Dunnington Dallaire
Executive Director
Staff Member since 2004



Elizabeth Gatlin
Animal Care Staff Supervisor
Caregiver
Staff Member since 2021



Melanie Parker
Volunteer Program Coordinator
Primate Pal Program Coordinator
Social Media Associate
Staff Member since 2006



Tanner Gatlin
Caregiver Associate
Staff Member since 2022



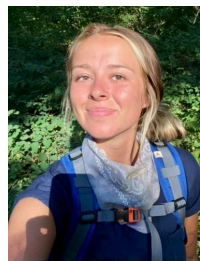
Laura Clifford
Animal Care Staff Supervisor
Senior Caregiver
Social Media Associate
Staff Member from 2012-2023



Joseph Grider
Caregiver
Staff Member from 2022-2023



Caitlyn Hume
Senior Caregiver
Safety Officer
Staff Member since 2018



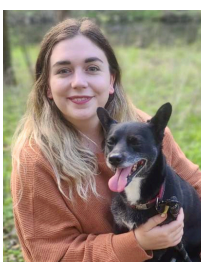
Lyndsey Miller
Caregiver in training
Staff Member from 2022-2023



Michael Staples
Caregiver Associate
Staff Member since 2020



Michelle Meeker
Caregiver
Staff Member since 2023



Carley Smith - Caregiver
Staff Member from 2021-2023



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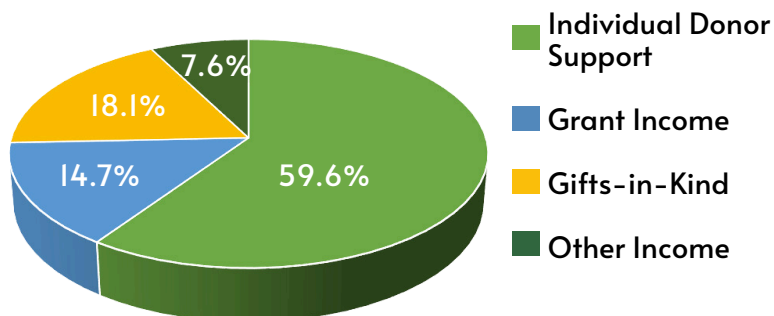
REVENUE & EXPENSES

Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023 (*Fiscal Year-End Change)

Based upon Independently Audited Financial Statements from 1/1/23-9/30/23

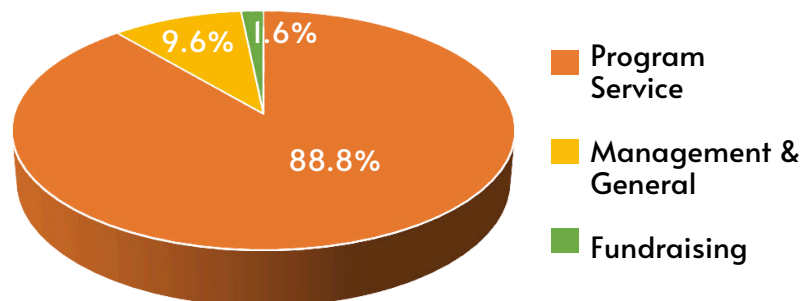
Revenue

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| Individual Donor Support | \$235,358 |
| Grant & Foundation Support | \$58,235 |
| Gifts-in-Kind | \$71,382 |
| Other Income | \$30,017 |
| Total Revenue | \$394,992 |



Expenses

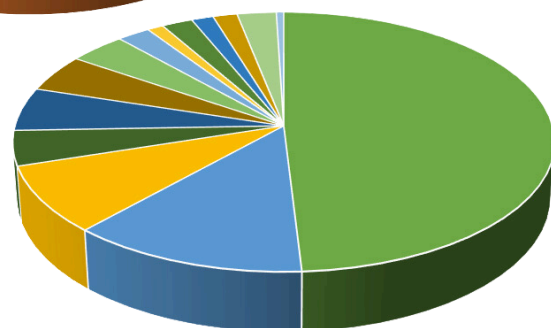
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| Program Service | \$402,831 |
| Management & General | \$43,542 |
| Fundraising | \$7,464 |
| Total Expenses | \$453,837 |



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| Net Assets – January 1, 2023 | \$634,640 |
| Net Assets – September 30, 2023 | \$576,114 |

Expense Category

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|---------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Animal Care Salaries & Benefits | \$222,638 | 49.1% |
| Animal Care Programs | \$57,453 | 12.7% |
| Depreciation & Amortization * | \$37,954 | 8.4% |
| Utilities | \$19,749 | 4.4% |
| Facility | \$24,481 | 5.4% |
| Professional Fees | \$21,199 | 4.7% |
| Insurance | \$17,534 | 3.9% |
| Supplies | \$10,152 | 2.2% |
| Publicity & Outreach | \$4,980 | 1.1% |
| General & Administrative | \$9,450 | 2.1% |
| Veterinary & Medical Program | \$6,691 | 1.5% |
| Vehicle Expense | \$7,376 | 1.6% |
| Special Events | \$11,916 | 2.6% |
| Dues, Publications & Education | \$2,264 | 0.5% |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$453,837 | |



*Depreciation & Amortization Expense Requires No Cash Funding



Thank You

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IN THE PRIMATES' LIVES