



2015

ANNUAL REPORT



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Our Mission

The mission of the Texas State Aquarium is to engage people with animals, inspire appreciation for our seas, and support wildlife conservation.

Our Vision

To be a global leader in fostering support for the conservation of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

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Construction as of February 4, 2016.



Dear friends,

Warm greetings from the Texas State Aquarium. On behalf of our Board of Trustees and staff, we are pleased to present our 2015 annual report. Despite some significant challenges, 2015 was a remarkable year for us as we celebrated our 25th anniversary. We accomplished much to move your institution forward, thanks to your support, and we are excited to share some of those accomplishments with you.

We began 2015 with a major renovation to our *Dolphin Bay* exhibit; we are cognizant that while we add a major new wing to our existing building, we must also continue to invest in upgrading our existing facilities. New interpretive graphics allow us to tell stories about how we care for our dolphins, how we enrich their daily life, and most importantly, why it's critical that they are part of our family here.

In April, we suffered a tragic loss of fish during a routine treatment for parasites. However, within a few months, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of this community and our colleagues around the nation, we quickly recovered from this event. We did file a federal lawsuit against the company that sold us the mislabeled chemical, and fully communicated all of this with the Aquarium community across the nation. Our hope is that our actions will help prevent this from happening anywhere else.

In September, Aquarium Outreach Manager Suraida Nanez-James traveled to the Pacific Ocean aboard the research vessel *Falkor*; along with Aquarium STEM Professional in Residence Dr. Will Sager, to study the world's largest underwater volcano, Tamu Massif. Suraida conducted over 90 live ship-to-shore educational programs reaching over 4,000 students.

In October, we opened our newest temporary exhibition, *Saving Sharks*. Showcasing a number of small shark species, and highlighting the work of Harte Research Institute scientist Dr. Greg Stunz and the OCEARCH shark research team, this was our first exhibition focusing primarily on research and conservation work supported by our newly created Wildlife Care, Conservation and Research (WCCR) Fund program.

We reached the halfway point on construction of the new Caribbean Wing, and a tremendous grant from the State of Texas pushed our campaign total to over \$40 million. We're pleased to report that we are on track for our spring of 2017 opening.

After much collaboration and discussion with our Board of Trustees and staff, we have updated our mission statement: *engaging people with animals, inspiring appreciation for our seas, and supporting wildlife conservation*. Our newly adopted mission statement is driving us into 2016 and beyond as we work toward achieving our new vision – *to be a global leader in fostering support for the conservation of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea*.

