The Minnesota Zoo is an accredited institution of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

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The Minnesota Zoo is an institutional member of the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums.
Three fisher kits were born at the Minnesota Zoo—the first since 1999. The Zoo is one of only four AZA-accredited zoos to exhibit fishers and the only one to produce offspring in the last three years.

- More than 1.1 million guests visited the Minnesota Zoo in 2008, the Zoo’s best year since 1999. Monthly attendance in June, with the opening of Russia’s Grizzly Coast, was the second highest in the Zoo’s history.

- Minnesota Zoo memberships are at an all-time high of 36,538 households, representing more than 150,000 individuals.

- Our new exhibit, Russia’s Grizzly Coast, features a state-of-the-art Education Event Center—the Zoo’s first “green” building.

- Our long-standing and popular Zoomobile outreach program delivered 585 programs in Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin, reaching 48,820 people.

- More than 600 guests attended the 2008 Beastly Ball “The Great Bear Affair.” The event raised more than $500,000 in support of the Minnesota Zoo and wildlife around the world.

- The Minnesota Zoo received gifts and pledges totaling more than $2.7 million in support of the Zoo’s 2005 Strategic Plan. The Cargill Foundation and the Medtronic Foundation both made pledges of $1 million each—the largest corporate gifts given to the Minnesota Zoo since 1997.

- The Minnesota Zoo welcomed two litters of Asian small-clawed otters—the first otters born at the Zoo in 13 years.

- The Minnesota Zoo supported conservation efforts in the Russian Far East including projects for Amur leopards, Amur tigers, Blakiston’s fish owls, and brown bears.

- A new evening event, Fish First, featured local executive chefs and raised consumer awareness about the importance of buying seafood from sustainable sources.

- The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) awarded the Minnesota Zoo two Brass Ring Awards for its marketing efforts in seasonal event marketing and radio advertising.

- A leader in tiger conservation, the Zoo has coordinated the Tiger Species Survival Plan (SSP) since 1987. During the past year, 13 Amur, three Sumatran, and six Malayan tiger cubs were born in SSP-participating zoos.

- Zoo Camp saw record attendance in 2008. More than 2,700 children, ages 4-18, visited the Minnesota Zoo for this popular summer camp.
Multi-sensory exhibits provide guests a direct experience with animals and their habitats—introducing them to exotic species, educating them about conservation issues, and encouraging them to become involved. Amazing animals and meaningful encounters make the Minnesota Zoo one of the top zoos in the country.
The Minnesota Zoo inspires, engages, and empowers guests to act on behalf of wildlife and wild lands. In 2008, we created award-winning exhibits that connect guests with the beauty and mystery of the natural world and its inhabitants. Our interpretive naturalists ignited passion in the hearts of children to care about animals and nature. Our conservation efforts made progress toward protecting endangered species and preserving critical ecosystems. We are changing the way people think about their relationships to the natural world.
Dear Friends:

The Minnesota Zoo’s mission to connect people, animals and the natural world was fulfilled as never before when we opened Russia’s Grizzly Coast in June 2008. This $24 million state-of-the-art exhibit immerses Zoo guests in the landscapes of the Russian Far East and introduces them to some of the world’s most charismatic wild animals. It’s that kind of multi-sensory experience that helps foster a strong connection to wildlife and wild places.

The opening of Russia’s Grizzly Coast, coupled with the July 2007 debut of the completely renovated Medtronic Minnesota Trail, helped make fiscal year 2008 one of the Zoo’s most successful ever. We experienced our highest attendance in nine years, a record-breaking number of memberships, and a 90% increase in contributed income over the previous year.

We are particularly grateful for two $1 million gifts: from Medtronic Foundation for the Medtronic Minnesota Trail and from Cargill Foundation for a new Environmental Learning Center, a major component of a new Zoo entry and Visitor Center complex, scheduled to open in 2012. And, of course, we thank the State of Minnesota for the capital funding which made both Russia’s Grizzly Coast and the Medtronic Minnesota Trail possible. It’s an investment with high returns: a 2008 study revealed that the Zoo now has a state-wide economic impact of more than $95 million annually.

