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*Chief Executive Officer*

- Started in 2018 - 5 years

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*Director of Animal Management*

- Started in 2009 - 14 years



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## LSZ Quick History

### 19th oldest zoo in the United States

- Celebrating our 100 year anniversary in 2023!

### AZA Accreditation renewed through 2027

- Gold standard of animal well-being, exhibits, educational programs, safety, and more

### Continued growth and sustainability

- After welcoming a LSZS record of over 106,000 guests, we are continuing to grow in educational opportunities for all, DEAI initiatives, and new exhibits (red panda)

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## Previous Legacy Funded Projects

### Grey wolves & Bald Eagle habitat renovation

- Revitalized two exhibits highlighting rescued animals, conservation impacts, and enhancing educational programs



### History of the Lake Superior Zoo - *in progress!*

- Celebrating 100 year anniversary in 2023
- Increasing visitor knowledge of the LSZ, AZA, and indigenous perspective with regional species stories



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## Snapping Turtle Habitat

### Advanced Exhibit with animal well-being

- Exhibit to feature world-class life support and water quality

### Creating an accessible experience for all

- Immersive viewing window promoting ADA-accessibility

### Foster empathy for turtles

- Teach zoo guests about ways they can make a difference for turtles in Minnesota and around the world through educational signage and programming

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## Caribou Habitat and Research

### Returning a native species to their home

- Caribou herds once roamed the wilderness of Minnesota

### Fieldwork and research

- Focus research on the reasons why caribou vanished from Minnesota and what the species would face today

### Indigenous perspectives and visitor education

- Tell the story of caribou through indigenous perspectives by partnering with local cultural organizations and consultants
- Educate visitors on growing threats to Minnesota wildlife

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# *From all of us -*

thank you for your support of educational exhibits and programs at the Lake Superior Zoo!