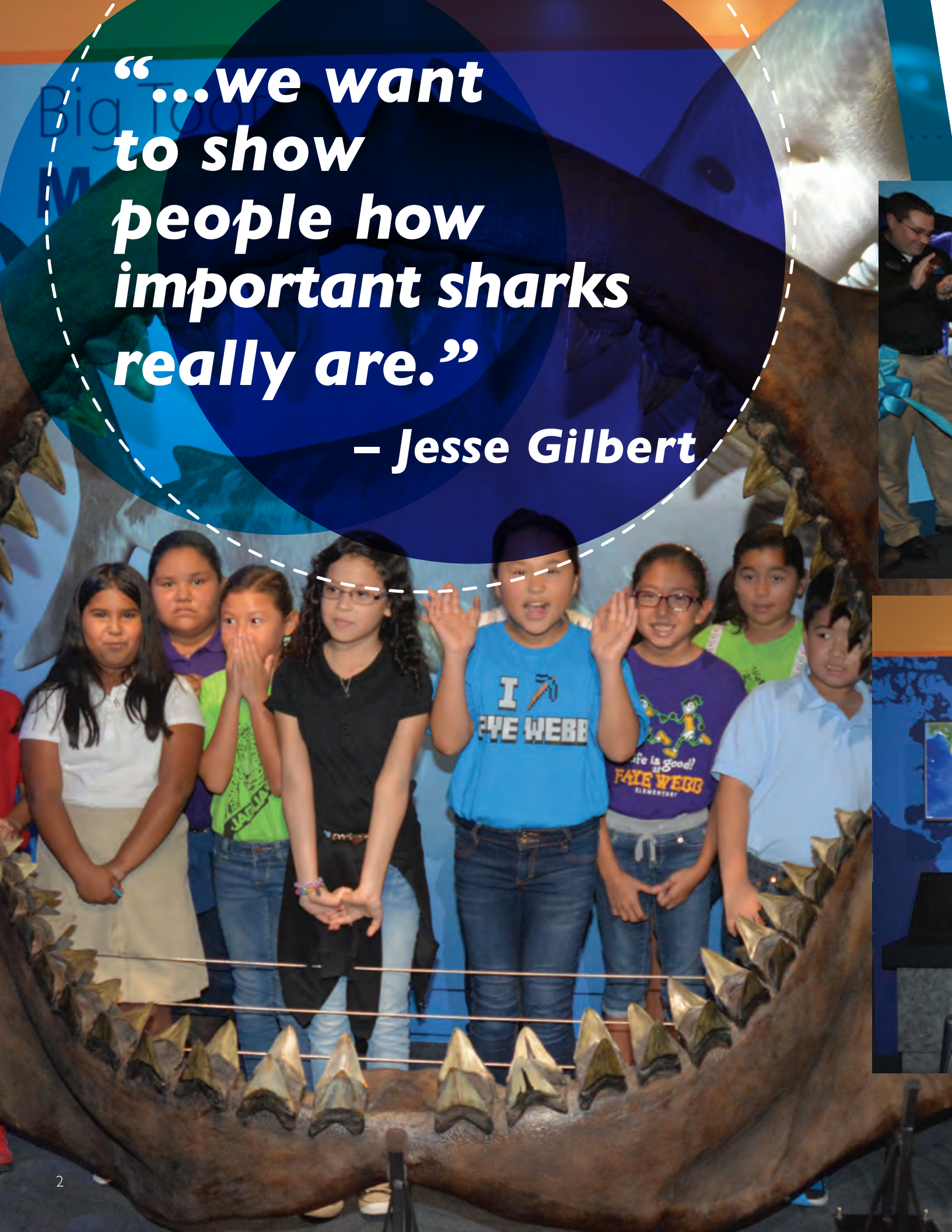
For over 25 years, you all have generated momentum for us, enabling us to transform the Texas State Aquarium into one of the top aquariums in the nation. Thank you for your support; we want to do more, and with your help, we can.

Tom Schmid
President and CEO

Larry Urban
Chairman of the Board

**“...we want
to show
people how
important sharks
really are.”**

– Jesse Gilbert



Saving Sharks



On October 13, 2015, the Texas State Aquarium held the public grand opening of its newest exhibit, *Saving Sharks*.

With support from OCEARCH, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, the exhibit is designed to capture the hearts and minds of budding conservationists and lifelong shark fans, alike.

Guests have the opportunity to track tagged sharks in real time via the OCEARCH Global Shark Tracker, feel what it is like to be underwater with these apex predators via a full-sized diving cage, and even stand next to the past and present kings of the ocean: a life-sized Megalodon jaw and Great white shark replica. The engaging and interactive exhibit features a wall-sized map showing visitors what shark species dominate our Gulf of Mexico, a live shark touch area where visitors can feel and see bamboo and epaulette sharks, as well as various habitats where cat sharks and tasselled wobbegongs are on view.



As many shark species are in decline globally, the exhibit features information regarding threats such as shark finning and overfishing that many shark populations face and how humans can help to make a difference.

According to Aquarium Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer Jesse Gilbert, "This exhibit is at the heart of what we do at the Texas State Aquarium. We wanted to showcase the remarkable science being done in our area, and the conservation efforts that go into our everyday operations. Sharks provide a natural balance and equilibrium to the oceans that cannot be replicated – we want to show people how important they really are."

Through its Wildlife Care, Conservation, and Research (WCCR) Fund, the Aquarium is a proud supporter of Harte Research Institute's shark research and its scientist who work with OCEARCH in the Gulf of Mexico. Every year, the Aquarium directs a portion of its operating revenue to the WCCR Fund, through which it awards funding to programs that focus on species in the Aquarium's living collection or the habitats that support those species.

**On November
8, a Dollar Day
record total of
11,305 enjoyed
\$1 dollar
admission...**



A packed Wild Flight presentation on Dollar Day.

Community Impact

Making a Difference Locally and Beyond

The impact of the Texas State Aquarium is felt throughout Texas' Coastal Bend, but most keenly in Corpus Christi and the cities most closely surrounding it. That impact goes well beyond the nearly \$50 million economic impact the Aquarium contributes annually to the Corpus Christi area economy and touches the individual lives of many people and animals, as well as the health of our local environment.

