Ohio Wildlife Center

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Our Mission

Ohio Wildlife Center is dedicated to fostering awareness and appreciation of Ohio's native wildlife through rehabilitation, education and wildlife health studies.

Our Work

Ohio Wildlife Center operates the state's largest, free native Wildlife Hospital. We are a statewide leader in wildlife animal rescue and rehabilitation. For three decades, Ohio Wildlife Center has provided critical community services and a range of wildlife protection activities through our free Wildlife Veterinary Hospital in Franklin County, as well as a 20-acre outdoor Education Center and Pre-Release Facility in Delaware County.

Ohio Wildlife Center also operates SCRAM! Wildlife Control, the community's leading non-lethal, permanent exclusion service for conflicts with wildlife in homes and businesses. This social enterprise unit generates income to support the Center's mission and offers the public an alternative to lethal commercial trapping services.

Since its founding, Ohio Wildlife Center's volunteers have been integral to its success. Hundreds of volunteers contribute thousands of service hours annually in wildlife care and rehabilitation, education, InfoLine phone guidance and outreach. Education programs touch more than 30,000 Ohioans each year.

The Education Center's reclaimed and historic Bonner Barn provides a unique gathering space for camps and programming. The barn is available for rent to the public for special events, receptions, and meetings. The income generated provides sustainability for programs and is a diverse revenue source to support the operations and mission of Ohio Wildlife Center.

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Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are honored to share the outcomes of a busy year serving our Columbus community. Whether it was responding to human-wildlife conflict situations, or rehabilitating thousands of wildlife patients, our work is carried out with compassion, resourcefulness and dedication to those we serve.

In 2018, our Wildlife Hospital again faced a record number of patients: 5,718 patients from 156 species, a 26 percent increase in just two years. Our expert staff and strong network of home rehabilitation volunteers were vital in providing the important care for these vulnerable animals with one goal in mind – to release every animal back to the wild. We made important progress with the addition of a new clinic and nursery building at the Pre-Release Facility, made possible by the All Life Foundation, to manage increasing numbers of infant and orphaned wildlife.

In our continued commitment to serving the community and leading solutions to humanwildlife conflicts, the Center was the only organization in Central Ohio to respond to a regional outbreak of Sarcoptic Mange disease in red foxes. The Wildlife Hospital assessed 34 red foxes, with many mange fox rescues facilitated by Ohio Wildlife Center staff so that life-saving treatments could begin.

With 2018 declared the Year of the Bird by the National Audubon Society and National Geographic to honor the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, our Wildlife Hospital continued its outstanding work with many large birds of prey in 2018: 5 Bald Eagles, 74 Red-tailed Hawks, and 17 Barred Owls. We were assisted by many partners in Ohio in the rehabilitation of these raptors as they moved from injury to recovery to release.

Capital improvements were also in the forefront in 2018, with projects that included adding and upgrading animal enclosures at the Pre-Release Facility, the installation of decking at the study ponds, and enhanced outdoor learning spaces for education camps and visitors.

As the heart of our organization, our volunteers contributed an impressive 22,869 hours of service in vital roles throughout the organization. We are grateful for their dedication and the passion they bring to our programs.

None of these accomplishments or the impact we generate in Central Ohio would be possible without the critical support of our donors, partners and volunteers. We welcomed new board trustee Brian Sell in 2018, and acknowledged the tremendous service of outgoing trustees Beth Lenoble and Aaron Ansari. Valerie Swiatek accepted a new role as chair of the board of trustees and we look forward to her continued leadership and advocacy for the Center.

Thank you for making 2018 another remarkable year for Ohio Wildlife Center.