We continued our commitment to serving a diverse constituency, thanks in part to the Weesner Yellow Bus Fund. This innovative grant program provides free bus transportation to schools in which at least 25 percent of the student population is eligible for the free and reduced school lunch program. In fiscal year 2008, the Fund provided transportation support for 52 schools whose students came to the Minnesota Zoo for field trips. Our Zoo Safari program continued to provide an all-expenses paid day at the Zoo for thousands of public school students from a growing number of Minnesota school districts, all supported by generous corporate and individual donors.

Empowering the next generation to care for our world’s wildlife and wild places is critical to our mission—and to the world! This past year, thanks to a $500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the Minnesota Zoo developed WolfQuest, a free, online interactive video game inviting players to assume the role of a wolf living in Yellowstone National Park. Since its launch in December 2007, more than 440,000 people from 232 countries have learned about wolf ecology by playing the game. Hands-on learning creates connections and inspires people of all ages to take action on behalf of our world’s wildlife.

Working to achieve our mission takes the dedication of Zoo staff, many of whom are national and international leaders in animal programs and conservation. In fiscal year 2008, our director of conservation was assured by the Chinese government that the ecological restoration of two adjacent nature preserves in southern China was now one of their highest conservation priorities, and that the ultimate goal of reintroducing critically-endangered South China tigers to those wilderness areas can begin soon. The Zoo also funded 15 other grant-supported conservation projects in 10 countries this past year.

We thank our donors and members, our Zoo volunteers and staff, trustees of the Minnesota Zoo Board and Minnesota Zoo Foundation Board, the State of Minnesota, and our growing number of guests for their numerous contributions in 2008. You make our work possible, and we are honored to have you as partners in our continuing efforts to connect people, animals and the natural world.

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Melissa Parker Lindsay
Executive Director
Minnesota Zoo Foundation
When people are given the opportunity to connect with animals, they are far more likely to care about the conservation of wildlife and wild lands. In 2008, the Minnesota Zoo connected with more than 1.1 million guests.
The Year in Numbers

July 1, 2007– June 30, 2008

Guests: 1,162,163

Member households: 36,538

Total number of Web sessions: 1,592,693

Education program participants: 326,279

Zoomobile participants: 48,820

Volunteers: 878

Volunteer hours: 86,197

Animal species: 449

Individual animals: 2,707*

Births at the Zoo: 247

Species Survival Plans: 23

Acreage: 485

Permanent employees: 237

Total operating expense: $19.1 million

Contributed Income: $7.7 million

* Does not include insect colonies
Journey to Russia’s Far East, one of the last true wilderness areas of the world. Experience the sounds of crashing waves, a cacophony of sea birds, and playful sea otters along a rugged coastline. Visit a vast land where massive grizzly bears roam among steaming geysers and bubbling mud-pots. This little-known but extraordinary place is the inspiration for the Minnesota Zoo’s new exhibit, Russia’s Grizzly Coast.

Russia’s Grizzly Coast is the most ambitious project in the history of the Zoo, and it is the first of its kind featuring the region, landscapes, and animal combinations of the Russian Far East. The $24 million exhibit offers an amazing replication of Russia’s distinctive coastal habitat and geological formations. It provides guests with an incredible view of sea otters at play above and below water, bears foraging for food and catching trout in a pool, and rare Amur leopards in close (yet safe) proximity to wild boars.
To recreate the rocky and rugged land of Russia’s Far East, designers and artisans built artificial rockwork throughout the exhibit. Materials used include 49,000 pounds of rebar, more than 2,000 cubic yards of concrete, and 300 gallons of paint.

The making of a zoo exhibit is a wonderful blend of art, science, and engineering. Nearly 4,000 cubic yards of concrete were poured to create the foundations, large pools, and buildings, but most of the facilities and structures are concealed from the public eye. Instead, guests experience the incredible vision and talent of designers and artists who recreated the dramatic volcanic landscape of Russia’s Kamchatka Peninsula. Elaborate rock formations, an eroded sandstone sea cave, a room-sized lava tube, and lush plantings all transport guests to the Russian Far East wilderness.