The Aquarium earmarks a portion of its revenue every year to support a number of research and conservation projects both locally and throughout the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea through its Wildlife Care, Conservation, and Research (WCCR) Fund. Additionally, the Aquarium's Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Program cares for hundreds of animals every year, endeavoring to nurse those injured or ill animals back to health and to a point that they can be released back into their natural environment. So every time a guest pays for admission or buys a membership to the Aquarium, he or she is directly contributing to our efforts to save wildlife, preserve species, and positively impact the environment.

The Aquarium works cooperatively with local universities and other like-minded organizations on efforts, events, and projects designed to positively impact our local environment and the lives of the people and animals inhabiting it. It also offers programs such as

Seafood Wars, which utilizes fun competitions between local chefs to teach about sustainable seafood and making wise choices for the ocean when you visit a restaurant or grocery store.

Beach cleanups, green practices onsite, and support of community events such as Earth Day Bay Day and the Sink Your Shucks oyster restoration project are just a few more examples of the way the Aquarium and its staff endeavor to make a positive impact on the local community and environment.

Community Dollar Days

Thanks to generous corporate partners H-E-B, Whataburger, and NavyArmy Community Credit Union, more than 28,000 members of the community enjoyed a day at the Aquarium for just \$1 apiece again in 2015.

Giving Back

The Aquarium has always been a generous supporter of other non-profits within Texas' Coastal Bend and around the state, and 2015 was no exception. In 2015, the Aquarium donated 364 tickets and 73 membership to 255 worthy non-profits.



Education

The Aquarium's Flint Hills Resources Center for Excellence in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Education had another strong year, reaching more than 65,000 learners of all ages through a diverse range of programming designed to engage, excite, intrigue, and challenge.

Aquavision Distance Learning

This year, Flint Hills Resources Aquavision Distance Learning received the Pinnacle Award of Excellence from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC), recognizing the continued quality of our STEM-based distance learning and the professionalism of our staff. Live from the field programming was implemented on a global scale this fall, when Manager for Distance Learning and Outreach Suraida James conducted 90 ship-to-shore connections from the Schmidt Ocean Institute's internationally recognized research vessel, *Falkor*. James' audience was comprised of 4,000 students and teachers in eight states, Portugal and the Bahamas, who were encouraged to someday join the ranks of ocean explorers. James was invited to manage outreach for the expedition by principal investigator and University of Houston scientist Dr. William Sager. Because of his commitment to the partnership and STEM education, Sager was named 2015 Flint Hills Resources Center for Excellence STEM Professional in Residence.

In addition to the *Falkor* broadcasts, Aquavision collaborated with the Aquarium's Wildlife Care, Conservation, and Research (WCCR) Fund grant recipients to launch "Expert Chats". These informal distance learning events allow students and educators to speak directly with scientists about current research focused on the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

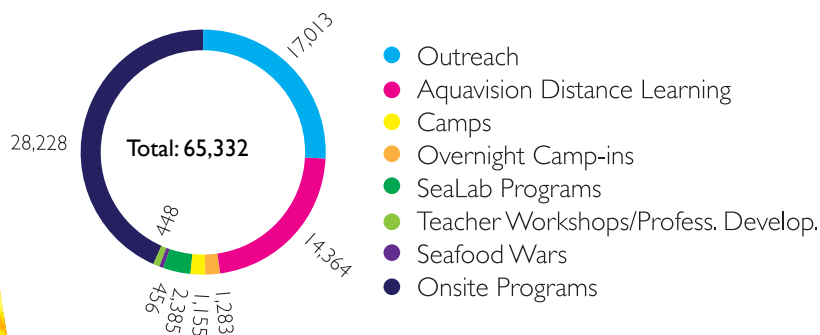
Intercession Camps


After successfully implementing thematic summer day camps, the new approach was applied to camp design for the days preceding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. A new, single-day mini-camp format was built around hands-on STEM process skills derived from conservation topics important to the Aquarium. A generous gift from the Port of Corpus Christi allowed us to expand accessibility by offering these camps at \$10 per day, including lunch.

Teacher Professional Development

More than 400 educators participated in Center for Excellence STEM learning events. Workshops and opportunities to work side-by-side with STEM professionals were offered onsite and at conferences across the state.

2015 Program Participants





**Overall, the
Aquarium's
education
programs served
more than
65,000 learners
in 2015.**

A classroom of students connecting from the Aquarium lobby with Suraida James live aboard the Falkor to learn about TAMU Massif.