With appreciation,

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Jeff Walker Chair, Board of Trustees





Dusty Lombardi Executive Director



Wildlife Hospital

Impact and Service

5,718 wildlife patients from 47 Ohio counties treated
156 different species of Ohio wildlife were examined by hospital staff and volunteers
3,754 animals were rescued in Franklin County
91% of animals brought to the Wildlife Hospital were presented by private citizens



In 2018, the Wildlife Hospital assessed and treated its highest number to date of injured, sick, and orphaned wild animals. The year saw an eight percent increase from 2017, and a 26 percent increase from 2016. A record number of mammals (3,109) and birds (2,481) received veterinary care and a significant number of patients (65%) were infant and orphaned wildlife.

The upward trend in patients follows the continued growth and development in Central Ohio. As habitats disappear, food sources and shelter diminish and wildlife compete for less space to live and nest. Adapting to more urban landscapes has increased human-linked injuries for wildlife from construction, traffic, and housing and building expansion.

The Wildlife Hospital treated many large birds of prey in 2018: 5 Bald Eagles, 74 Red-tailed Hawks, and 17 Barred Owls. More than 680 raptors have been cared for at the hospital in the last three years.

Expanded housing and rehabilitation enclosures were priority additions to the Pre-Release Facility in 2018

to better accommodate the large numbers of animals that transition between the Wildlife Hospital and the PRF to their final stages of recovery. A new clinic building is designed to provide species specific spaces and housing for larger animals and those requiring extended care such as foxes and bats.

Wildlife rescues increased by 50 percent in 2018, providing services in situations requiring trained expertise for hospital transport and reunifications.

The Montei Foundation Externship at the hospital supported two Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine students who conducted research in fledging songbird commercial diets and songbird care; turtle pain management and euthanasia; and a visual aging guide for infant mammals with housing guidelines.

A new partnership was established with the Columbus State Veterinary Technician Program to provide clinical experiences for vet tech students, and 34 college interns participated in the Wildlife Hospital intern program from seven colleges and universities.

2018 Hospital Patient Admissions

Vultures: Black Turkey

Ohio Wildlife Center operates the state's largest, free native Wildlife Hospital and is permitted by the State of Ohio's Division of Wildlife. Each year brings higher numbers of patients to the hospital as habitats in

Central Ohio decrease and wildlife injuries increase. Our Wildlife Hospital focuses on assessment, treatment and rehabilitation, with the ultimate goal to release the animals back to the wild.

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Reptiles & Amphibians	126
Turtles: Midland Painted, Common Musk, Snapping, Woodland Box, Eastern Chicken, Yellow Bellied Slider, 3-Toed Box, Northern Map, Common Musk, Eastern Spiny Softshell, Red- eared slider	100
Snakes: Common Garter, Northern Brown, Rat Snake, Queen Snake	11
Frogs: Bullfrog, Green Frog, Treefrog	9
Toads: Fowler's Toad and Eastern American Toad	6
Mammals	3,109
Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	1,079
Squirrels: Eastern Gray, Eastern Fox, Red, Southern Flying	630
Virginia Opossum	532
Raccoon	349
Bat: Big Brown, Eastern Red, Hoary, Silver Haired	150
Rodents: Deer Mouse, House Mouse, Norway Rat, White Footed Mouse, Woodchuck, Muskrat, Meadow Vole	134
Striped Skunk	90
Eastern Chipmunk	50
White-Tailed Deer*	36*
Shrews and Moles: Northern Short-tailed Shrew, Eastern Mole	19
Red Fox	34
American Mink	5
Bobcat	1
Raptors	219
Hawks: Red-tailed, Red- shouldered, Cooper's, Broad- winged, Sharp-shinned, Osprey	124

