



Butterfly Pavilion Secures Historic AZA Grant to Lead Global Monarch Conservation

Westminster, CO – November 26, 2024 – Butterfly Pavilion, the first Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)-accredited nonprofit invertebrate zoo in the world, has been awarded a groundbreaking grant to restore monarch overwintering habitat in Mexico. This marks the first time the prestigious AZA Conservation Grants Fund (CGF) was awarded to a Monarch-specific project, reinforcing Butterfly Pavilion's status as a global leader in invertebrate research, conservation, and education.

Butterfly Pavilion, in collaboration with Mexico's Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, is spearheading the *Saving Critical Overwintering Habitat for the Migratory Monarch Butterfly in Central Mexico* project. This initiative will reforest endangered oyamel fir forests, which serve as vital wintering sites for Monarchs. The project also focuses on fostering community-driven conservation efforts and strengthening international collaborations to protect the Monarch's extraordinary migration.

Butterfly Pavilion's leadership in this project underscores its pivotal role in addressing urgent conservation challenges while inspiring action worldwide. The public is encouraged to help this project by making donations to support this important work.