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Dear Supporters and Friends,

I have retired as Executive Director of Lemur Conservation Foundation and am passing the lemur baton on to my successor, Michael Stern. This annual report is my final assignment as director, and you will find it chock-a-block as usual. It amuses me to look at early reports where we had so much space to fill (eight pages) that we published pictures of wild flowers and ponds. No more – there is so much to report that our 16 pages are barely enough! And YOU have made this possible.

In concert with the LCF board, scientists, staff and you, our steadfast and involved donors, over the last 14 years I've been honored to direct the building of the reserve, the initiation of innovative programs and research, the creation of a Madagascar partnership, and the establishment of an endowment fund. Now this baby is ready to go to college and beyond, and we have found a visionary to help it take wing in Michael Stern.

I'll remain active on the board but will leave the day-to-day operations to Michael. I hope to work on fundraising projects and to do some landscaping on the reserve – things that were put on the back burner as more pressing tasks took center stage. I will also pursue several personal goals. Lemur Conservation Foundation has been a spectacular blessing, and I thank you for being part of it and trust that together, under Michael's leadership, we'll continue our mission to save these incredible animals from extinction.

Since Michael and I are working together and sharing ideas during the transition, we are collaborating on this letter. Here are his thoughts:

It is an honor to be sharing this page with Penelope. The transition has been bittersweet. I'm thrilled to be taking the helm of such an outstanding and forward thinking

conservation organization. In walking around the reserve, though, speaking with the staff and enjoying the company of the lemurs, it is clear to me what an extraordinary force Penelope has been. Her daily presence, enthusiasm, and wisdom will be missed. I'm happy that she'll be living nearby.

One of Penelope's greatest legacies is the spark of excitement she ignited in all of you. For many, conservation is seen as frivolous. Others feel that only charismatic mega-vertebrates, such as gorillas or whales, deserve our attention. All of you understand that by saving lemurs we preserve our earliest primate ancestors, unique and marvelous creatures that have survived more than 50 million years on earth. Together, we are making a difference. In Madagascar, your donations have funded greater protection for wildlife habitat and greater environmental education for local citizens. In Florida, you have made possible the breeding and research of endangered species in one of the most naturalistic and humane facilities anywhere on the planet. Thank you for your support of these important endeavors, and thank you for joining me as we begin a new chapter for LCF and for lemurs the world over. Wishing you all the best, from Penelope, me, and Myakka's lemurs,

Michael Stern
Executive Director & CEO

Penelope Bodry-Sanders
Founder

Michael Stern is the new LCF Executive Director and CEO.



Photo Rebecca Goldstone

Lemur Conservation Foundation is thrilled to introduce our new Executive Director and CEO, **Michael Stern**. Michael was selected from a field of 109 applicants. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in biological anthropology. Having done his thesis research in the Kibale forest in Uganda, he saw first hand the negative effects of deforestation on the environment. Following graduation, in lieu of furthering his academic career, he opted to work on the front lines of conservation in Africa. There, he and his wife, Rebecca Goldstone, started the Kibale Fuel Wood Project which works with local commu-

nities to find alternative methods for cooking rather than cutting down their forests for fuel. The project has been very successful and is now almost entirely run by Ugandans. Michael also has experience caring for captive animals at six zoological facilities around the USA.

Michael came on board already armed with an impressive breadth of knowledge about LCF and the national and international zoological and conservation communities. He has vision, energy, clarity and authenticity and we believe that he embodies our hopes and dreams for the future.



Photo Patricia Walsh

Staff

LCF wishes to extend a warm welcome to our new part-time Animal Care Technician, **Alison Hunt**. Alison recently moved to sunny Sarasota from windy Chicago where she worked as Lead Veterinary Technician at a busy animal clinic. She recently received her Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Western Illinois University, concentrating on Zoology and pursuing a minor in studio art. Along with her extensive veterinary technician experience, Alison has also worked for the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds where she rehabilitated wild penguins at Table View (a suburb of Cape Town), South Africa. She was highly recommended by her previous institutions and we are happy to have her join us and look forward to her contributions in maintaining the health of the lemur colony.