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Wildlife Care, Conservation, and Research Fund

In 2013, the Texas State Aquarium established its Wildlife Care, Conservation, and Research (WCCR) Fund to further the Aquarium's mission to engage people with animals, inspire appreciation for our seas, and support wildlife conservation. Each year, the Aquarium awards funding to programs that focus on species that are native to the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

The following are the Aquarium's 2015 WCCR Fund recipients:

Sharks with Spectators III – Real-time, Global Tracking of Texas' Marine Apex Predators for Science, Education, and Research

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi – Harte Research Institute / Greg Stunz and Matt Ajemian

Waters for Wildlife: Monitoring the Use of Freshwater Ponds by Wintering Whooping Cranes

San Antonio Bay Partnership / Kiersten Stanzel

Genetic Composition of Immature Kemp's Ridley Turtles in the Gulf of Mexico

USGS Southeast Ecological Science Center / Margaret Lamont

Improving Oso Creek/Bay, Corpus Christi Bay and Petronila Creek Water Quality

Texas State University – Meadows Center / Meredith Miller

Optimizing Coral Fragmentation Technique for Propagation

University of Texas at Austin / Mikhail Matz

Mapping Spotted Trout Spawning Habitat in Mission Aransas NERR

University of Texas Marine Science Institute / Brad Erisman

Migrating Monarch Butterflies' Use of Offshore Oil Platforms

University of Texas Marine Science Institute / Tracy Villareal

Environmental Impact

The Aquarium endeavors to have a positive impact on our environment through a broad range of practices and initiatives both onsite and offsite. As part of our overall mission of conservation and education, the Texas State Aquarium formally launched its "Going Green" program in 2009. Our onsite green practices are extensive and focus on areas such as energy conservation, water conservation, recycling, environmentally-friendly restaurant operations, and landscaping. The Aquarium reviews its practices on a regular basis and makes changes to reduce its impact on the environment.

In addition, the Aquarium works hard at education and public outreach both on and offsite. These efforts include:

- Foster the awareness of Texas watersheds through the implementation of the Aquarium's Keepers of the Coast program.
- Coordinate beach cleanups three times a year with the Texas General Land Offices Adopt-A-Beach program.
- Facilitate Project WILD, conservation-based curriculums through our educational programming.
- Facilitate Texas Parks and Wildlife's Jr. Angler Program, which teaches children to be good stewards of the ocean resources.
- Coordinate and host World Oceans Day, Earth Day/Party for the Planet, and Green Halloween events yearly.

The Aquarium staff undertakes several cleanups of North Beach wetlands and streets every year. In 2015, staff removed over 1,000 pounds of trash, including tires, furniture, carpeting and other large items from the local environment.

Additionally, the Aquarium has adopted Packery Channel Park on Upper Padre Island and conducts periodic staff and volunteer clean-ups there. Stripes sponsored a summer cleanup of Packery Channel Park by the Aquarium's Aquateen volunteers, at which 20 Aquateens picked up trash totaling 496 pounds.

More than 800 volunteers at Aquarium-hosted Adopt-a-Beach cleanups in 2015 removed 18,100 pounds of trash from the North Beach environment.

Environmentally-Focused Events

Again in 2015, the Aquarium held several environmentally-focused public events designed educate and inform guests about threats to the health of our local, regional and global environments, as well as inspire them to take actions to help take care of the environment – all while having a good time enjoying special activities and programming. Among the environmentally-focused public events held at the aquarium in 2015 were our Earth Day “Party for the Planet” celebration, Endangered Species Day, World Oceans Day, and Green Halloween.



Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Program

Our Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Program reiterated its value to local wildlife in 2015, releasing or transferring a record number of patients for a single year. A total of 258 patients were admitted for the year; 33 percent of which were rehabilitated and released back into their natural habitat, and 20 percent of which were transferred to other accredited animal facilities. This positive release rate included 32 different species of shorebirds and 15 species of raptors, making up a very high species diversity rate for the program.

It was also a notable year for in-house surgeries. The advanced technological equipment in the Second Chances Animal Hospital's surgery suite allowed staff the opportunity to perform more surgeries and, ultimately, treat the medical issues of more patients.

Manager of Wildlife Rehabilitation Laura Martinelli said 2015 was a major year for growth and for learning more about staff's capacity to perform successful surgeries. Having more surgical instruments at their disposal also gives staff members the opportunity to take on “riskier” patients displaying more complicated medical issues.

Staff remarked on the high amount of species diversity seen in 2015, saying that the experience of treating so many different patients with differing anatomies, injuries, and illnesses also provided a great amount of experience and will help them going forward.

“The amount of work and progress we made in 2015 has already helped set us up for more success in 2016,” Martinelli asserted.

The most common bird species Second Chances staff sees are Laughing gulls, Black-bellied whistling ducks, Brown pelicans, and Great horned owls.

2015 Statistics

258 Patients Admitted

86 Releases

47 Species Seen

4 Transfers to Other Institutions



Release of a Great horned owl



Release of Red shouldered hawk

Aquateens after cleaning Packery Channel Park



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Volunteers

Volunteers have always been a crucial part of the daily operations of the Texas State Aquarium and the positive experience our guests enjoy during their visits. As the Aquarium continues to grow and expand, the importance of the contributions of our dedicated volunteers is evident on a daily basis.

In 2015, 156 active volunteers contributed more than 24,000 hours of their time to the Aquarium. That equates to more than \$200,000 in value to the Aquarium, though their contributions go far beyond the monetary value. That total also represented a 22 percent increase in the number of volunteer hours contributed in 2014, partially thanks to the largest group of Aquateen volunteers the Aquarium has ever experienced.

In 2015, the Aquateen program transitioned to become more about STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) career exploration than in previous years. This included excursions to experience a number of careers and providing all second and third year Aquateens with True Colors student leadership training.

Male Volunteer of the Year: Jesse Rivera



Jesse has been volunteering with the aquarium since 2001 and has over 3,800 hours of volunteer time. He primarily spends his time at the Aquarium volunteering with our Fish & Herpetology and Wild Flight teams.

Female Volunteer of the Year: Diana Ixtlamati



Diana has been volunteering with the aquarium since 2012 and has over 700 hours of volunteer time. She spends her volunteer time at the Aquarium helping with our Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Program.

Male AquaTeen of the Year: Richard Soyos

A second year Aquateen in 2015, Richard has been volunteering since 2014 and has over 500 hours of volunteer time.

Female AquaTeen of the Year: Audrey Heffley

Audrey began volunteering at the Aquarium as an Aquateen in 2015 and quickly made a positive impact. By the end of 2015, she had over 260 hours of volunteer time.



Left to right: Male Aquateen of the Year Richard Soyos, Volunteer Coordinator Ann Vlach, and Female Aquateen of the Year Audrey Heffley.

Financial Summary 2015

Attendance	475,214
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Operating Revenues*

General Admission	\$4,974,612
Visitor Programs	\$2,291,700
Retail Programs	\$1,896,057
Enterprise Programs	\$826,796
Total Operating Revenues	\$9,989,165

Operating Expenses*+

Salaries & Benefits	\$6,083,211
Aquarium Operations	\$2,567,525
Cost of Goods Sold	\$475,015
Accrued Interest	\$14,519
Advertising	\$550,702
Major Repairs/Equipment	\$286,331
Total Operating Expenses	\$9,977,302
Net Income From Operations	\$11,862

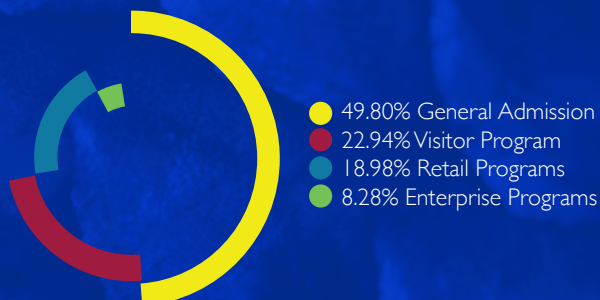
Fundraising Income*

Campaign Caribbean	\$12,899,243
Donations, Grants & Special Events	\$484,132
Total Fundraising Income	\$13,383,375

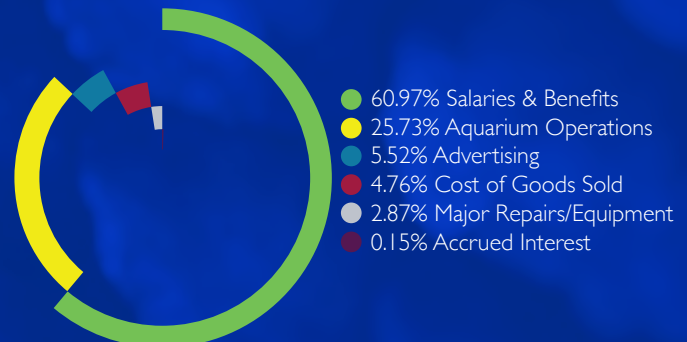
*2015 figures unaudited

+Total expenses does not include depreciation expense

Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



Campaign Caribbean 2015 Progress Report



CAMPAIGN CARIBBEAN

SEE A NEW SEA

In 2013, the Texas State Aquarium launched a \$50-million capital campaign, Campaign Caribbean, to raise the funds for its 71,000-square foot Caribbean Journey expansion. The project will double the species and programming of our current facility and bring the sights, sounds and wildlife of the Western Caribbean to Corpus Christi in 2017.

