About Safari Club International

The Safari Club International mission statement:

- Provide value to members by shaping policies and legislation that protect the freedom to hunt locally, nationally and internationally.
- Keep members informed regarding issues that impact hunting while educating and entertaining members with engaging articles about the rich heritage of hunting in all forms of media.
- Provide a community for hunters worldwide where camaraderie is enjoyed and expert information is exchanged, and where members are able to participate in a market for quality hunting goods and services.
- Promote a positive image of hunters and portraying them as responsible citizens who fund wildlife conservation, education and other programs which benefit the community.

Safari Club International major programs are:

- Government Affairs
- SCI-PAC (Political Action Committee)
- Hunters’ Rights Advocacy
- Conservation Projects Worldwide
- American Wilderness Leadership School, a week-long seminar for students and educators regarding hunting and conservation

Each chapter returns 30% of the proceeds from their annual fundraisers to SCI. The remaining 70% stays with the Chapter to fund local educational, conservation and humanitarian projects.

**Major Donations from the Adirondack-Catskill Chapter to Safari Club International:**

- 30% donation from 20 fundraisers: $185,603
- SCI Washington Office Building Fund: $2,500
- American Wilderness Leadership School Building Fund: $2,500
- Sables donation to SCI Foundation: $11,647

**Adirondack - Catskill Chapter Projects, Programs and Services**

**Conservation Projects**

- Bluebird House Construction Project: Provided over 500 bird houses to Poland Central School, Rogers Environmental Center, Riverside Elementary School in Oneonta, Sherburne-Earlville Elementary School, New Hartford High School & Whitesboro Brownie Troop
- Winter Wildlife Feeding Station
- Joint BOCES/ACSCI wood duck nesting box construction and relocation project
- Purchased & donated two robotic deer to NYSDEC to suppress poaching
- Built a boardwalk around Utica Marsh
- Co-sponsored NYS Legislative Sportsman’s Caucus with Western - Central SCI
- Constructed a footbridge in Bowman Lake Park along the Finger Lakes Trail, $1,350
- Six years of corn seed project, distributed locally, $9,025

**Educational Projects**

- Herkimer County Envirothon, 12-year sponsor, $3,000
- NYS DEC Youth Camp, 5 sponsored youth, $1,400
- Purchased Habitat videos and workbooks for local elementary schools
- Joint W-C SCI and A-C SCI promotional video, $2,500
- Sponsor of 15 Hunter Safety Courses, sending over 500 new hunters afield
- Conducted Whitetail hunting seminars
- Sponsored Trapper Safety Courses
- Sponsored 20 teachers to attend American Wilderness Leadership School, $21,028
- Sponsored young women to attend Jackson, Wyoming BOW program $1,250
**Educational Projects** (continued)
- Obtained scholarships for 4 local students entering college, $17,600
- Sponsored 13 Young Hunters to attend American Wilderness Leadership School, $16,611
- Sables contribution to AWLS Cabin Renovation Project, $1500
- Sent library books to Namibia, $500
- Donated to the opening of the Wildlife Sports and Educational Museum, $500
- 1st National Archery in the Schools Program in NYS, Franklin Central School, $2,500
- Poland Central Schools Science Fair Conservation Award, 15 years, $1,500
- Funding for Eagle Scout to complete conservation project, $250
- Major sponsor of National Archery in the Schools Program at Norwich Schools, $1,600
- Youth Day Sponsor with Rockdale Rod & Gun Club, 9 years, $5985
- Youth Day Sponsor with Otego Rod & Gun Club, 2 years $1004
- Youth Day Sponsor with Unadilla Rod & Gun Club, 3 years $1246
- Sables sponsorship for Chenango County Youth Turkey Hunt, $725
- Sables donated to Sables Luncheon at SCI Convention, $500
- Sables purchased a Hands-On-Wildlife box for use by Mary Havlik at Cooperstown School, $580

**Humanitarian Programs**
- Special Hunter Program – sent youth on first safari to South Africa
- Special Hunter Program – provided firearm for hunter with ALS to go on first elk hunt
- Special Hunter Program – took disadvantaged youth on first wild boar hunt
- Special Hunter Program – sent terminally ill man on first elk hunt in New Mexico
- Safari Wheel Program – secured wheel chair for resident in need
- Hunts for Wounded Veterans - provided 13 hunts including airfare & trophy importation fees, $19,553
- Youth Safari Wish Hunts – provided 5 hunts, $7275
- Safari Care - Worldwide Health Care; collected and helped ship medical supplies to South Africa
- SCI Blue Bag Program, $2065

**Humanitarian Services**
- Hunters Against Hunger – Support for food banks
- Safari Wheels – Wheelchair Acquisition for handicapped
- CANY Venison Donation Program, $3100
- Anthony Guriano Fund – cash donation to equip handicap accessible van
- Wild game dinner in Utica in cooperation with the Salvation Army during the holidays
- 2018 Donation of venison to orphanage in South Africa, $700

**Other Projects**
- Friends of the NRA Donations, $1,250
- National Historic Trust Fishing Derby, Bowman Lake State Park, 3 years, $750
- Save Alaska Hunting Heritage Fund, $1000
- Kodiak Brown Bear Trust, $1,000
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, $400
- Cornell Cooperative Extension 4H Shooting Sports Program, $3,450 plus 2 South African safaris for auction that brought in an additional $3,400 at their fundraiser.
- NRA Endowment, 13 years, $13,000
- Randy & Jennifer Lawson, Wildlife Rehabilitators, $1,750
- Dan Hooker, NYS Assemblyman, election campaign, $2,000
- Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine, $1000
- Conservation Officer of the Year Award to 3 Officers in New Mexico who joined with ACSCI member Jerry Briggs in convicting Adrian Romero, the biggest case of poaching and wildlife-related fraud in New Mexico history.
- Republican Lobsterfest Fundraiser, $1,000
- Sponsor two awards annually for United Taxidermists of New York for 12 years, $2100
- Sponsor for 2016 Schenevus Central School Big Buck Contest, $100