Photo Monica Mogilewsky

The Audubon TogetherGreen and Toyota Teachers' Institute for Conservation Ecology

This five-day LCF summer institute gave high school science teachers the scientific background, inspiration, tools, and techniques in a working science environment to help them create stimulating conservation curricula. The focus was on habitat loss and deterioration and human alteration of the environment. LCF assembled a team of leading scientists:

- Community ecologist **Dr. Richard Nisbett** (University of South Florida);
- Biologist **Dr. Michael Stuart** (retired professor, University of North Carolina at Asheville);
- Wildlife ecologist and conservation biologist **Dr. Jennifer Shafer** (University of Hawaii);
- Field training instructor **Monica Mogilewsky** (LCF Director, Research and Operations); and
- Native plant expert **Karen Fraley**.

The teachers practiced day-to-day science guided by professionals who shared concepts and field techniques critical to understanding conservation ecology.

The course emphasized the links between the scientific and social aspects of conservation ecology. Successful conservationists know they must emotionally engage and motivate people to act on behalf of their environment. One of the best ways to do that is through art, music, and literature. **Penelope Bodry-Sanders** conducted the art and music module in consultation with artist **Ana Flores** (Artist in Residence, RI US Fish and Wildlife). The teachers learned creative ways of presenting ecological issues.

Participant evaluations and follow-up evaluations were so positive that LCF plans to make the annual event part of its core curriculum.



Photo Michael Stuart



Photo Monica Mogilewsky



Dr. Linda Taylor's class; Photo Linda Taylor

Field Training Programs

LCF hosted a record number of field training programs in 2009. **Dr. Linda Taylor**, LCF Scientist and Professor of Anthropology at the University of Miami, conducted the course Field Studies in Anthropology: Behavioral Ecology of Free-ranging Lemurs in South Florida for eight students, a tradition she began in 2001. Assisting Dr. Taylor were **Marsha Fernandez**, Mammal Curator at the Audubon Zoo, LA and **James Herrera**, a graduate of Dr. Taylor's 2007 field course. Dr. Taylor conceived the course to help students hone their field skills at an accessible site, both geographically and financially. According to student **Brittany Singletary**, the course was highly influential in her decision to pursue a research-based career. "I had no idea how much passion it [the field course] would instill in me about the field of zoology, especially primatology. The experience of working in close range to free-ranging lemurs has set a fire beneath me that just might carry me overseas to Madagascar." Fellow student **Alyssa Gormley** agreed. "Being immersed with the lemurs was what I personally needed to realize that field work is something I

could picture myself doing and enjoying for years to come."

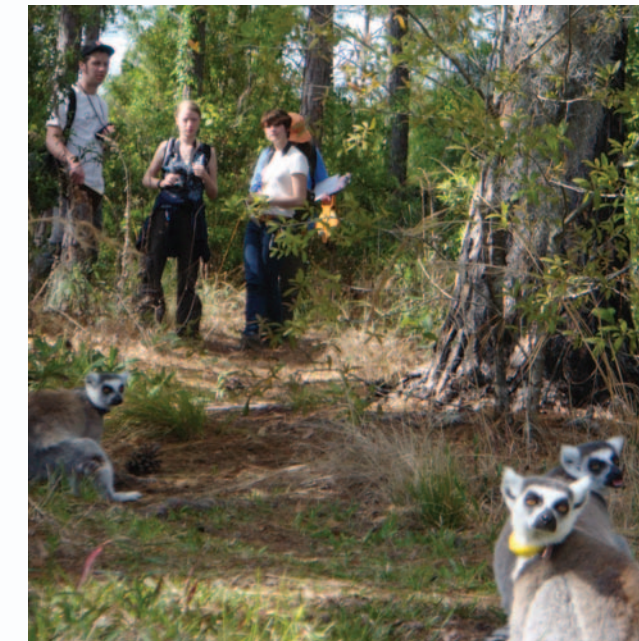
Dr. Natalie Vasey, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Portland State University, partnered with LCF to offer Primatology Field Methods, a course open to students and professionals. Students come from various fields, including animal behavior, ecology, primatology, conservation, and wildlife biology. Through lectures, reading and writing assignments, as well as practicing methods and procedures within the forested lemur enclosures, students received practical experience in conducting field research. **Cortni Borgereson**, Dr. Vasey's teaching assistant, described the school as, "...the perfect opportunity for students to step out of the classroom, get dirty, and get a real taste of what being a field primatologist is all about." A total of 14 students from across the U.S. and Canada participated.

The field training programs are intense. Students rise early, spend all day in the forest working on field exercises, and finish their day with reading and writing assignments. They live and work as a team, preparing meals and doing chores between assignments.



