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The Board Chair's Annual General Meeting Report to the Community

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support of our critical conservation work locally and globally.

2022 was a year of growth at the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. We undertook efforts to assist 27 species at risk through 18 collaborative conservation projects at home and around the world, provided exceptional care to over 4,000 animal residents and connected with over 1.2 million visitors about wildlife conservation and the importance of accredited zoos, like us.

2023 is off to a roaring start! We are finding new ways to share our important conservation stories with our ever-growing communities on park, as well as beyond our gates, through new advertising and other initiatives. We hosted a Wilder Gathering on Parliament Hill Day raising awareness and taking our critical conservation message to Senators, Members of Parliament and key departmental staff. We will continue to raise awareness across Canada and host more events to connect caring Canadians with our mission. We are collaborating with additional international partners to protect more species at risk and support local communities. And we are expanding our facilities to provide new homes to animals in need through the Canadian Wilds redevelopment project.

With a strong track record behind us and a deliberate path forward, we believe that the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo is well-positioned to help restore the balance between human life and wildlife in 2023 and beyond.

Thank you to our senior leadership team, employees, and volunteers for your tireless work in loving and caring for the animals at our facilities. Because of your hard work, we are seeing and inspiring changes locally and around the world to protect wildlife and wild places.

Thank you to our donors and sponsors for your generous support of the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo. We could not do this important work without you.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the volunteer Board of Directors. It is my honour and privilege to work with you all. Your dedication and commitment to the Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo inspires me.

Thank you for supporting wildlife conservation!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Conkie".

Barbara Conkie
Board Chair
The Calgary Zoological Society