Falcons: American Kestrel, Peregrine	15
Bald Eagle	5
Owls: Barn, Barred, Eastern Screech, Great Horned, Snowy	57
Shorebirds and Waterbirds	565
Ducks: Mallard, Wood, Gadwall	391
Canada Goose	133
Herons: Great Blue, Green	13
Gruiformes: American Coot, Virginia Rail, Sora	3
Ring-billed Gull	5
Killdeer	6
Grebe: Pied-Billed, Horned	2
Great Egret	1
Sandhill Crane	1
Hooded Merganser	2
Trumpeter Swan	1
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Double Crested Cormorant	7
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Warblers: Black-and-white, Blackthroated grey, Magnolia, Yellow-

throated, Ovenbird, Tennessee, Chestnut-sided, Mourning	17
Woodpecker: Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red- headed	23
Northern Mockingbird, Common Grackle & Gray Catbird	48
Flycatcher: Great Crested, Eastern Phoebe	3
Red-winged Blackbird	3
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	7
Indigo Bunting	1
Common Nighthawk	4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1
Brown Thrasher	3
Tufted Titmouse	7
American Woodcock	7
Non-Migratory Birds	927
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*White-Tailed Deer – Ohio Division of Wildlife requires fawns be assessed and fostered back to a wild herd within 72 hours of hospital admission.

Wildlife Hospital continued





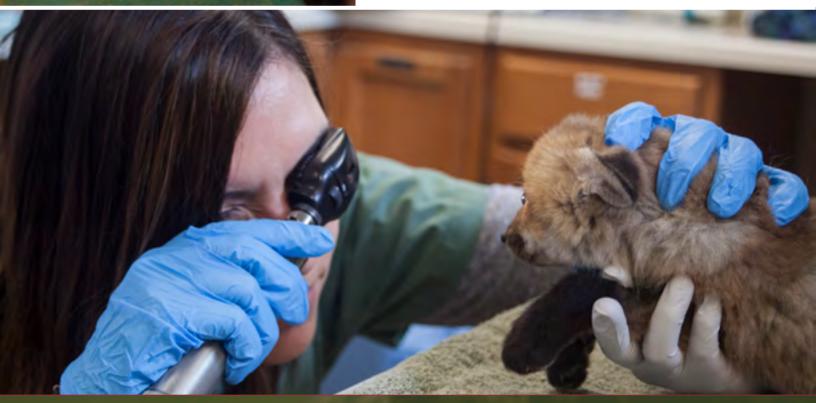
Hospital Responds to Mange Outbreak in Red Foxes

O hio Wildlife Center was the only organization in Central Ohio in 2018 that was able to quickly respond to a regional outbreak of Sarcoptic Mange disease in red foxes. There were 34 red foxes assessed at the Wildlife Hospital and those with mange received extensive treatment and had recovery times lasting two to three months.

Mange, a highly contagious skin condition that can spread across fox dens, causes infections and complications for foxes and makes them vulnerable to starvation and hypothermia. For each mange fox brought to the Wildlife Hospital, treatment costs averaged \$600 in veterinary care, vaccinations, medication and special nutrition.

As large carnivores, the red foxes required protection, denning space and time to recover before they could return to the wild. Ohio Wildlife Center partnered with local municipalities and citizens around Columbus to rapidly respond to this community-wide, wildlife health concern within the local fox population. Our expert rehabilitation team achieved an 83 percent recovery rate for the mange foxes.

This red fox rescued in Dublin, Ohio was successfully treated for Sarcoptic Mange disease at the Wildlife Hospital.



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Rehabilitated Bald Eagle Returns to the Wild

It was a remarkable year for Bald Eagles at Ohio Wildlife Center in 2018 as the Center introduced Burton, a new Animal Ambassador Bald Eagle, to the Central Ohio Community. Burton has helped educate thousands of Ohio Wildlife Center visitors about the conservation success story of Bald Eagles in the U.S. perched in his new enclosure built specifically for these large raptors.

The Wildlife Hospital assessed five Bald Eagle patients during the year, with various conditions from West Nile virus to blunt force injuries. One eagle rescued from Hocking County reached the Wildlife Hospital through the joint efforts of a regional college and staff members of the Ohio Department of Transportation, who spotted the raptor caught in a fence. A Hocking College instructor brought the eagle to the Wildlife Hospital, where it received medical attention and spent several months recovering at the Pre-Release Facility. On September 21, 2018, the eagle was released back to the wild near the campus of Hocking College where it flew toward the nearby Hocking River. A Bald Eagle rescued from Hocking County is assessed by Ohio Wildlife Center veterinarian Dr. Melinda Marksz with help from education director Stormy Gibson. An initial exam and tests confirmed the eagle was dehydrated, emaciated, had a number of blunt force injuries and suffered from West Nile virus. It was treated with IV fluids, medications and nutritional supplements. After several months of rehabilitation it was released near Hocking College.