Teacher in lemur memorial graveyard; photo Michael Stuart

Genevieve Blaettler, from Portland State wrote, "Describing my experience is no easy task; the course combined not only lessons of physical anthropology and observational study, but of strength and independence mixed with teamwork, all the while being the most fun class I have ever taken. I would recommend this experience to anyone, as long as they are forewarned of one negative point — having to leave!"



Field training students observing lemurs in the forest; Photos Genevieve Blaettler



In December 2009 I went to Madagascar with **Alexis Rockman** and his partner, **Dorothy Spears**, a writer for the *New York Times*. We were on a mission to create something unique that would rouse the world from its sleepy insouciance regarding habitat and species loss. LCF commissioned Alexis, an artist noted for his beautiful, provocative, and often disturbing images, to create a painting depicting the plight of lemurs facing unprecedented threats in Madagascar. Alexis' work will be the subject of a major exhibition, *A Fable for Tomorrow*, at the Smithsonian American Art Museum opening in November 2010. His LCF painting will be the dramatic center of an information campaign we plan to launch later this year.

I introduced Alexis to field biologists and conservationists and showed him the astonishing biota of the island, particularly its charming and charismatic primates and their daily problems. Alexis is a knowledgeable naturalist and savored every experience, even the challenging ones. We visited several locations, and he created a beautiful, bone-rattling image about loss of biodiversity in general



Alexis Rockman and brown lemur

and in lemurs specifically. Among the fruits of Dorothy's experience is an article in the May/June issue of *Departures*, the American Express Platinum Card members' magazine.

Two of our stops were to Marojejy National Park and the Protected Area of Tampolo in Analanjirofo.

Marojejy National Park is home to the rare silky sifaka – one of the five rarest lemurs and one of the 25 most endangered primates in the world. We chose Marojejy because it is one of the two main forests, (besides Masoala – home to red ruffed lemurs) where the “timber mafia” had been especially busy illegally logging rosewood in the wake of the political coup that ousted President Marc Ravalomanana in March 2009. We wanted to witness, as the Marojejy website declares, “Madagascar's last remaining old growth rainforests hemorrhaging to death; their blood stains the land.” Such unchecked deforestation leaves harassed lemurs dead, homeless, or too stressed to eat. But one of the newest and most insidious developments has been the mass butchering of lemurs for food.

Erik Patel was our generous host at Marojejy. He is a



Silky sifaka in Marojejy National Park

Ph.D candidate at Cornell University and the leading expert on the silky sifaka (*Propithecus candidus*), having studied them since 2001. He is also an outspoken critic of the environmental carnage at Marojejy and throughout Madagascar. The six-hour trek up the mountain to see the silkies was difficult but worth every sore muscle. The visit was astonishing for the sheer beauty of the forest, the animals, and the committed guides and foresters. It was also disturbing as it brought home the full force of how serious the situation in Madagascar is and how disastrous it will be if allowed to continue.

Unfortunately, for the last several months Madagascar's transitional government has allowed the export of illegally harvested precious hardwoods as a source of revenue in spite of international condemnation and outcry. The logging continues unabated, threatening the island's status as one of the world's biological hotspots. To see the silkies, the exquisite so-called “angels of the forest,” and their beautiful cathedral-like home and to realize how fragile their ecological footing is reminds us that they belong to the global family. Indeed, Marojejy National Park is a World Heritage Site, and it falls on us to help protect it.

During our journey, we also visited the Protected Area of Tampolo in Analanjirofo (Tampolo Forest Station), LCF's sister reserve and were warmly welcomed and hosted by our colleagues **Jeannin Ranaivonasy**, Project Coordinator, and **Mamy Ramparany**, Program Manager. We saw the *Centre EnviroKidz Tampolo*, a beautiful and charming building. The *Centre* will be an environmental classroom by day for visiting schoolchildren from the region who will attend classes on Tampolo's natural history. They will explore the forest and see its lemurs, birds, and other critters. After school hours, the *Centre* will double as a community center for children and adults. It will be a study hall where

All Photos Penelope Bodry-Sanders



Centre EnviroKidz Tampolo classroom/community center plaque



the children can take advantage of the solar-powered electric lights after sundown to do their homework.