Strong fundraising momentum continued in 2015, with the campaign surpassing the \$41 million mark.

The largest contribution to Campaign Caribbean received to date came in 2015 with the signing of HBI at the conclusion of the 2015 Texas Legislative Session. In HBI, the Texas State Aquarium was appropriated \$9 million from the State of Texas to be applied towards the construction of our Caribbean Journey expansion. It was the largest grant or gift the Aquarium has received in its history.

"We are deeply grateful, and humbled, by this extraordinary commitment to our mission," remarked TSA President & CEO Tom Schmid when the news was received. "As the 'Official Aquarium for the State of Texas' we have proudly carried the state name since 1987. To receive this funding, at this time, is just overwhelming. Our thanks go out to our local delegation; every single member was supportive of our request, and encouraged us throughout the legislative session."

TSA Board Chairman Larry Urban also commented, "We are so grateful that our local delegation and our friends at Texas Parks and Wildlife have considered making these funds available to us. They clearly understand the profound educational and economic impact our Caribbean Journey expansion program will have on this region and the entire state."

Other generous gifts received during 2015 included:

- \$1,000,000 – Cheniere Energy, Inc.
- \$500,000 – American Electric Power (AEP) Foundation
- \$500,000 – John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation

Our vision has inspired many individuals, foundations, and corporations to invest in this project already. We continue to invite everyone in our community to participate in this exciting initiative as we forge

forward towards reaching our \$50 million goal. We will conclude the campaign with a celebration to recognize and honor all of our donors when we open the Caribbean Journey expansion in the spring of 2017.

For a complete listing of Campaign Caribbean donors, please see our complete Donor Honor Roll on page 16.





Donor Profile: Patty & Hank Nuss

Belief is a crucial element of life for Patty and Hank Nuss. Whether concerning their Christian faith, their belief in building a better Corpus Christi, or in the importance of providing an engaging and educational space for children. Many of these beliefs coalesced in their decision to support the founding, building, and continued growth of the Texas State Aquarium.

"We truly do believe in this city and saw the Aquarium as a significant development that would help put the city on the map," Patty explained.

Fast forward 25 years, and Patty says she and Hank have only had that belief solidified in a booming tourist attraction, educational center, dynamic animal collection, wildlife rehabilitation hospital, and much more.

"Each aspect was so exciting to us," asserted Hank, "It's just something that really makes you proud of the city, and it's very rewarding to see the growth happening."

Avid travelers, the Nusses appreciate seeing much of the same wildlife with which they have scuba dived in tropical locales reflected in educational and informational exhibits from which visitors and children can enjoy and learn at the Aquarium. The Nusses also loved being able to see their own

grandchildren attend the Aquarium's summer SeaCamp and explore unique and hands-on learning opportunities that their support helped to provide.

The Nusses' love and appreciation for nature helped guide them to choose the Aquarium as a recipient of their generosity, and the levels of giving offered made gifting and helping to build that future they envisioned easy, explained Hank. According to Patty, seeing developments like the incredible upcoming Caribbean Journey wing expansion come to life only lends to the satisfying feeling of experiencing that future come to fruition.

"Walking up and seeing that building and having been a part of it since its inception is very powerful," Patty said with a smile. "We've only played a small part in making it happen, but it is so gratifying to see."

From a giving perspective, Hank says they have gotten much more than they thought possible. He commented, "You don't think of ROI on a charitable contribution, but this has been the most fulfilling return and the best investment we've ever made."

An investment in belief, an investment in the future, and the investment in the belief of a better future; the Nusses personify what charitable giving is all about.

Campaign Caribbean

Campaign Caribbean, the capital campaign raising fund for our Caribbean Journey expansion project, continues to receive tremendous philanthropic gift support from many of our closest friends, with over \$41 million raised to date. Various foundations, corporations, organizations and individuals have already invested in this project, and many more will be invited to be a part of this historical campaign. One point of pride for the campaign is the commitment of the Texas State Aquarium's own staff – 100 percent of the Aquarium's staff has financially participated in the campaign each of the past three years. Because of the generosity of all of our supporters in this campaign, we continue to move onward and upward.