Impact and Service

31,178 Ohioans educated
335 day campers enjoyed outdoor education
education programs presented about native Ohio wildlife in the Central Ohio community
Animal Ambassadors from 39 species

The conservation education team at Ohio Wildlife Center delivers dynamic programs throughout the community to increase awareness about the value of wildlife and animal habitats in Ohio. Presentations across all ages reach more than 31,000 Ohioans annually through summer and day camps, field trips, schools and outreach events.

With a focus on hands-on learning, nature observation and outdoor experiences, program participants are immersed in living classrooms to gain insights about compelling wildlife and environmental topics. The Center's live animal exhibits and Animal Ambassadors provide unique opportunities for visitors to understand the important role of Ohio's native wildlife in the ecosystem.

Several new Animal Ambassadors joined Ohio Wildlife Center in 2018: Burton the Bald Eagle; Chase the Turkey Vulture; Ranger the Black Vulture; Sky the American Kestrel; Poca the Raccoon; Torch the Red-tailed Hawk; and Box Turtles Ann, Lewis, Clark, and Sagan. The Center's Animal Ambassadors. some of which are animals treated at the hospital that cannot be released back to the wild, travel with staff and volunteers to outreach and education programs throughout Central Ohio to help teach and illustrate wildlife behaviors.

With 2018 designated as the Year of the Bird to mark the centennial of

the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, education programming also featured themes to heighten public awareness of birds, such as the Great Back Yard Bird Count. The Lights Out Columbus initiative was also implemented to save migratory songbirds, conduct research and highlight how changing environments threaten bird species.

Internships within the Education Department now include students from Columbus State Community College, Ohio State University, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio University, Miami University, and Hocking College. The Center is now in its sixth year with the sophomore practicum for Otterbein University Zoo and Conservation Science majors.

Second Sunday open houses brought hundreds of visitors to the Education Center in Powell in 2018 to tour the wildlife exhibits and participate in family and animal enrichment activities.

Lights Out Columbus Launched to Save Neotropical Migratory Songbirds

he 100th anniversary of the **Migratory Bird Treaty** Act designated 2018 as the Year of the Bird. Ohio Wildlife Center observed this milestone by obtaining pilot funding for Lights Out Columbus, an initiative to save migratory songbirds, conduct research and educate the public about the urgency and impact of environmental threats to the survival of migratory songbird species.

Each spring and fall, millions of birds migrate through Ohio as they travel between their breeding and overwintering grounds. Lights or reflective glass on tall buildings can disorient birds and draw them into buildings in downtown corridors and urban settings. This causes many birds to strike windows or circle buildings until they fall from exhaustion. Collisions with buildings are a leading cause of bird fatality

and up to 500 million birds are estimated to die each year in North America from building collisions.

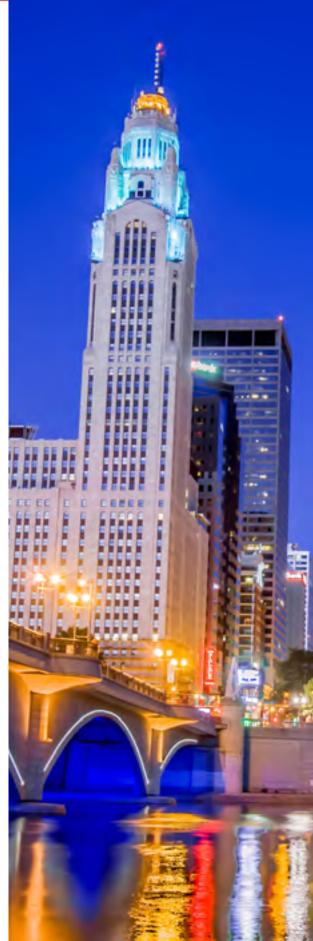
Lights Out Columbus entered its planning phase in late 2018, addressing two key initiatives:

- The re-engagement of urban stakeholders, building owners and managers in downtown Columbus to enact lighting modifications and raise awareness of migration threats.
- The organization and deployment of a comprehensive monitoring and data gathering effort utilizing volunteers and professionals to identify, collect and rehabilitate songbirds injured in downtown Columbus during the spring and fall migration seasons of 2019.

The Lights Out Columbus project is designed to carry out key activities to save songbirds, as few birds injured within urban centers ever reach a wildlife hospital with capabilities to assess and treat them. In 2018, the Wildlife Hospital cared for 772 songbirds.

The project also includes the involvement of downtown Columbus stakeholders with capabilities to reduce night lighting on tall buildings to minimize human-induced threats to Neotropical migratory birds. Ohio Wildlife Center also hosted the Lights Out **Ohio Coordinators** Summit in February of 2018, which included state and regional participants such as the Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, Lights Out Miami Valley and Lights Out Cleveland, to share best practices and project logistics.

The grant for Lights Out Columbus was awarded by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. The project mirrors similar Lights Out programs across major U.S. cities and Ohio.



Impact and Service

768 residential and commercial services calls made to assist homeowners and businesses with wildlife conflicts in **10** counties

79 city of Dublin service calls

Top 5 species consumers seek assistance for from SCRAM! services: Big Brown Bat,

Eastern Gray Squirrel, Raccoons, Striped Skunks and Woodchucks

21% SCRAM! services generate nearly a quarter of Ohio Wildlife Center's operating revenue

922 animals involved in exclusion services
2.025 linear feet dug for wildlife eviction and exclusion

The SCRAM! team, Chris Shirring, Adam Turpen, Corey Myers and Amberlyn Maxwell (middle photo); and Quik and Blaze, SCRAM!'s geese mitigation team



For nearly two decades, Ohio Wildlife Center's SCRAM! Wildlife Control has served the Central Ohio community through its alternative solutions to lethal commercial trapping for wildlife conflicts.

SCRAM! deploys experienced technicians trained in wildlife behaviors to evaluate problems and devise non-lethal, humane exclusion solutions for residential and business clients dealing with a range of wildlife issues. SCRAM! staff manage the entire exclusion process and work with clients to create permanent building modifications and repairs to prevent future wildlife issues.

SCRAM! continues to expand within the region, posting a 40 percent increase in the number of contracted clients in 2018. Created as a social enterprise unit to generate income for operations, both residential and commercial customers request the majority of wildlife service calls.

Growing visibility and recognition in Columbus of SCRAM! assists in education efforts across communities about humane solutions to wildlife conflicts common in urban and suburban neighborhoods. Contracted partnerships with businesses such as condominiums and municipalities provide tailored SCRAM! services in wildlife control.

SCRAM! Canada geese mitigation programs at sites from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to local parks deploy trained border collies to address nesting and breeding issues. SCRAM! technicians also conduct wildlife rescues and reuniting services.



Volunteers

Impact and Service

22,869

Total volunteer hours donated

Volunteerism at Ohio Wildlife Center has been the central core of the organization since its founding 35 years ago.