We visited the school across the road from the station and met the children who will use the *Centre*. They are excited, if a bit intimidated by the new classroom – so new and modern compared to their school's pole buildings with walls made of woven mats. When environmental concerns motivate the construction of as beautiful a structure as the *Centre EnviroKidz Tampolo*, environmental studies are raised in status, jobs associated with them are held in higher

esteem, and young people are motivated to pursue them. The *Centre* can be reserved for adult villagers to conduct “town meetings” and work with the foresters to improve sustainable methods of fishing, beekeeping, and farming. The Station, already a hub of environmental activity, becomes the civic and intellectual center for residents of Tampolo, filling a social need while bringing attention to environmental issues.

The construction of *Centre EnviroKidz Tampolo* is even more critical because of the environmental destruction. One of the best things LCF can do

is to provide a venue for education, action, and stewardship. The EnviroKidz Giving Back Program has allowed this to happen by underwrit-

ing the *Centre EnviroKidz Tampolo*. Through our Malagasy colleagues who will teach the classes, LCF hopes to educate and inspire all who visit the *Centre*. In addition to their being passionate advocates for the environment, the foresters are marvelous role models for both young and old.

One of the aspects about the project I liked best is the fact that a woman, **Miraniaina Andriamalala**, was the Director of the company contracted to build the classroom. She is also a Professor in Civil Engineering at Institut Supérieur de Technologie, a private university in Tana.

She was often onsite, reviewing the progress of the structure and lending a hand when needed. She was lovely and charming and a terrific role model for girls who often have less opportunities in industries dominated by men. Every aspect of the new *Centre* will help Tampolo villagers and those from farther afield who will visit it. LCF is most grateful to the EnviroKidz Giving Back Program for supporting this important addition to Tampolo!

The Alexis Rockman expedition was generously underwritten by **Mr. and Mrs. Royall Victor III, Tom Lovejoy, Charlotte Lovejoy, Martha Kiser, Scott Riviere, Penelope Bodry-Sanders, Audubon/Toyota Together Green Fellowship, and Cheri Briggs via EXPLORE Travel.**

L to R: Alexis, Dorothy Spears and Erik Patel on the trail





Photo Larry Roberts



Photo Phil Sirois

Research Highlights at the Reserve

During Spring Break, students under the direction of **Dr. Daniel Weiss**, Associate Professor of Psychology and Linguistics at Pennsylvania State University, visited the reserve to gain a better understanding of cognition in lemurs. **Helen Marie Graves**, a cognitive psychology graduate student; **Rebecca Robers**, an undergraduate majoring in psychology and **Stephanie Bay**, an undergraduate majoring in biopsychology, wanted to see how animals, in particular lemurs, perceive goal directed action. Humans are able to understand the intentions and goals of the actions of other humans. Research with other primates, like tamarins, rhesus macaques, and chimpanzees, suggest that this cognitive ability may reach far back into evolutionary time. Dr. Weiss and his students wanted to see if the lemurs were able to make inferences about the actions of a human actor. Using a series of dual choices where actors either “accidentally” or “intentionally” manipulated food bowls, they were able to determine that lemurs may, in fact, be able to make inferences about goal directed action. They hope to continue the project, titled “Evolutionary Roots of Action Perception: Perception of Goal-Directed Actions in Lemurs” in 2010.

Eckerd Research

In May 2009, **Dr. Lauren Highfill**, psychology professor at Eckerd College, initiated a multi-year research project looking at personality traits in lemurs. The project has provided research opportunities for a number of Eckerd students. The project has several components, including studying activity patterns, behavior training, and problem solving. Aspects of their work will be presented at the Comparative Cognition Society’s Annual Conference in Melbourne, Florida in 2010. For the conference, Dr.

Highfill and her students are presenting the potential relationship between personality and success on training and problem-solving tasks.

According to Dr. Highfill, “The study of animal personality has blossomed over the past few decades, and the possibility that individual animals exhibit distinct personality traits has been explored in a number of species. However, there is little research on the extent to which different personality traits covary with differences in cognitive abilities. Preliminary data indicate that certain personality traits, such as curiosity, may be related to learning rates and problem-solving capabilities in lemurs.” Research projects like this meet several needs. Data can provide important insight into the evaluation of cognitive traits in primates, leading to a better understanding of human cognition. From a practical viewpoint, data can be used to enhance the management of lemurs in captivity and provide information about critical resources need for conservation of the wild. In addition, it allows students to practice skills they will need throughout their academic careers, nurturing the conservationists & scientists of the future.

