

# Ohio Wildlife Center

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



**Ohio Wildlife Center**

## 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

### Wildlife Hospital and Wildlife Health Studies

Ohio Wildlife Center operates the state's largest, donation-supported wildlife hospital. We are a statewide leader in native wildlife animal rescue and rehabilitation. With 35 years of service, Ohio Wildlife Center continues to provide a range of wildlife protection activities through our Wildlife Veterinary Hospital in Franklin County.

### Conservation Education

Our 20-acre Education Center and Pre-Release Facility in Delaware County is the base for classes, tours, camps and programming related to conservation education. Outreach programming both off-site and on-site educates 30,000 Ohioans annually.

### SCRAM! Wildlife Control

Ohio Wildlife Center also operates SCRAM! Wildlife Control, the community's leading non-lethal, permanent eviction and exclusion service for 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.

### Bonner Barn

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 operations.



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## Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We observed an important milestone in 2019 as we celebrated 35 years of service to the community in wildlife rehabilitation and conservation education. In looking back on the humble beginnings of an organization that now operates the state's largest Wildlife Hospital, we owe a great debt of gratitude to the late Dr. Donald Burton, our founder, whose vision, passion and leadership endeared him to so many.

His inspirational style brought countless others to rally behind the cause of wildlife. From a dedicated group of people who formed a board in 1984, we have grown to be a state and regional leader in all aspects of our work. To date, the Wildlife Hospital has cared for a total of 135,000 animals. Through the years of change and expansion, we have always stayed true to the Center's founding values: deliver care with compassion, educate with enthusiasm and guide with knowledge and expertise.

Nowhere is growth more evident each year than the activity of the Wildlife Hospital, whose purpose has anchored the Center for its three and a half decades of operation. In 2019, we documented a third record-setting year in patient care with 6,426 animals from 164 species brought to the hospital from 57 counties in Ohio. As Central Ohio continues to grow, wildlife injuries and illnesses increase, as do the demands for our services.

The Center's response to these increases incorporated both capital improvements and efficiencies in care. With foundation funding secured in 2019, much-needed renovations to the Wildlife Hospital are at the forefront. At our Pre-Release Facility, where patients are prepared for their release back to the wild, we completed a total renovation of our outdoor waterfowl pond, added new raptor flight enclosures, built specialized indoor-outdoor fox enclosures, and installed a new refrigerated food storage system. New technology deployed for our revenue producing Education Department and SCRAM! Wildlife Control has improved business services and maximized staff time.

Our conservation initiatives reached into the urban center during the 2019 pilot for Lights Out Columbus, a project to save Neotropical migratory songbirds injured by window and building strikes during nighttime flight. Teams of volunteers logged 1,336 hours walking downtown routes seven days a week during the spring and fall migrations to collect data, document injuries and transfer birds needing treatment to the Wildlife Hospital.

Our progress, as always, is possible because of our dedicated supporters and volunteers. We are especially grateful to former board chair and trustee Jeff Walker for his eight years of service on our board and his ongoing encouragement to meet the challenges ahead.

With appreciation,

**Valerie Swiatek**  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*



**Dusty Lombardi**  
*Executive Director*



**6,426** Wildlife patients from 57 Ohio counties were treated

**164** Different species of Ohio wildlife were examined by hospital staff and volunteers

**2,977** Animals were rescued in Franklin County

**5,862** citizens brought animals to the Wildlife Hospital

**41.8%** of patients were infant and orphaned wildlife

**F**rom its earliest days of operation in the late 1980's, the Wildlife Hospital saw steady patient growth: 1,300 patients treated in 1988, 1,700 treated in 1990, to 3,293 patients in 1995. By the early 2000's, the volume accelerated to more than 4,200 patients a year. The last decade has paralleled the growth in Franklin and its surrounding counties as more native Ohio wild animals struggle to meet challenges in habitat loss, competition for food, and diminished landscapes for breeding and nesting.

In two record-setting years between 2016 and 2018, the hospital saw a 26 percent increase in patients. Continued growth in 2019 marked another record year: 6,426 animals, a 12.4 percent increase in patients from 2018. Mammals continue to be among the highest numbers treated, including 1,204 Eastern cottontail rabbits, 214 bats, 146 striped skunks, and 700

Virginia opossums. Of the total patients, 41.8 percent were infant and orphaned wildlife.