The Minnesota Zoo’s innovative Russia’s Grizzly Coast exhibit delights and surprises, as it immerses guests in a land halfway around the world. Nowhere else can people experience the fascinating animal species of Russia’s Pacific coast in a cutting-edge replication of their habitat, complete with its own amazing geological and horticultural features.
The Animals of Russia’s Pacific Coast

The Minnesota Zoo’s *Russia’s Grizzly Coast* exhibit is home to some of the world’s most charismatic—and threatened—wild animals: energetic sea otters, massive grizzly bears, sturdy wild boars, and sleek Amur leopards. Immersive exhibits and hands-on learning opportunities provide an experience like no other.

The journey begins with the rugged beauty of the north Pacific where playful sea otters swim among dramatic rock formations. Guests are amazed at their adept ability to manipulate objects for food and for play, and can view the antics of these endangered marine mammals from above and below water.

Next is a stunning volcanic area where steam vents, geysers, and mudpots set the scene along a rocky hillside. Grizzly bears play and forage in a seemingly barrier-free landscape, perhaps even fishing for live trout in a deep pool. With only glass separating them, guests can get face-to-face with the great brown bears and learn about where they live, what they eat, and the threats to their survival in nature.

Emerging from the geysers, guests enter a place that is reminiscent of the forests of Minnesota. Heavily wooded, this southern tip of Russia is home to wild boars, the original ancestors of all pigs. A family of wild boars can be viewed from several vantages including an authentic Russian log cabin.

The dense woods also are home to two of the world’s largest and most endangered cats: the Amur leopard and the Amur tiger. These cats are as rare as they are beautiful. The Amur region is at the same latitude as Minnesota, so these large felines are right at home in the snow and cold of winter.

The incredible animals of *Russia’s Grizzly Coast* connect people with a vast and biologically-rich region of the world, providing one of the most engaging and memorable experiences the Zoo has ever offered.
The Minnesota Zoo coordinated with wildlife officials and conservation organizations in Alaska to rescue orphaned sea otters and grizzly bears for Russia's Grizzly Coast. Young animals that would have perished in the wild have found a new home at the Minnesota Zoo.
Conservation Connections

The plight of the Amur leopard, the world’s most endangered wild cat, is very real, but there is hope. More than 300 Amur leopards live in zoos. Captive breeding and reintroduction programs offer the possibility of a successful future for these magnificent cats. The Minnesota Zoo is actively involved in efforts to save the Amur leopard and many other species of the Russian Far East.

In 2008, the Minnesota Zoo contributed $23,000 to the Amur Leopard Conservation Support Programme (ALTA; amur-leopard.org), which works to save wild Amur leopards using a combination of anti-poaching efforts, fire control, education and media projects, population monitoring, and scientific research. The Zoo also received a genetically valuable female Amur leopard from Europe and is planning to find a mate for her. It is hoped that any resulting cubs will be candidates for reintroduction to the wild.
The Ulysses S. Seal Conservation Grant Program empowers Zoo staff to directly participate in the conservation of endangered or threatened species around the world. In 2008, the Zoo funded 15 projects in 10 countries. Since this program began in 2002, there have been more than 80 projects located in 29 countries.
Field trips offer unique opportunities to spark interest in learning and promote academic achievement. In 2008, more than 6,700 students from 90 schools participated in Minnesota Zoo Safari.
Minnesota Zoo Safari

The Minnesota Zoo is a valuable education resource for teachers and students, providing a wide range of programs that connect classrooms to the living world. Minnesota Zoo Safari is a unique partnership between the Zoo, several Minnesota School Districts and community donors—allowing an individual or corporation to sponsor an entire grade of students from a school district to visit the Minnesota Zoo on a field trip.

Through the Minnesota Zoo Safari program, all participating students receive transportation to and from the Zoo, admission, a monorail tour of the Northern Trail led by an interpretive naturalist, and the choice of a Zoo naturalist-led conservation education class or guided tour—all free of charge to the students and the school district.

The program was initiated in 1999 by Bill and Nadine McGuire. The McGuires believe every child should have the opportunity to visit the Zoo and have encouraged companies and individuals to contribute to this effort. Other donors who have joined the McGuires over the years include The Confer Family, Flint Hills Resources, General Mills, Hormel Foods Corporation, and Malt-O-Meal. Now, nearly 10 years after it began, the program has grown to include students in St. Paul, Rochester, Mankato, Northfield, Austin, Faribault, and District 196 (Rosemount, Eagan, Apple Valley). In 2008, more than 6,700 students from 90 schools participated in Minnesota Zoo Safari.