Research Internship Development

A key component of LCF’s conservation and preservation mission is conducting and promoting lemur research, both at the Myakka City Lemur Reserve and in the wild. LCF developed a research internship designed to:

- Offer an opportunity for young scientists, particularly undergraduate students new to the field, to gain experience in collecting animal behavior and ecological data; and
- Collect a stream of continuous data on the behavior of the lemurs within the reserve’s forested enclosures, which could be used to examine research questions about the social, behavioral, ecological, and

physiological needs of lemur populations.

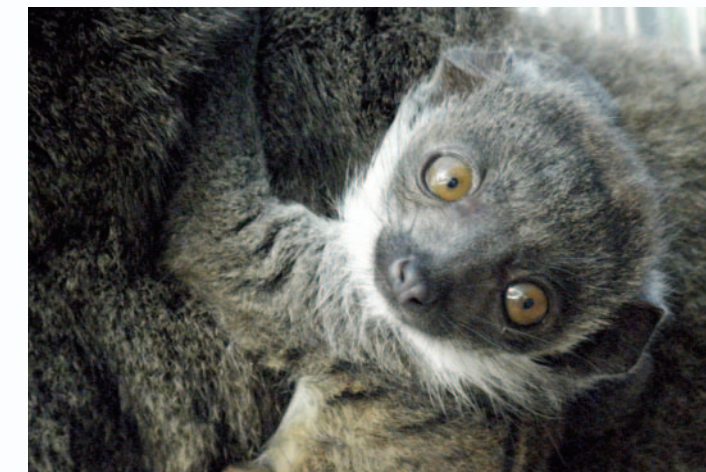
Much work was needed to create the backbone for such a program, so LCF advertised a unique opportunity: an internship focused on developing the protocols and materials to be used by future research interns. This internship required a student who had considerable experience and training. **Savannah Schulze** was the ideal person. She arrived from Minnesota in September to begin laying the groundwork for LCF’s Introductory Research Internship program. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, Morris with a BA in Anthropology and Wildlife Biology. She spent four months at the Reserve working closely with Monica Mogilewsky, Director of Research and Operations, planning and setting up our long-range research program.

Savannah created a multi-media ethogram for each core species at the reserve (*Lemur catta*, *Varecia rubra*, *Eulemur mongoz*, and *Eulemur fulvus*) that included a complete list of each species’ behaviors, a detailed description of that behavior, and explanatory photographs and video. She developed identification keys to assist future interns in learning the identities of individual lemurs within the colony. She also developed instructions for data collection, wrote inter-observer reliability tests to ensure data quality, and created a comprehensive training and safety manual. However, developing the materials for the Introductory Research Internship was not enough of a challenge for Savannah. She also designed and implemented her own research project. She collected data on the location and preferred strata of the Sanford’s brown lemurs, (*Eulemur sanfordi* aka *Eulemur fulvus sanfordi*) within both forested enclosures before and after the installation of artificial vines. The artificial vines were installed to supplement the minimally available horizontal strata that this species seems to prefer. This data will provide information on how to supplement the forests with artificial structures and natural plantings to improve the suitability of the enclosures

for the lemurs housed there. Savannah’s research proposal was reviewed by the LCF Scientific Advisory Council, who called it one of the most professional, well-written proposals reviewed on behalf of LCF. During Savannah’s last week as an LCF intern, she was hired as a field research assistant to study mountain gorillas in Uganda’s Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. We are thankful for all of Savannah’s hard work and contributions to the Introductory Research Internship and wish her the best.

Animal Husbandry Internship

In 2009 LCF hosted two six-month animal husbandry interns, **Laura Ellsaesser** and **Nicholas Jackson**, both of whom have gone on to veterinary school – North Carolina State University (NCSU) and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively. They were essential members of the LCF team and helped provide the finest animal care to the lemur colony. The interns not only become an integral part of our daily operations, but their long-term connection with LCF continues to develop beyond their internship. As a testament to the wonderful experience our interns gain, many return and volunteer their time. Laura has arranged a volunteer day with several first-year students from her pre-veterinary class at NCSU, and Nick will return and volunteer prior to his classes at Penn. Further, LCF’s Distance Learning Program is conducted by former Animal Husbandry Intern, Alex Porpora, who is in the Master’s Program in Environmental Education at the University of Utah. The internship program is growing and gaining in reputation as evidenced by the increasing number of applicants. LCF averages 30 applicants for each six-month internship opening.