Three Bald Eagles were brought to the hospital in 2019. It was a milestone on the first weekend in September when two of the eagles were released at separate sites south of Columbus. After hospital assessment and care, both eagles spent several weeks at Ohio Wildlife Center's Pre-Release Facility for rehabilitation in flight skills and catching prey. The juvenile male eagle released on September 6 at Coshocton Lake Park had been rescued during the summer by a local Coshocton resident and brought to the hospital suffering from anemia and dehydration. On September 7, a male eagle that had been rescued in July in Pickaway County by Ohio Wildlife Center volunteers Dave Wood and Kelly Mehring was released at Marsha Gunder Schneider Nature Preserve. It had suffered from dehydration, anemia and exposure to West Nile Virus.

Several capital additions to the Pre-Release Facility in 2019 expanded the capacity to house and rehabilitate both the high numbers of infant animals and those requiring larger spaces for longer recovery periods, including foxes and bats. The new Naomi C.

Dempsey Wildlife Clinic that became operational features complete climate control and specially designed interior enclosures for waterfowl and foxes. Interior design spaces are also flexible enough to accommodate a range of needs for different species.

The hospital's volunteer rescue team deployed expanded outreach in the community through social media and rescued 360 patients, a 68 percent increase from 2018.

Two Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine students completed Montei Foundation Externships at the hospital. Their research focused on the care of mange foxes, food choices by Red-shouldered Hawks during rehabilitation, goniometry and electrogoniometry of carpus and elbow joints in Barred Owls, and sedation protocols for raccoons. The hospital also facilitated internships for 29 college students from seven colleges and universities.



Ohio Wildlife Center Rescue Team volunteers Dave Wood and Kelly Mehring transported an ill Bald Eagle found in Pickaway County to the Wildlife Hospital for care and treatment. The eagle (above) was released at a nature preserve after recovery.

## 2019 Wildlife Hospital Patient Admissions

Ohio Wildlife Center operates the state’s largest, donation-supported native Wildlife Hospital. It is permitted by the State of Ohio’s Division of Wildlife. The hospital’s focus is to provide veterinary assessments, treatments and rehabilitation toward the main goal of recovery and release back to the wild.

<b>Reptiles &amp; Amphibians</b>	<b>162</b>	Crows, Jays, Magpies: American Crow, Blue Jay	66	<b>Other Bird Species</b>	<b>144</b>
Turtles: Midland Painted, Eastern Painted, Common Musk, Snapping, Woodland Box, Yellow Bellied Slider, Eastern Spiny Softshell, Smooth Softshell, Northern Map Turtle	109	Wrens: Carolina*, House*	61	Woodpeckers: Downy, Red-bellied, Hairy, Pileated, Northern Flicker*, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*	42
Snakes: Common Garter, Dekay’s Brown Snake	31	Swallows: Barn*, Tree*	43	Cuckoo: Yellow-billed*, Black-billed*	5
Frogs: Bullfrog, Treefrog	7	Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Buntings: Scarlet Tanager*, Summer Tanager*, Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	8	Swifts: Chimney Swift*	26
Toads: Eastern American Toad	2	Warblers: Black-and-white*, Black-Throated Blue*, Black-Throated Green*, Blackpoll*, Blue-Winged*, Cape May*, Common Yellowthroat*, Magnolia*, Nashville*, Northern Waterthrush*, Ovenbird*, Tennessee*, Chestnut-sided*, Mourning*	29	Hummingbirds: Ruby-throated*	22
Redback Salamander	1	Mockingbirds and Thrashers: Northern Mockingbird*, Gray Catbird*	23	Belted Kingfisher*	3
Domestic Turtles: Red-Eared Slider, Ornate Box Turtle, Eastern Chicken	12	Vireoes: Red-Eyed*, White-Eyed*	2	Nightjars, Whip-Poor-Wills: Common Nighthawk*, Whip-Poor-Will*	5
<b>Ducks, Geese, Waterfowl and Shorebirds</b>	<b>526</b>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	2	Gamebirds: Ring-Necked Pheasant, Turkey, Northern Bobwhite	4
Mallard	256	Chickadees and Titmice: Black-Capped, Carolina, Tufted Titmouse	25	Domestics and Other: Mute Swan, Hybrid Duck, Pekin, Dove, Zebra Finch, Undetermined	37
Canada Goose	192	Kinglets: Golden-crowned Kinglet*	4	<b>Mammals</b>	<b>3,763</b>
Ducks: Wood*, Blue-Winged Teal*, Bufflehead*, Lesser Scaup*	47	Cedar Waxwing*	27	Virginia Opossum	700
Common Loon*	1	Brown Creeper	1	Eastern Cottontail Rabbit	1,204
Double Crested Cormorant*	3	White-breasted Nuthatch	4	Squirrels: Eastern Gray, Eastern Fox, Red, Southern Flying, Thirteen-lined Ground	777
Hérons, Egrets, Grebes: Great Blue*, Green*, American Bittern*, Pied-Billed Grebe*	18	Flycatchers, Pewees, Phoebes: Eastern Phoebe*, Eastern Wood Pewee*	10	Mice: Deer Mouse, House Mouse, Norway Rat, White Footed Mouse	102
Gulls, Sandpipers, Killdeer: Ring-billed Gull*, Killdeer*, Wilson’s Snipe*, American Woodcock	8	Blackbirds, Orioles, Grackles: Red-winged Blackbird*, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole*, Northern Oriole*, Common Grackle	91	Shrews: Northern Short-tailed Shrew, Least Shrew, Common Shrew	5
Rails, Coots and Cranes: American Coot	1	House Sparrow	302	Moles & Voles: Meadow Vole, Eastern Mole	13
<b>Passeriformes</b>	<b>1,626</b>	European Starling	163	Eastern Chipmunk	45
American Robin*	314	<b>Birds of Prey</b>	<b>205</b>	Bats: Big Brown, Little Brown, Eastern Red, Hoary, Silver Haired, Northern Long Eared Bat	214
Other Thrushes, Veeries: Eastern Bluebird*, Gray-cheeked*, Swainson’s*, Hermit*, Wood Thrush*	34	Hawks: Red-tailed, Red-shouldered, Cooper’s, Sharp-shinned, Osprey	115	Raccoons	468
Mourning Dove*	132	Owls: Barn, Barred, Eastern Screech, Great Horned, Short-eared*	59	Striped Skunks	146
Finches: American*, House	106	Falcons: American Kestrel, Peregrine	10	Woodchucks	26
Northern Cardinal	91	Eagles: Bald Eagle	3	American Mink	3
Rock Pigeon	46	Vultures: Black, Turkey	18	Red Foxes	13
Sparrow, Junco, Towhee: Chipping*, Song*, White-throated*, Dark-eyed Junco*, Eastern Towhee	42			Coyotes	2
				Muskrats	3
				White-Tailed Deer**	42
				<b>Total Patients:</b>	<b>6,426</b>

\*Denotes Neotropical migrants

\*\*White-Tailed Deer – Ohio Division of Wildlife requires fawns be assessed and fostered back to a wild herd within 72 hours of hospital admission.

More than **30,000** Ohioans educated

**282** Day Campers enjoyed outdoor education

**271** Education programs presented about native Ohio wildlife in the Central Ohio community

**O**hio Wildlife Center celebrated its 35th anniversary on September 8, 2019 with a public open house at the Education Center in Powell featuring tours, lectures and visits from some of the 64 Animal Ambassadors that are permanent residents. It was an event dedicated both to sharing the remarkable stories of wildlife and the progress over two decades of outreach education made possible when the property with 20-acres of woods, streams and fields was acquired in 1999.

The Center's conservation education team, which started with a single educator in 2001, continues to raise awareness of the importance of native Ohio wildlife through dynamic presentations and hands-on learning.

Creating the Education Center at the Powell facility allowed for strategic growth in accommodating greater programming options and camps and on-site tours and field trips for community and school groups.

With opportunities to hike trails, study wetlands and pond life, and observe animals in natural settings, visitors to the Center can better understand the interdependence of healthy ecosystems and thriving wildlife populations.

The Education Center's live animal exhibits and Animal Ambassadors offer unique experiences for students of all ages to learn about the wide range of species that live in or migrate through the state.

In 2019, several new Animal Ambassadors joined Ohio Wildlife

Center: a Virginia opossum, a Southern flying squirrel, a milk snake, a red fox and a big brown bat. The ambassadors cannot be released back to the wild due to permanent injuries and they help teach and illustrate wildlife behaviors as part of the education team.

The Education Department has become an established resource for students seeking internships across many college majors. Student interns from Columbus State Community College, Ohio State University, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio University, Otterbein, Miami University, and Hocking College enrich programming each year. The Center is now in its seventh year facilitating the sophomore practicum for Otterbein University Zoo and Conservation Science majors.



## Lights Out Columbus Saves Neotropical Migratory Songbirds

**O**hio Wildlife Center completed two seasons of comprehensive monitoring and data gathering during its pilot 2019 project year of Lights Out Columbus, a conservation initiative to save Neotropical migratory songbirds.

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Fund provided the initial grant funding to support the monitoring, research and education efforts to mitigate the impact of environmental threats to the survival of migratory songbird species as they travel through urban corridors in the spring and fall. Teams of volunteers logged a total of 1,336 hours in 2019 walking routes in downtown Columbus seven days a week during the spring and fall migrations to collect data, document injuries and transfer birds needing treatment to the Wildlife Hospital.

Injured birds received an exam, supportive care, specialized nutrition and a protected place to recover from window strikes and exhaustion. Most of the birds treated recovered in 24 hours and were later released to continue their migrations.

Among the highest number of species collected during the monitoring were: Ovenbirds, White-throated Sparrows, Tennessee Warblers, Blackburnian Warblers, Brown Creepers, and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. Prior to its release, a rescued White-throated Sparrow was fitted with a nanotag, a tiny radio transmitter, enabling the tracker to transmit information about the bird's migration pattern to Motus station receiving towers as it moved to southern wintering grounds.

Nearly half of known bird species are migratory, moving from one habitat to another in changing seasons. Collisions with buildings from disorienting city and skyscraper lights and reflective glass are a leading cause of bird fatalities during migrations. From March to May and August to November, Lights Out volunteers worked early morning shifts walking in teams at locations with the highest window strikes and bird fatalities. The north and east facing sides of buildings in Columbus and those with the highest percentage of glass correlated with the highest number of bird strikes.

This key conservation initiative developed partnerships across the region of businesses, environmental groups, local government and universities. In addition to the monitoring, Lights Out Columbus enlisted urban stakeholders, building owners and managers in downtown Columbus to take action and modify lighting during the migration months. About 21 urban building sites reduced external and internal lighting at night.

Lights Out Columbus Project partners in 2019 included: Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Columbus Audubon Society, the Catholic Foundation, Columbus Crossroads, Columbus and Franklin County Metroparks, Grange Insurance Audubon Center, Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio History Connection, Ohio State University, Otterbein University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Powdermill Avian Research Center, and The Wilds.



**910** Residential and commercial service calls made to assist homeowners and businesses with wildlife conflicts in 10 counties

**112** City of Dublin service calls

Top species consumers request help with from SCRAM!: Big brown bats, Eastern gray squirrels, raccoons, and striped skunks

**387** Animals involved in exclusion services

In 2001, when Ohio Wildlife Center pioneered its social enterprise business to provide the community with humane wildlife exclusion options, the concept was new to Columbus. Using a fee-based business model, the funds generated would support the operating costs of the organization. For clients, human-wildlife situations would be resolved without causing harm or death to any animal. It was a win-win solution that has produced constant growth and success for nearly two decades.

Initially called Humane Wildlife Solutions when the service was launched, the community could find expert wildlife assistance for common issues such as raccoons or squirrels in attics; animals burrowing under foundations or decks; or, animals trapped in household spaces unable to exit.

A team of four now staffs the business, which was renamed SCRAM! Wildlife Control in 2012. Its social enterprise earnings provide nearly a quarter of the Center's annual operating revenue.

SCRAM! technicians bring advanced training in wildlife behaviors to devise non-lethal, humane exclusion solutions for residential and business clients. The entire exclusion process is managed to achieve the best outcomes for the client and the wildlife. Often, permanent building modifications and repairs are deployed to prevent continued wildlife issues.

