Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is welcoming more preschoolers and their families to classes this year with the addition of our fourth preschool space, the Cahoon Room.

Donations from visitors and businesses in the community totaling more than $50,000 made possible the renovation of a former retail space into an engaging and lively learning environment for preschool children. Filled with natural light, the Cahoon Room offers plenty of space for social interaction and nature-based play, including a children’s restroom and an extra sink for many fun hands-on activities.

“The community’s generosity is helping the Center serve children and families with the Cahoon Room renovation project, which was entirely funded by donations,” says Executive Director Catherine Timko. “We are truly grateful for the many families and visitors for their support of our mission to connect people to the natural world.”

As one of the first nature-based preschools in the region, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s programming is designed to build on children’s inherent curiosity. Our renowned preschool programs serve children ages one to six where they participate in hands-on activities to support social, physical, and academic development.

Frogs & Polliwogs, a class for toddlers with one adult, relocated to the Cahoon Room to utilize the extra space available. In this class, children meet an animal, create a simple craft, and connect with nature through the Center’s live animal exhibits.

“Our goal is to create a nurturing environment for unstructured play and exploration, mixed with a routine agenda of activities and learning opportunities,” says Preschool Coordinator Teece Lester. “Each of our preschool offerings is fun, engaging, and age-appropriate, while building the necessary skills for well-rounded preschool development.”

Cahoon Room renovations were completed by CPK Construction. View the Center’s preschool offerings, and register at www.lensc.org/preschool-programs.
WOMEN’S BOARD HOSTS *FLY ME TO THE MOON* TO SUPPORT ASTRONOMY INTERNSHIP

The Women’s Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center held a fundraising event *Fly Me to the Moon* on October 9, 2022 with proceeds benefiting the Center’s astronomy internship. Guests enjoyed a program about Humans in Space in Schuele Planetarium presented by Planetarium and Program Coordinator Katy Downing, and a bountiful post-program reception.

The Women’s Board has a long history of supporting and advocating for the Center’s mission through service, community awareness, and fundraising. Funds from the *Fly Me to the Moon* fundraiser will support a stipend for a future astronomy intern.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Center’s Astronomy and Space Science Education Internship. To learn more and apply, please visit [www.lensc.org/internship-programs](http://www.lensc.org/internship-programs). To become involved with the Women’s Board, please contact 440-871-2900.

ALL MEANS ALL

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center recognizes that every employee is responsible for inclusion, and ensuring that the organization’s mission is accessible and relevant to everyone. In 2022, our employees participated in an All Means All workshop led by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD). CCBDD supports organizations in becoming more inclusive and connecting with new audiences. The Center is proud to have met CCBDD All Means All standards and is appreciative of their guidance and educational resources. Read the Center’s values statement and learn more about accessibility and accommodations at [www.lensc.org/hours-admission](http://www.lensc.org/hours-admission).
CONTINUING A LEGACY OF LEARNING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

You can use your will or living trust to extend your support of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center by making a specific or residuary bequest. Through a specific bequest, you can name a particular dollar amount or percentage of your estate to be given to the Center. Through a residuary bequest, you can give all or part of what remains after you provide for your loved ones. Bequest contributions support the Center’s Endowment Fund which helps to ensure learning opportunities for future generations. Please consult your legal or financial advisor. Learn more at www.lensc.org/endowment-fund.

Mission: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center educates and inspires each of us to understand, appreciate, and take responsibility for our natural world.

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## Annual Report 2022

### Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2022

Prepared by Card, Palmer, Sibbison & Co.

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Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency

Charity Navigator Four-Star Charity

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a nonprofit organization funded by donations, class fees and grants including Cuyahoga Arts & Culture through county residents.
HEALTHY ANIMALS AND HAPPY VISITORS

Free admission allows for visitors of all ages to experience the wonders of native wildlife at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Our indoor and outdoor exhibits feature more than 100 live animals, including many wildlife rehabilitation patients that were non-releasable. Today, these animals serve as educational ambassadors for their species and receive quality care from our highly trained staff.

Enrichment is an essential part of animal care at the Center, as it helps to satisfy both the physical and psychological needs of an animal. An enriched environment promotes natural behavior by encouraging animals to make different choices that can provide challenges, opportunities, and stimulation. In addition to up-close views of resident animals, visitors observe a variety of enrichment activities at the Center. Examples may include puzzle feeders that encourage animals to forage for food, climbing structures that enhance habitats, and training sessions where animals interact with specialists.

Loki, one of the Center’s resident crows, arrived at our facility as a juvenile that did not learn basic survival skills. American Crows are highly intelligent and social animals, and enrichment activities support their active and healthy minds.

“Loki quickly solves her puzzle feeders, looks sideways with curiosity when we bring her a novel item, and is always ready for daily training sessions to learn a new behavior,” says Animal Programs Coordinator Maggie Watson. “For Loki, enrichment activities are a fun and healthy form of exercise. For our visitors, they offer an incredible learning opportunity to interact with specialists and watch our animals engage in natural behavior.”

NEW WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES AT THE CENTER

Junior Keeper, a new program for students ages 8 to 16 with one adult, provides a unique opportunity to work alongside the Center’s wildlife staff and experience first-hand how we care for our resident animals. Behind the scenes, students learn about native and domestic animals while providing food, clean housing, enrichment activities, and training. To learn more and register, please visit www.lensc.org/youth-teen-programs.
The Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is an organization dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation and nature education. They operate a wildlife rehabilitation facility in Cuyahoga County, offering free wildlife services 7 days a week. In 2022, they treated 1,481 ill, injured, or orphaned wildlife patients, and 9,943 children and adults participated in nature-based preschool programs. The center also served 11,800 students from kindergarten through college, offering field trips, summer camps, scout programs, wildlife programs, and internships. They are the only public-access planetariums in Cuyahoga County, serving toddlers through adults. In total, 104,194 people were served in 2022.

Save the date for A Night for Nature, Friday, April 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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