

# Community Impact

Spring 2021 to 2023



## 20,155

Students + Chaperones attended School Field Trips to the Aquarium and IMAX

## 550%

Increase in education field trips over the past two years

## 662

Guests attended Sleep in the Deep

## 488

Campers attended Summer Camps

## 78

 Campers attended Winter Break Camps

Community Engagement Educators with the Aquarium's two new education outreach vehicles



Community Engagement Educator shows an ambassador animal during an education outreach program

## OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- 8,300 Students
- 71 Schools
- 35 Libraries
- 2 Learning Centers

### Outreach to Chambliss Center for Children

“Whenever the Tennessee Aquarium comes to Chambliss Center for Children or does outreach opportunities with our kids, it’s a really valuable experience for them. Even though they might [not] be able to go [to] the Aquarium every summer like some people, they know that they’ll be able to get the same experience as a lot of other kids who are able to do that.”

—Rachel Carroll,  
Chambliss Center Communications Coordinator

# 330,000

Lake Sturgeon reintroduced into the Tennessee River over 20 years with the help of our partners

## 15

 Species targeted by conservation efforts

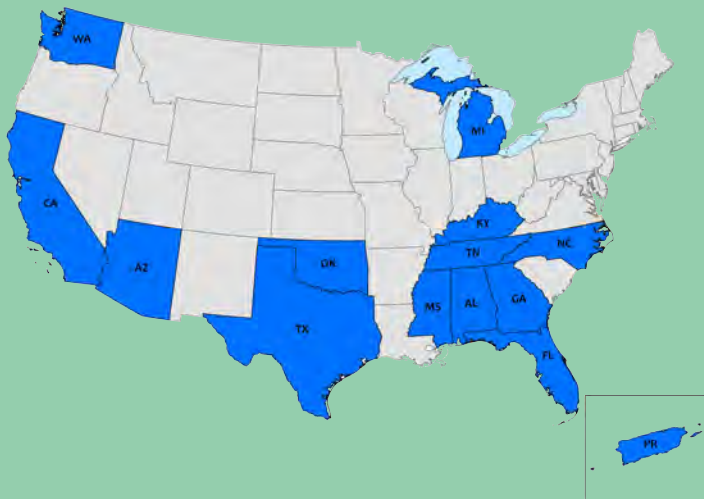
- 6 Presentations at scientific conferences
- 2 Peer reviewed journal articles
- 3 Reports published by Conservation Institute staff



Conservation Institute staff and Fellows release Lake Sturgeon in the Tennessee River

Fellows are undergraduate students who spend 11 weeks of their summer learning alongside Aquarium staff. Many Fellows have gone on to graduate school and careers in an environmental field.

### Where do Tennessee Aquarium Fellows come from?



2021 Jim Hill Fellow, Mason Strickland, collects Etowah Bridled Darters for her Master's research at the University of West Alabama. Mason works alongside Spencer Trimpe, 2022 George Benz Fellow. "I love working with Bernie [Kuhajda] and Shawna [Fix]. They've been huge mentors for me in the field," Strickland says.

## Aquarium staff volunteered 104 hours

in support of organizations within the Chattanooga community



**5 years of partnership** with KultureCity to provide staff training, sensory bags, and weighted lap pads available to Aquarium guests

**\$4,200 worth of essentials** such as diapers, infant formula, winter coats, toys, books, and stuffed animals provided to the Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults