



A Legacy of Learning Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory is a statewide resource for every Minnesotan, inspiring visitors with the wonders of the natural world. More than a century since its founding, Como's free admission, family-friendly accessible environment, and free non-formal education programs continue to make this facility the State's most visited cultural destination. Funding supported from the Legacy Amendment's Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund allows Como Park Zoo and Conservatory to provide a variety of accessible and free programs and enhancements that interweave the arts, culture, and history for citizens of the entire State. A Minnesota tradition for nearly five generations, Como celebrates

diversity in many forms, across cultures, ethnicities, economics and generations. The allocation of Arts & Cultural Heritage funds will help ensure Como can continue to meet the growing needs of our 21st century audience, while preserving the historic character of the Zoo and Conservatory that visitors value most. Funds have been invested in popular educational programs available to all visitors and have made possible progressive new partnerships with area schools. Funds have also been used to grow interpretive gardens, improve animal habitats, and showcase live performances that highlight Como's heritage as a cultural destination and its continued role as a responsive

community gathering place. Finally, through a highly successful public/private partnership with Como Friends, funds are paired with private support to fast track programming related to interpretive gardens and animal habitats and to reach more students.



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