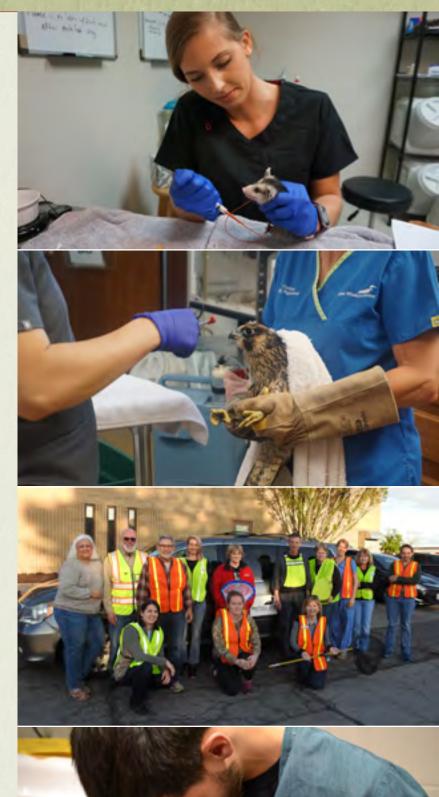
With more than 250 volunteers donating 22,869 hours of service in 2018 in wildlife care and rehabilitation, education, special events, community outreach, and InfoLine guidance, their impact is immense and inspiring.

Their passion to help animals, to make learning fun for children, to bring conservation stories to life, and to simply serve in any capacity, makes it possible for Ohio Wildlife Center to deliver its mission 365 days a year.

The collaborations with local colleges and universities that bring students to the hospital and Center for internships and volunteer experiences have benefits for both. Students are immersed in real-time tasks and become part of the team to learn first-hand about what is required to operate a wildlife rehabilitation center. Their "can-do" spirit, curiosity and passion for service are a daily inspiration to staff.

Ohio Wildlife Center continues its 25 year partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction that extends our volunteer network to several facilities in the state. At the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) in Marysville, Ohio, the first facility to participate in 1994, inmates cared for orphaned animals, primarily bunnies, squirrels, Virginia opossums and hatchling birds that need time intensive, but not medically urgent care. Hospital volunteers transport the orphaned wildlife to and from the facilities.

Rescue team volunteers carried out 214 wildlife rescues in 2018, more than twice the number of rescues logged in 2017.



Ohio Wildlife Center

Ohio Wildlife Center Partnerships

In 2018, Ohio Wildlife Center had collaborations and serviceagreements with the following organizations and community groups:

Animal Care Unlimited

Catering by Scott

City of Columbus Recreation and Parks

City of Dublin

Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks

Columbus State Community College

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Delaware Area Career Center

EarthShare Ohio

Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Ohio Division of Wildlife

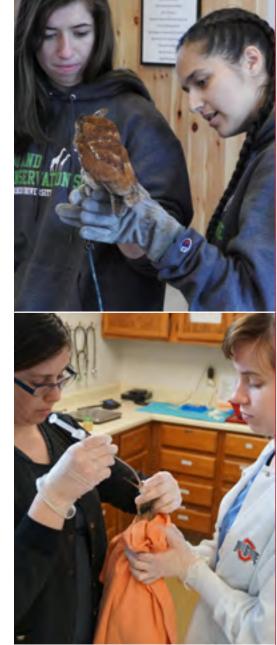
Ohio State University

Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association

Otterbein University

Pet Cremation Services

Stratford Ecological Center



Foundation Grants

In 2018, Ohio Wildlife Center received grants from the following funders to support the Wildlife Hospital, education programs, capital improvements and general operations:

All Life Foundation – Capital additions and Wildlife Hospital

Barbara and Bill Bonner Family Foundation – Capital improvements and operations

Cardinal Health – Operational support

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Fund – Lights Out Project support and operations

Cooper Family Foundation – Operational support

Crane Corporation – Operational support

Finley's Smile Foundation – Education programming

Greif, Inc. – Education

Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. – Wildlife Summer Day Camp

Kaplan Foundation – Operational support

Montei Foundation – Operational support

Rust Foundation – Capital improvements

Summerlee Foundation – Project support

The Columbus Foundation – Programmatic and operational support



The support and passion of generous donors, volunteers and friends of Ohio Wildlife Center brought events to life in 2018. At WildNite for Wildlife, Back to the Wild, and Red Tail Run, wildlife success stories were celebrated among dedicated guests with the goal of raising critical funds for the free Wildlife Hospital, conservation education and outreach.