Catherina, Mongoose infant; Photo Patricia Walsh



Savannah Schulze; Photo Monica Mogilewsky

Much of the work in 2009 was behind the scenes. **Claire Miller**, a fieldwork student from the University of South Florida's College of Library and Information Science, came to the reserve weekly during fall term and assisted with library projects. She made a major dent in the processing of the print journal collection in preparation for the electronic journal subscriptions. She also did an inventory of the collection and researched materials that the library might want to add. Claire gained practical "special library" experience that will benefit her in her career, and the library got an extra hand and a fresh perspective.

Work continued on the lemur digitization project with the first two major works linked in the Bladstrom Library catalog and descriptive data added to the records. Kate visited **Dr. Bob Sussman** in St. Louis, where they went through his rare book collection and assessed books for

scanning. Several volumes were selected, including volume 6 of Grandidier's "Histoire Physique Naturelle..." which provides keys and descriptions of illustrations in previously scanned volumes.

Most importantly, 2009 saw library resources being used more and more by staff, visiting researchers, interns, and program participants. Books focusing on lemurs and animal behavior were the most used, but the Florida natural history collection and materials on Madagascar were also popular. There was increased interlibrary loan activity as well, particularly hard to find journal articles. ILL is a shared free service among libraries and ensures that library users can get the information they need, regardless of whether their library owns it.

The Bladstrom Library has benefited not only from the Bladstroms' continued support, but also from generous donors who have given books, DVDs, and other materials. Volunteers have helped sort through and organize papers and performed other time-consuming tasks required to support a growing library. New acquisitions included: *Mammals of Madagascar*, *Nursery Rearing of Nonhuman Primates in the 21st Century*, *Priceless Florida: Natural Ecosystems and Native Species*, and the films *Madagascar* and *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*.



Penelope Bodry-Sanders

- Science and Environmental Council of Sarasota Secretary - Treasurer
- TogetherGreen Fellow
 - > Met with experts in New York in the art/science/conservation intersection.
 - > Interviewed **Alexis Rockman** (painter), **Dr. Natalie Jeremijenko** (engineer), **Richard Ellis** (writer and "conservation artist"), **Mary Fussell** (collagist).
 - > Attended the final workshop and celebration of her completion of the Audubon TogetherGreen Leadership program in Washington, DC.
- Took **Alexis Rockman** to Madagascar to introduce him to field biologists/conservationists and show him the biota of the island, particularly the lemurs and the problems they face daily, so he could make a painting depicting the current crisis (*see Report from the Field*).
- 2009 Teachers' Institute for Conservation Biology coordinator and guest lecturer

Monica Mogilewsky

- Attended AZA course "Institutional Records Keeping" in Wheeling, WV.
- Completed University of London Masters Program in Biodiversity Conservation & Management.
- Conducted lab work for Master's thesis "Genetic heterozygosity in captive populations of *Eulemur collaris*, collared brown lemurs, and *Eulemur coronatus*, crowned lemurs" at the Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics at the American Museum of Natural History.
- Took part in Prosimian Taxon Advisory Meeting, Cleveland, OH, moderating Mixed Species session.

Patricia Walsh

- Participated in Association of Zoo Veterinary Technicians Conference in Jackson Hole, WY.

Kate Lippincott

- Created Ring-tailed Lemur SSP website.
- Travelled to St. Louis to pick up rare books from LCF SAC member Bob Sussman, on loan to the Bladstrom Library's Digitization Project.
- Met with AMNH Librarian Diana Shih in New York and toured the AMNH Library and examined their rare lemur books.
- Served on San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science Reference Curriculum Advisory Committee

Alex Porpora

- Began Master's program in Environmental Humanities at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.
- Continued promotion and marketing of LCF's Distance Education Programming in coordination with Montclair State University.

Spotlight on LCF

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Dr. Meg Lowman, noted tree canopy expert and professor at New College of Florida in Sarasota brought students to the reserve in September and wrote about their experience in her bi-weekly environmental column. Her article "Lemurs are Embassadors" highlighted LCF's mission in the current deforestation crisis in Madagascar.

Leapin' Lemurs

Leapin' Lemurs cereal, a Nature's Path EnviroKidz product, brought attention to LCF through the informative packaging which features LCF.

In addition to the cereal, the LCF was named a recipient of Nature's Path Organic Foods' 2009 EnviroKidz Giving Back Award. The Giving Back Program donates money to non-profit organizations, such as LCF that support



Monica Mogilewsky working with Dr. George Amato on her Masters thesis.

endangered species, habitat conservation and environmental education for kids. This \$30,000 award was used to build a classroom/community center in Tampolo called *Centre EnviroKidz Tampolo*.