Programming is designed to align with third or fifth grade science curriculum, including investigation of how living systems work together, basic needs to sustain life, variables that affect food chains, and habitat requirements. Trips to the Minnesota Zoo provide valuable and unique learning experiences that connect directly to classroom learning and provide lifelong memories.
WolfQuest: A New Breed of Video Game

As electronic media increasingly influences the way we experience the world, the Minnesota Zoo is exploring new methods to engage technically-savvy students. The Zoo developed WolfQuest, a new interactive game that inspires people to learn, to connect, and to care about animals.

The Zoo partnered with eduweb, a leading developer of online learning games, to develop an online program that merges the natural mystery and charisma of wolves with the compelling drama and action of video games. Funded by the National Science Foundation, Best Buy, and others, WolfQuest teaches wolf behavior and ecology through exciting 3D game-play and intense social interactions.

By carefully balancing fun and realism in the design of the game, the Minnesota Zoo has attracted an audience of increasingly sophisticated game-playing youth. Since the project launched on December 20, 2007, the WolfQuest website has had more than 440,000 unique visitors, including people from all 50 states and more than 200 countries.

One of the more exciting aspects of the project is the vibrant and thriving online forum. Along with helping players find solutions to technical problems, the forum is WolfQuest’s most direct educational tool, allowing people to ask questions about wolves and to dialogue with other forum users about wolf issues.

The WolfQuest game and website represent a new model for informal science learning, creating a safe and engaging arena where youth can dialogue directly with researchers. Removing the formal barriers typically found between scientists and students, it allows youth to see science as approachable and interesting and provides direct role models for them to emulate.
Our education programs engage audiences at the Zoo, online, and in schools and community centers throughout the region. In 2008, more than 95,000 students and teachers participated in school programs, using the Zoo as a major resource for environmental learning.
As an organization dedicated to conservation, the Minnesota Zoo has a special obligation to continually examine our operational activities to align with our educational messages about conservation. Best practices in environmental management allow us to invest more in animal care, conservation programs, and improving the guest’s experience. Going “green” just makes sense.

One of the most visible examples of this commitment is the new, state-of-the-art, environmentally-friendly Education Event Center. It is the Zoo’s first truly green building. The Center provides a dynamic and elegant space for education programs, meetings, and events with direct connections to parking areas and to the amazing animal experiences of Russia’s Grizzly Coast. But more than this, the new facility utilizes many sustainable design strategies and operational principles to reduce energy use and minimize environmental impact.

A vegetated “green roof” and earth berms capture rainfall runoff and reduce heating and cooling requirements. A geothermal heat system allows the Zoo to harness the Earth’s energy for temperature regulation. Skylights and operable windows reduce lighting requirements. Recycled products used throughout the building include wood, carpet, steel, paneling, glass, porcelain tiles, and non-toxic paints. Most products for the Center were manufactured within 500 miles of the project site to reduce transportation costs and fuel emissions.

The Russia’s Grizzly Coast Education Event Center is a highly-visible demonstration of the Zoo’s commitment to finding more environmentally-sound ways to keep guests and inhabitants comfortable. It sets a new standard for future Zoo buildings. As Minnesota’s largest environmental education provider, we think this is essential.
The Minnesota Zoo’s Education Event Center demonstrates commitment to sustainable building strategies and green design. These efforts can substantially reduce the negative impacts associated with development and the built environment.
While parents watch from shaded benches and tables, children cool off under life-sized animal sculptures at the Zoo’s new Splash Pad interactive water fountain. The tall trees spray a gentle mist from above as water squirts up from under playful toes. The fountain is just one of the new amenities, providing a unique gathering place for families and guests during their visit to the Zoo.

The Central Plaza features one-of-a-kind stainless steel sculptures created by artist Heath Satow. A special coating was adhered to the sculptures to give them a bronze look. All of the sculptures represent animals found on the Zoo’s Northern Trail.

