

Wild Bird Rehabilitation
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Annual Trivia Night Returns

Our annual trivia night this past fall was a huge success! More than 350 participants, businesses and volunteers helped us to raise over \$25,000, providing vital resources to care for our patients in the last quarter of the year. We are so grateful to everyone who supported the event last year and we look forward to seeing you again in 2023. Please mark your calendars for Nov 3, 2023 (tentative), in celebration of our 30th Anniversary.

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Please consider supporting us!

We rely on contributions from individuals, businesses and foundations to do our work. Since we receive no federal, state or local funding, your gifts are vital to our operations. You may use the enclosed envelope to send your tax-deductible donation or visit our website at wildbirdrehab.org. Many employers will match your contribution.



Wild Bird Chatter

Newsletter of Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Winter 2023

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(314) 426-6400

*Please call before you bring
in a bird*

Hours of Operation

Daily

9 am – 7 pm

www.wildbirdrehab.org



Wild Bird Rehabilitation's mission is to ensure survival of native songbirds through professional medical care and education regarding their value and needs.

Celebrating 30 Years of Helping Native Songbirds

We are so proud of our history and so grateful to our donors, volunteers, rescuers and wildlife rehabilitation community at large. Our work would not be possible without you - our valued partners.

How it all started

Our journey began in 1993 when Founder Carol Kershner turned a passion for wild songbirds into a community service organization dedicated to the care of native Missouri songbirds. Wild Bird Rehabilitation (WBR) opened its doors on June 7 in a 1200 square foot facility located on Big Bend Blvd in Crestwood. Birds cared for at the facility would be under federal protection as a result of the Migratory Bird

Treaty, requiring both federal and state permits and remains so today. The organization was off and running. In May 2002, Carol Kershner was honored with the Conservationist of the Year Award, presented by the St. Louis Audubon Society.

Moving On

In August 2004, a headline in the St Louis Post-Dispatch announced "Bird Rehab Center Loses Its Nest." With over 200 birds in residence, WBR was forced to find a new home and moved to its current location at 9624 Midland Blvd in Overland after a year of searching for an appropriate facility. This location provided a larger building and space for an aviary. Growth continued as the demand for services, and calls, came from all over the state of Missouri. Carol retired in 2013 at which time Tracy Durrell took over leadership of the organization. In 2017 Joe

Hoffman was appointed Executive Director and he served in this capacity until 2021. In June of 2022, the Board of Directors hired Lori Moore-McMullen as the fourth Executive Director in the organization's history.

The Next Chapter

Today WBR helps an annual average of 2,000 birds, and fields another 10,000 phone calls from rescuers, concerned citizens and fellow



Eastern Bluebird nestlings rescued after they were abandoned.

organizations. As a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization our operations are 100% funded by contributions from individuals, companies and foundations. We receive no federal, state or local funding and rely on hundreds of volunteers to assist in our work as well. WBR is grateful to everyone who has helped us along the way. With support and belief in our mission, we celebrate and share this milestone with you.

Our team is planning to launch some exciting new initiatives during this anniversary year as well as celebration events. So stay tuned for more information through email, social media channels and future newsletters.

Thank you again for being a part of our Wild Bird Rehabilitation family!

In Honor of...In Memory of

In Honor of Beverly Wahl
Ian Wahl

In Honor of Bryan at Wild Birds Unlimited
Elizabeth V Millis

In Gratitude for the Volunteers
Brenda Gruendler

In Honor of Diane Doster
Bruce Jordan
Vicki Ferguson

In Honor of Leslie Wainwright & Donna Short
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In Honor of Laddy + Lolly
Megan Mosher

In Honor of Walter Pigeon
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In Honor of Mary Obertino
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Nancy Grove

In Honor of Karen Weidert
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In Honor of Janet Schneider
Peggy Browne

In Honor of Bert Wuerz
Linda Coleman

In Honor of Pat Lindsey
Elisa Lindsey

In Memory of Kiki, Peach Fronted Conure
Jan Mason

In Memory of Goosey, the Robin
Eric & Lisa Mueller

In Memory of Maria Blest
Cindy Blest

In Memory of Nefertiti Mistoffelees
Barbara Anderson

In Memory of Sharon Hopfen
Missouri Furnace Co.