WildNite for Wildlife

On May 17, 2018, the Center's signature event, WildNite for Wildlife, took place at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. With 375 guests, the event raised \$235,527 for the Wildlife Hospital. The Dr. Donald L. Burton Legacy Award recognized the Barbara and Bill Bonner Family Foundation for its support and advocacy for Ohio Wildlife Center's Wildlife Hospital and Education Center. The foundation has been a key funder for many capital projects, including the Bonner Barn and Bald Eagle Exhibit, and for vital operational needs.

Bonner family member and Ohio Wildlife Center Board Officer Valerie Swiatek accepted the award, noting that her father Bill Bonner and the late Dr. Burton both enriched Central Ohio with their unique talents and dedication to community service. The evening also featured a buffet dinner donated by Catering by Scott, a live and silent auction, Funda-Need, and visits from the Center's Animal Ambassadors.





Red Tail Run

The 5th annual 5K Run and Walk through Shawnee Hills brought 123 participants to the Education Center on September 30, 2018. Runners, walkers, and joggers were routed through a new course in the Cook and Dublin Road area and raised \$10,134 for wildlife. Lead sponsors were Animal Care Unlimited, Columbus Fair Auto Auction, CSNS Relocation Services, NorthSteppe Realty, Sunbury Veterinary Clinic, Cardinal Health and Jeff and Colleen Walker. The event ended with the release of a Red-tailed Hawk near the Bonner Barn and pond.



Back to the Wild

On July 21, 2018, 80 guests and staff celebrated success stories from Wildlife Hospital patients at the Back to the Wild event. A brunch hosted by Valerie and Frank Swiatek at the Bonner Barn featured a naming contest for new Animal Ambassador Woodland Box turtles (Lewis and Clark were the winning names). Rehabilitated wildlife that returned back to the wild at the event included Eastern Cottontail Rabbits, Mallard Ducks, Canada Geese, and Virginia opossums.

Ohio Wildlife Center Statement of Activities* for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Revenue, Gains and Other Support:		Unrestricted		Restricted	Total		
Support:							
Donations and membership	\$	655,584	\$	-	\$ 655,584		
Grants		28,750		325,747	354,497		
Net assets released from restrictions		146,488		-146,488	-		
Total Support		830,822		179,259	1,010,081		
Revenue:							
Animal care contributions		307,868		-	307,868		
Educational programs		156,036		-	156,036		
In-kind contributions		78,728		-	78,728		
Other income		15,994		-	15,994		
Interest income		192		-	192		
Total Revenue		558,818		-	558,818		
Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support		1,389,640		179,259	1,568,899		
Expenses:							
Program services		872,845		127,765	1,000,610		
Management and general		194,797		241	195,038		
Fundraising		251,552		11,322	262,874		
Total Expenses		1,319,194		139,328	1,458,522		
Change in Net Assets		70,446		39,931	110,377		
Net Assets - Beginning of Year		2,419,318		396,691	2,816,009		
Net Assets - End of Year	\$	2,489,764	\$	436,622	\$ 2,926,386		

Ohio Wildlife Center is a 501(c)3 organization that operates through funding from charitable contributions. Ohio Wildlife Center receives no annual tax or state or federal government funding and relies on donations to support its Wildlife Hospital, Education Center, programs and services. The Center is committed to efficient and effective use of all resources and donor gifts while continuing to develop and diversify revenue sources for operations.

*For a copy of current audited financial statements, please contact lwinstel@ohiowildlifecenter.org



Thank You!

5,718 wildlife animals admitted to the Wildlife Hospital 47 counties in Ohio served More than 30,000 Ohioans attended education programs 2,021 animals released back to the wild 3,109 mammal patients treated at the Wildlife Hospital 150 bats admitted to the Wildlife Hospital Volunteers logged 22,869 hours

10 new Animal Ambassadors joined the Center









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