The redesigned Central Plaza is a lively, colorful, and fun outdoor meeting and activity area complete with shelter and shade structures, restrooms, and food service. Beautiful terraced gardens, interspersed with animal sculptures and intimate seating areas, slope gently towards the Main Lake. The Grizzly Coast Café offers a taste of Russia with ethnic dishes, and the Gift Shop features fun and unique souvenirs as well as seasonal necessities.
The Lakeside Terrace, a multi-use stage area, facilitates informal animal demonstrations, musical and dance performances, and program opportunities. Powerful sculptural gateways locate and frame the major pathways for exploring the rest of the Zoo’s outdoor adventures: Russia’s Grizzly Coast, the Northern Trail, and the Wells Fargo Family Farm.

Our new commons area provides a fun place for families to gather or take a break before exploring the rest of the Zoo. The Splash Pad seems to be a highlight for our younger guests—as many children arrive at the Zoo already dressed in their bathing suits. The Plaza is an example of how the Minnesota Zoo is committed to providing guests with the experiences and amenities they expect and deserve.
Considered national treasures by the Chinese, Sichuan takin are rare in North American zoos with only 50 found in 12 zoos throughout the U.S. The Minnesota Zoo has exhibited takin since 1992 and has been instrumental in breeding this endangered species.
Every arrival is a cause for celebration—an inspiring reason to further the cause of conservation and a magical way to connect with the animals at the Minnesota Zoo. Here are just a few of the significant arrivals from this past year.

Two Atlantic bottlenose dolphins*
Two American woodland caribou**
Three Amur leopards*
Three Bactrian camels**
Eleven black-necked stilts**
Five bleeding heart pigeons**
Two blue-crowned motmots*
One cotton-top tamarin*
Fifteen crested wood partridges**
Six cuttlefish*
Seven fairy bluebirds**
Three fishers**
Two Japanese macaques**
Three lake sturgeon*
One Linne’s two-toed sloth*
Eight meerkats**
Two moose*
Two musk oxen**
One orange clownfish*
Eight Oriental small-clawed otters**
Two painted turtles*
Six Persian goitered gazelles**
One pudu*
Two pronghorns**
One Przewalski’s wild horse**
Two reticulated giraffes*
One takin**
One three-banded armadillo**
Five Victoria crowned pigeons**
Eight weedy seadragons*
Two wild boars*
Eight wild boars**
Six yellow tangs*
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Since their first gift in June of 1983, Ecolab has contributed more than $500,000 to the Minnesota Zoo. Their latest commitment provides major support for the new Russia’s Grizzly Coast Ecolab Conservation Science Cabin as well as ongoing support for the Zoo’s education programs.

Medtronic Foundation
An outstanding commitment from Medtronic Foundation in 2008 provides major support for the significantly renovated and updated Medtronic Minnesota Trail, celebrating the state’s animals and their environment. Said David Etzwiler, Executive Director of the Medtronic Foundation, “the Minnesota Zoo is not only a great place to experience wildlife from all around the world, it’s a living, breathing, educational resource for families and schools from all over the state. By supporting programs that help provide access to all students, we hope to introduce young Minnesotans to the science of living things.”

Larson Family
Chris, Angie, Hannah, and Leo Larson love the Zoo. They have been members since 2003, joined the Friends of the Minnesota Zoo giving society in 2005, and have steadily increased their commitment. Chris says, “it’s my favorite place to bring the kids!” Annual Fund donors, like the Larson Family, are vital to the Zoo and its mission.
Steve Kirchner

Steve Kirchner’s father was instrumental in securing legislative approval for the creation of the Minnesota Zoo in 1977, and Steve and his wife Jan continue the “family tradition” through dedicated service on the Zoo Board and generous contributions. In addition to his strong personal commitment, Steve has recruited his family. Instead of exchanging gifts each Christmas, Steve’s siblings take turns choosing a charity to support. This year, it was Steve’s turn to choose. Naturally, he chose the Minnesota Zoo Foundation.
The Minnesota Zoo would like to thank and acknowledge the following individuals, businesses, and groups for special contributions in the form of extraordinary time and expertise, or an extraordinary tangible gift.