In Memory of My Dad, Frank Besith
Lynda & Steven Loehr

In Memory of Doris Fortner
Walter Fortner



In Memory of Judith Anne Corley
Paul Corley

In Memory of Nighat Hamefed
Danish Jabbar, MD

In Memory of Joseph & Loyola Ewen
Linda Isbell

In Memory of Jo Ann Flottmann
William Flottmann

In Memory of Carol Faintich
Marvin & Aren Ginsberg

In Memory of Mau & Fig
Mary Kriegshauser

In Memory of Patricia Combs
David Combs

In Memory of Mary Beth Bright Spangler
Polly Burtch & Larry Gibbons
Steve & Nicole Harf

In Memory of Lynne Breakstone
Anna Eggemeyer
Kathleen Loepker

In Memory of Petey, Our beloved rescue Bichon
Maggie, Belle, Mom & Dad

In Memory of Rufus the Cardinal fledgling
Francisco & Kirsten Vasquez

In Memory of the little Blue jay you tried to save
Rafia Zafar

In Memory of Ruth & Edward Pfaff
Linda & Steven Pfaff

Recent Grant Awards

Wild Bird Rehabilitation was awarded the **Cathleen Creley Memorial Conservation Grant** by the St Louis Audubon Society. This grant is awarded annually to support bird conservation projects throughout the St Louis region. This funding was used to purchase tablets which are being used for processing of patient admission and treatment records. The **Dana Brown Charitable Trust** provided support of our conservation, education and community engagement efforts for the second year.

Come Be a Part of Our Volunteer Team

Baby birds will be arriving soon and we will need more than 100 volunteers to help care for the thousands of birds that will be admitted from April through the end of October. These birds end up at WBR due to a variety of man-made and natural causes, including injuries and separation from parents.

There are many ways you can help.

- Answer Phones and educate callers on best practices when finding an injured or orphaned bird (This can be done remotely although you will need a phone that allows you to receive texts and pictures.)
- Greet arriving public and process birds for admission, answer questions of concern and provide office support to clinical staff
- Assist in the rehabilitation of birds as the front line of their care by feeding and providing clean environments
- Maintain cleanliness of the outdoor aviaries and indoor enclosures
- Transport sick and injured birds to the hospital
- General housekeeping
- Landscaping

To find out more about volunteering, attend an orientation during February or March. Fill out a volunteer application on our website at www.wildbirdrehab.org and a WBR representative will contact you to schedule training.

Volunteer Corner



We are so grateful for the many people who volunteer on a regular basis. In this issue, we also want to highlight a few groups of volunteers who helped with special projects in 2022. In early spring Coach Tony and his crew

(photo bottom right) cleaned and prepared the yard for summer and removed old rock from the aviaries. Students from Bal Vihar Center for Indian Culture helped clean aviaries and baskets (photo left & top right) and also volunteered at our trivia night. Seniors from St. Joseph's Academy helped care for baby birds as part of their community service initiative. **Thank you** to them

and all of our amazing volunteers. We look forward to seeing everyone for another wonderful season in 2023!



Summer Internships Available

Program Objectives

- Preparation of diets and enrichment
- Rigorous hand-feeding schedules of young birds
- Assist with initial patient intake exams, triage and stabilization
- Clean & maintain indoor enclosures and incubators
- Admit new patients
- Answer calls from wildlife rescuers
- Opportunities to assist in releases

30
hours per week
for 12 weeks
May through
August

for more information:
email Denise White at
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Interns will learn natural history, behavior, nutrition, feeding techniques, general husbandry and release criteria for a diverse range of avian wildlife.

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