Pelican Press

The Bladstrom Library was featured in the Pelican Press in an article titled "Ah, those eyes..." Sarasota librarian, **Vera Neumann-Wood**, who writes a local news column about books and libraries, described her tour of the reserve, the lemurs she met, and how the library supports the work of the reserve.

Standard-Examiner

Dr. Sam Zeveloff, a Weber State University professor and LCF supporter, was featured in an article, "A Lemur-Liker/WSU Professor Travels the World to Research Mammals" in this Ogden Utah newspaper in July. He described his trip with LCF to Madagascar and his encounters with the rare lemurs there.

Sarasota Whole Foods

Whole Foods continues their generous weekly contributions of "expired" organic fruits and vegetables covering the fresh food needs of our lemur colony for the year.



Photo Monica Mogilewsky

We have compiled the accompanying statements of financial position of Lemur Conservation Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2009, and the related statement of activities for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting information in the form of financial statements that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures and statement of cash flows required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If the omitted disclosures and statement of cash flows were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's financial position, results of activities, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

CPA Associates

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January 29, 2010

December 31, 2009

ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents			
Bank of America	\$ 87,771		
Petty cash/paypal/cash box	7,406		
Total cash and equivalents		\$ 95,177	
Pedges receivable, current		5,000	
Endowment, Hamlin Capital		1,759,749	
Total current assets			1,859,926
Pledges receivable, net of current portion		5,000	
Property and equipment			
Land and improvements	711,240		
Building and improvements	1,238,661		
Fencing	113,034		
Fixtures and equipment	89,218		
Vehicles	12,113		
Total property and equipment	2,164,266		
Less accumulated depreciation	269,747		
Net property and equipment		1,894,519	
Total assets			\$ 3,759,445
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$ 6,687	
Total liabilities		6,687	
Net assets			
Unrestricted, Board designated endowment		1,759,749	
Unrestricted, Undesignated		1,935,063	
Temporarily restricted		57,946	
Total net assets		3,752,758	
Total liabilities and net assets			\$ 3,759,445



	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Support and revenue:			
Donations and pledges	\$210,753	18,025	228,778
Gifts in kind donations	24,458	-	24,458
Endowment	100,000	-	100,000
Library donations	-	15,000	15,000
Capital donations	60,000	-	60,000
Grants	30,000	5,000	35,000
LCF Fees	25,182	-	25,182
Other Income (commissions)	-	-	-
Lemur promotional (net of costs)	3,000	-	3,000
Investment income, net	78,428	-	78,428
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	179,282	-	179,282
Net assets released from restriction	100,286	(100,286)	-
Total support and revenue	\$811,389	(62,261)	749,128
Expenses:			
Accounting and legal services	15,804	-	15,804
Bank charges and fees	396	-	396
Board meetings	1,294	-	1,294
Programs	32,105	-	32,105
Education Outreach	9,201	-	9,201
Cultivation	2,360	-	2,360
Expenses covered by gifts in kind			
Lemur care	11,099	-	11,099
Board meeting	3,626	-	3,626
Other	5,008	-	5,008
Insurance	30,759	-	30,759
Interest expense	4	-	4
Lemur care	21,736	-	21,736
Library expense	3,701	-	3,701
Office expenses	3,589	-	3,589
Permits, fees, and dues	13,321	-	13,321
Postage and handling	2,504	-	2,504
Printing, publications, and photos	3,790	-	3,790
Property and other taxes	2,061	-	2,061
Reserve maintenance and supplies	12,973	-	12,973
Security	640	-	640
Staff payroll			
Benefits	8,547	-	8,547
Salaries	180,128	-	180,128
Payroll taxes	14,727	-	14,727
Staff development	3,823	-	3,823
Travel	10,599	-	10,599
Utilities	15,131	-	15,131
Vehicle expense	990	-	990
Website maintenance	339	-	339
Total Florida operating expenses	401,054	-	401,054
Programs (Tampolo operations)	28,000	-	28,000
Total operating expenses	429,054	-	429,054
Depreciation	75,206	-	75,206
Total expenses	504,260	-	504,260
Decrease in net assets	307,129	(62,261)	(244,868)
Net assets, beginning of year	3,387,683	120,207	3,507,890
Net assets, end of year	\$3,694,812	57,946	3,752,758



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