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The Great Bear Affair!
More than 600 guests joined Honorary Chairs Ray and Susan Johnson and Beastly Ball Chairs Charlene Jundt and Peter Maritz for the 2008 Beastly Ball “The Great Bear Affair.” The gala celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Zoo, the 20th anniversary of the Beastly Ball, and the opening of Russia’s Grizzly Coast. The event raised more than $500,000 in support of the Minnesota Zoo and wildlife around the world.

Highlights of this year’s Ball include The Great Bear Affair Raffle for a Toyota Prius, donated by Twin Cities Toyota Dealers; the Tiffany Mine, where guests “dug” for diamonds and other precious jewels, courtesy of Tiffany & Co.; Fund-A-Need which supported conservation efforts for the Amur leopard; and the Russia’s Grizzly Coast private label red and white wines, courtesy of The Wine Market.

The Dobrzynskis
Before celebrating Christmas with their family, the Dobrzynskis celebrate with the Minnesota Zoo’s animals each Christmas Eve. Because Philip and Donna believe in connecting their children Rachel and Ryan with animals and the natural world, they enroll their children in Zoo Camp each summer, contribute to the Friends of the Minnesota Zoo program, and attend special donor events.

Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation
The Fred C. and Katherine B. Andersen Foundation has been a loyal donor to the Minnesota Zoo’s Annual Fund since 1991. The Annual Fund is a vital source of support that enables the Zoo to meet some of its most critical needs and touches virtually every aspect of the Zoo’s operations.
The Toro Company

Toro strengthened their commitment to the Zoo in 2008 with an amazing in-kind gift of nearly $150,000 in services to design and install a complex irrigation system for Russia’s Grizzly Coast. Toro employees also volunteered their time to help renovate Replay Park and remove buckthorn (an invasive species) from Zoo grounds. Toro’s corporate goal “to beautify and preserve outdoor environments” carries through in their philanthropic support of organizations like the Minnesota Zoo.

Cargill Foundation

Cargill Foundation’s strong and ongoing commitment to the Zoo continued this year with a gift in support of the new Cargill Environmental Learning Center, a major component of a planned new entry and visitor center. Mark Murphy, Executive Director of Cargill Foundation, states “we believe the Zoo’s new Environmental Learning Center will be a valuable resource for students, teachers, and families throughout the state…the Zoo’s strong conservation programs also make this gift a good fit for Cargill’s longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship.”

Marilyn Benson

Marilyn Benson’s commitment to the Zoo began when it opened 30 years ago, prompted by her love for animals and, as a teacher for 31 years, by her commitment to education. She has been involved on several levels: as an active member, a dedicated volunteer, and a generous donor. She has even included the Zoo in her will.

DONOR HIGHLIGHTS 2008

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The 2005 Strategic Plan articulates a set of goals to renovate existing exhibits and build new ones; create a new entryway and Visitor Center; launch innovative education programs in new and improved facilities; and expand our wildlife conservation activities both here at home and around the world.

We are honored to recognize the following individuals, foundations and corporations for their generous commitments in support of the 2005 Strategic Plan.

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The 2005 Strategic Plan articulates a set of goals to renovate existing exhibits and build new ones; create a new entryway and Visitor Center; launch innovative education programs in new and improved facilities; and expand our wildlife conservation activities both here at home and around the world.
2008 Minnesota Zoological Garden Financials

Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008, unaudited

Revenue

State Appropriation ........ $7,137,000
Admissions .................. 4,024,810
Membership .................. 3,065,129
Contributions ............... 1,719,676
Education ................... 1,118,892
Other ........................ 827,486
Food Service ................ 732,070
Parking ...................... 591,562
Gift Store .................... 328,919

$19,545,544

Operating Expenses

Salaries & Fringe Benefits . $13,117,240
Supplies and Materials ....1,539,235
Utilities ..................... 1,389,759
Purchased Services ........... 879,728
Other ........................ 1,867,034

$18,792,996

Capital Disbursements
Funded from Operations

Equipment Purchases ......... $182,397
Equipment Lease Purchase .... 69,236
Energy Improvement Debt .... 47,616
Roof Repair Debt Service .... 42,682
Building Improvements ....... 8,713

$350,643

Total Operating Expenses and Capital Funded from Operations

$19,143,639

Net Cash

$401,905
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Income

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Operating Expenses

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