SCRAM! continues to innovate, utilizing drone technology along with expansive knowledge of wildlife behaviors. The team works to educate the community while resolving individual cases across urban and suburban neighborhoods. Partnerships with local municipalities and businesses, such as condominiums, deliver tailored SCRAM! services throughout Central Ohio.

SCRAM! Canada geese mitigation programs at sites from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to local parks and cities use trained border collies to manage nesting and breeding issues. SCRAM! technicians also conduct wildlife rescues and reuniting services, with 187 animal rescues completed in 2019.



SCRAM! Wildlife Control is a much needed humane alternative to traditional animal control companies that commonly trap and euthanize healthy animals. SCRAM! has built its social enterprise business with a compassionate approach and wildlife expertise to serve the community and create successful, permanent solutions.



# EVENTS SUPPORT OUR MISSION

**A**s a donation-supported nonprofit organization, Ohio Wildlife Center is grateful for the generous donors, volunteers and friends who make annual events successful in raising critical funds for the Wildlife Hospital, conservation education and outreach. WildNite for Wildlife, Back to the Wild, and Red Tail Run drew hundreds of guests in 2019 whose caring spirit and advocacy advanced our mission. Thank you!

## WildNite for Wildlife

The 28th annual WildNite for Wildlife event was held April 11, 2019 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. The event raised \$259,259 for the Wildlife Hospital as 400 guests bid for silent and live auction items throughout the evening. A special appearance by the Harmony Project choir based at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville was featured. The Dr. Donald L. Burton Legacy Award was presented to Gerald W. Borin in recognition of his work in conservation and support for the mission of Ohio Wildlife center during his leadership of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium for 23 years from 1992-2008. Borin was instrumental in setting up the zoo's support of 70 conservation programs in 30 countries. In his acceptance remarks, Borin noted that Dr. Burton exemplified how one person can make a difference with commitment and passion for a cause.

The Center's signature event to raise funds for the hospital's operating expenses also featured dinner by Catering by Scott and live entertainment by George Barrie.

### Lead sponsors for WildNite were:

Bald Eagle Sponsors: Ohio State University College of Nursing; Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine; Ohio State James Cancer Hospital; Falcon Sponsors: Bella Vista Equine Veterinary Services; Ginni Ragan and family; Judith Hook and family; Victoria Pfening Smith and Suzi Pfening; Great Horned Owl Sponsors: The Burton family, Larry and Janet Robertson, OhioHealth.

## Red Tail Run

The 6th annual 5K Run and Walk through Shawnee Hills brought 190 runners to the Education Center on September 29, 2019. Runners, walkers, and joggers were routed through a course in the Cook and Dublin Road area and raised \$11,135 for wildlife. Lead sponsors were the Kyle Miller Memorial Run and the Miller Family, Animal Care Unlimited, Columbus Fair Auto Auction, Sunbury Veterinary Clinic, and DNO Produce.



## Back to the Wild

On August 3, 2019, 54 guests and staff celebrated wildlife patient success stories at the Back to the Wild event. A brunch hosted by Valerie and Frank Swiatek at the Bonner Barn featured the release of Eastern cottontail rabbits, mallard ducks, mourning doves, kestrels and robins.



**23,028** Total volunteer hours donated

**260** Ohio Wildlife Center volunteers

In 1984, when 74 people assembled at the first organized meeting of what was then known as the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Research Cooperative, it was the beginning of more than three decades of service from thousands of dedicated volunteers. Along with founder Dr. Donald Burton, they provided the spark, the energy and the passion for an organization that grew to be today's Ohio Wildlife Center.

Now, hundreds of volunteers – some with many years of service, some brand new – continue to devote time 52 weeks a year to our mission. Their contributions totaled 23,028 service hours in 2019. Through their use of innovative technology and social media outreach, the Center's rescue team carried out 360 wildlife rescues in 2019.