Foundations

American Electric Power Foundation
Behmann Brothers Foundation
The Brown Foundation
Coastal Bend Combined Federal Campaign
Coastal Bend Community Foundation
The Fondren Foundation
Frost Bank Charitable Foundation
Golden Rule Foundation
The Greehey Family Foundation
George & Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation
Albert and Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation
The John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation
L'Aiglon Foundation
The Larry & Pat McNeil Foundation
Amy Shelton McNutt Charitable Trust
Blanche Davis Moore Foundation
Prichard Family Foundation
Ed Rachal Foundation
Earl C. Sams Foundation, Inc.
Yvonne H. Simard Foundation, Inc.
State Employee Charitable Campaign – Coastal Bend
George Strake Foundation
T.L.L. Temple Foundation

Corporations & Organizations

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Bank of America Matching Gifts
Cheniere Energy
R.W. Dirks Petroleum Engineer, Inc.
Flint Hills Resources, L.P.
Fulton Construction/Coastcon Corporation
Haas-Anderson Construction
H-E-B Grocery Company
Ed Hicks Family of Dealerships
HOLT Companies
Key Study Club
Omni Hotels & Resorts
Orion Drilling Company
Pepsi Cola Bottling Company
Mike Shaw Toyota/Mike Shaw KIA
Susser Holdings, L.L.C. / Stripes
Texas Parks & Wildlife – State of Texas
Texas State Aquarium Staff
Valero Energy Corporation
ValueBank Texas
The Dobson Family & Whataburger

Individuals

Kathy & Joe Adame
Chris & Robert Adler

Phyllis Allen
Hope & Ramiro Andrade
Nicole & Toby Andrade
Lana & Barry Andrews
Libby Averyt & Charles Kaffie
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Jennifer Bowen
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Alan Stoner
Celika Storm
Michael & Amanda Stukenberg
Robert Suggs & Russell Moody
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Cheryl & Bill Whitworth
Lucy & Marion Williams
Mark & Ashley Wilson
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2013 - 2015 Texas State Aquarium Staff (100% Participation)

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Megan Adams
Karl Ahlers
Kathryn & Robert Allen
Chelsea Allen
Macy Allen
Latoya Allison
Laura Amerine
Nicole & Tobias Andrade
Luckie Arevalo
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The President's Council is a group of philanthropic individuals who help ensure the continued growth and vitality of the Texas State Aquarium with annual contributions of \$1,000 or more. These generous supporters are invited to exclusive receptions and exhibit previews throughout the year to help celebrate the Aquarium's newest projects and meet our animal ambassadors up close. On October 13, 2015, the group was invited to a VIP preview of our new Saving Sharks exhibit, including a presentation from OCEARCH Founder and Chairman Chris Fischer. We cannot thank this group enough for their continued generosity and look forward to sharing many more exciting milestones to come.

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8,928 event guests



74 private events hosted



1,310 birthday party attendees



43 birthday parties hosted



1,619 overnight camp-in attendees



43 overnight camp-ins hosted



Philanthropic Societies



Rep. Todd Hunter

AQUA Society



On November 17, 2015, the Texas State Aquarium hosted its annual AQUA event, a celebration for our most generous and longtime supporters. The AQUA Society was established in 2011 to recognize those individuals and organizations with cumulative gifts to the Aquarium of \$25,000 or more.

At AQUA 2015, the society honored many returning and advancing supporters, and we welcomed 10 new inductees: Ann & David Engel, Betty Kemp, Carole & Ed Martin, Carroll Patton Matthews, Marybeth & Bill Maxwell, Mike Shaw Toyota/ Mike Shaw KIA, Omni Hotels & Resorts, Betty & Tom* Terrey, Dean Walker Vorhes*, and Yvonne H. Simard Foundation.

The evening concluded with the presentation of the Aquarium's highest honor, the Golden Star Award, a distinction reserved for our most passionate and visionary supporters. Our 2015 recipient was longtime friend and champion of the Aquarium, Texas State Representative Todd Hunter.



Rising Tide Society

The Rising Tide Society (RTS) is a dynamic group of young leaders and professionals in our community who care about education, conservation, and furthering the mission of the Texas State Aquarium.

This year the group has supported the Aquarium through fun and engaging events like our 1st Annual Mini Golf Classic Putt Putt Tournament, Turtles on Tap, and a SECORE presentation.

The Rising Tide Society uses events as a means to raise money to support the Aquarium. The past three years, the Rising Tide Society has specifically chosen to direct the funds it has raised towards the Aquarium's Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Program. In 2015, RTS raised more than \$20,000 for the Second Chances program.



AQUA Society

The AQUA Society was established in 2011 to honor the Texas State Aquarium's most visionary donors. Individuals, businesses, and organizations that have generously supported the Aquarium with cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more are recognized in this distinguished group. The Texas State Aquarium is grateful to the AQUA Society members for their commitment to further its mission to engage people with animals, inspire appreciation for our seas, and support wildlife conservation.

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Rising Tide Society

The Rising Tide Society is a dynamic group of young leaders and professionals in our community who care about service, education and conservation. Since 2012, this group of young supporters has helped to further the mission of the Texas State Aquarium as members and donors through fun, educational and exciting events where they can network with likeminded individuals.

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Food & Beverage

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Memorial Gifts to the Aquarium respectfully remember a loved one or friend who has passed away, and Honor Gifts acknowledge someone making a positive impact on you or your community. All Memorial and Honor Gifts are acknowledged to the person(s) you designate so they are aware of the gift; the amount is, of course, confidential. You will receive a gift acknowledgement for tax purposes.

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Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund

Supporters of the Second Chances Wildlife Rehabilitation Fund help the Aquarium to provide urgent care to stranded marine mammals, sea turtles, raptors, and shorebirds after they are discovered injured or ill in the wild, with the goal of rehabilitating the animals for release back into their natural habitat. In 2015, donors made a big difference in the lives of many sick and injured animals that come through our doors. Thanks again to our supporters for caring about animals who deserve a second chance!

2015 Second Chances Donors

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Our Annual Stewardship Fund donors help to make the Aquarium the very best it can be each day with gifts that support everything from the expert care and feeding of our animals to exhibit upkeep and world-class educational programming performed both onsite, offsite, and through distance learning programs. A portion of each gift also supports conservation research efforts throughout the region that positively impact the species and habitats represented at the Texas State Aquarium. We say thank you to each donor for his or her gifts, large and small, that ripple through the Aquarium in many ways, helping us to continually expand our educational reach and play an active role in wildlife conservation.

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Recovery Funds

After the tragic fish loss suffered in April of 2015, the Aquarium launched a Recovery Fund to raise funds to be used to replace the portion of its animal collection that was lost. The following individuals donated to our Recovery Fund, led by Wayne and Deneece Squires' Orion Drilling Company, LLC, which generously matched \$45,000 in donations to the fund.

\$45,000

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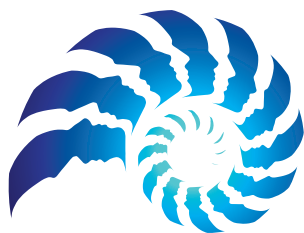
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The Texas State Aquarium received an outpouring of support from the AZA community after its fish loss in April of 2015. The following AZA institutions generously donated funds or animals towards our recovery and/or provided technical or other support:

Aquarium at Moody Gardens
Audubon Aquarium of the Americas
Dynasty Marine Associates
Landry's Houston Downtown Aquarium
Mote Marine Aquarium
National Aquarium
Newport Aquarium

Sea Life Grapevine Aquarium
Sea World San Antonio
Sea World San Diego
Shedd Aquarium
Vancouver Aquarium
Virginia Aquarium



TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM NAUTILUS SOCIETY

Texas State Aquarium formed the Nautilus Society to encourage individuals to provide for the future of the Aquarium by including specific provisions in their estate plans.

Nautilus Society members support the Aquarium in a number of ways through estate planning such as:

- A bequest in a will
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- IRA charitable beneficiary designation
- Life Insurance policy charitable beneficiary designation
- Donation of residential or agricultural real estate
- Establishing an Endowed Fund to support a general or specific Aquarium program

What are the benefits?

Along with providing valuable support to the Texas State Aquarium, there are often significant tax benefits that accompany planned gifts. Depending on the type of gift, you may be able to take advantage of one or more of the following:

- Immediate income tax charitable deduction
- Minimize the imposition of the estate tax
- Minimize recognition of capital gain
- Partially tax-free payments for life

Every year the Texas State Aquarium hosts a special event to thank members of the Nautilus Society for their invaluable vision and generous support towards realizing and securing the Texas State Aquarium's future.

To learn more about planning your gift, contact the Development Department at 361-653-2660 or development@txstateaq.org.





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