Volunteers serve in all areas across the organization:

- Wildlife care and rehabilitation
- Education and outreach programming
- Special events and fundraising
- InfoLine caller guidance
- Wildlife rescue and homecare
- Administrative and office support

As the scope and range of Ohio Wildlife Center's services to the community expanded over the past 35 years, the commitment to volunteerism grew as well. The role of volunteers has been a key value at the Center from its earliest days of operation and is fundamental to its success.

Our volunteers bring a range of backgrounds, experiences, training

and education, which adds immense depth to the Center's work. Their compassion and tireless efforts to raise awareness and share knowledge benefits both the wildlife they love and the citizens they help.

Ohio Wildlife Center's partnerships with colleges and universities continue to offer vital volunteer opportunities for dozens of students each year seeking wildlife knowledge and experience beyond the classroom. These students, preparing for careers in animal care, wildlife management, conservation studies, education, and veterinary medicine, build skills and critical thinking as they work side-by-side with staff to meet the daily challenges involved in wildlife rehabilitation. In 2019, 60 interns contributed 4,100 hours of service.



# OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER PARTNERSHIPS

Ohio Wildlife Center had collaborations and service-agreements in 2019 with the following organizations and community groups:

Animal Care Unlimited

Catering by Scott

City of Columbus Recreation and Parks

City of Dublin

City of Upper Arlington

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

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

Stratford Ecological Center



## FOUNDATION SUPPORT AND 2019 GRANTS

Ohio Wildlife Center received financial support from the following funders in 2019 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

The Columbus Foundation – Capacity building program support

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Committee – Lights Out Columbus project support and operations

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

Montei Foundation – Project support

Rust Foundation – Capital improvements

Cooper Family Foundation – Operational support

Cardinal Health – Operational support

Crane Corporation – Operational support

Summerlee Foundation – Project support

Columbus Audubon – Lights Out Columbus project support

Greif, Inc. – Education and camp programs

Kyle Miller Memorial Run – Kyle Miller Wildlife Fellowships

Foren Family Foundation – Wildlife Hospital equipment



# 2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Ohio Wildlife Center Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2019

Revenue, Gains and Other Support:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>Support:</b>			
Donations and membership	\$ 451,307	\$ -	\$ 451,307
Grants	22,000	261,097	283,097
Net assets released from restrictions	375,053	(375,053)	-
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>848,360</b>	<b>(113,956)</b>	<b>734,404</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Animal care contributions	521,866	-	521,866
Educational programs	151,624	-	151,624
In-kind contributions	54,386	-	54,386
Other income	28,114	-	28,114
Interest income	3,623	-	3,623
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>759,613</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>759,613</b>
<b>Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support</b>	<b>1,607,973</b>	<b>(113,956)</b>	<b>1,494,017</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Program services	954,714	-	954,714
Management and general	178,028	-	178,028
Fundraising	363,252	-	363,252
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,495,994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,495,994</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>111,979</b>	<b>(113,956)</b>	<b>(1,977)</b>
<b>Net Assets - Beginning of Year</b>	<b>2,521,529</b>	<b>475,928</b>	<b>2,997,457</b>
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 2,633,508</b>	<b>\$ 361,972</b>	<b>\$ 2,995,480</b>

Ohio Wildlife Center is a 501c3 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.

# OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF SERVICE



**1984** First formal meeting of the board attended by 74 volunteers and founder Dr. Donald L. Burton



**1987** Center hires first paid staff member

**1988** Wildlife Hospital treats 1,300 patients

**1991** Wildlife Hospital relocates to current location at Animal Care Unlimited building



**1999** Cook Road Education Center is purchased

**2001** SCRAM! formed under the name of Humane Wildlife Solutions



**2002** Hope the coyote was one of the first ambassadors exhibited at the Education Center

**2005** Naomi C. Dempsey Animal Building dedicated and opened



**2008** PRF outdoor waterfowl enclosure is built



**2012** Songbird Aviary is constructed

**2016** Bonner Barn is opened for programming

**2017** Wildlife Hospital treats 5,260 patients



**2018** The Bald Eagle enclosure opens at the Education Center

**2019** The new Naomi C. Dempsey Wildlife Clinic opens at the Pre-Release Facility



**2019** Ohio Wildlife Center celebrated 35 years of service to the community



**2019** 6,426 patients are treated at the Wildlife Hospital



THANK YOU!



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