

Second Chances Wildlife Center

Annual Report
2017



Mission: To conserve wildlife through education and rehabilitation.

Our Story

2017 was a huge transition year for us!!! We moved our animals across two counties to our new 23 acre location. We carefully planned and executed the least stressful way of transporting and transitioning our animals. We are very happy to report that only one had a tough time with their new home. Our sweet skunk, Cash, took several months to finally adjust. He is doing very well now.

Our volunteer team had to adjust to a new building as well. We love our new home! We have room to grow and we are currently doing just that. We are renovating an old dirt-floor pole barn into a nice classroom so we can not only visit schools, but they can visit us! Besides this being a benefit for groups, but it helps with our overall sustainability. We will have to wait until 2018 to finish our bathrooms, however. It is very cost-prohibitive at the moment. We need all new septic lines.

The reach of our students has increased by 25%! We taught classes in seven different counties across Kentucky and Southern Indiana. Not only are we teaching facts and meeting state core standards, but we are fostering compassion with each program. We teach students why it is important that they make good choices for our environment. Our animals are the connector piece and the excitement-builder for students to become good stewards.

We have grabbed a lot of media attention this year to include the airing of National Geographic's Bandit Patrol. Our rescued beaver, Justin Beaver (JB) made headlines on National Geographic, The Today Show, People magazine, Yahoo, and the Dodo.

The heart of what we do is strong as ever...we are the voice of those who can not speak for themselves. Our wildlife is important to our ecosystem and when the situation calls for action, we are there. We are there every day of the year, around-the-clock to provide rehabilitation and safe release and sometimes permanent sanctuary.

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Our Statistics

Education Reach:

Libraries
Private Schools
Public Schools
4-H Environmental Workshop Days
Or Lady of Peace
Home of the Innocence
Parks and Nature Preserves
Summer Camps
Preschools

Reached over 3000 students
10% were at-risk facilities/schools

Capital Gift Center Renovations

Sam Swope
Family Foundation

Fundraisers:

Awesome Possum Pizza Party
Wildlife Baby Shower
Give For Good
Bourbon & Bats

Finances

Capital Gift for building renovations
\$100,000.00
Donations \$74,350.00
Program Income \$8840.00
Program Expenses \$63,908.00
Fundraising Expenses \$1880.00
Administrative Expenses \$15,530.00
Total Expenses \$81,318.00
Total Ending Assets \$492,553.00

Volunteers

5 College Interns
40 Volunteers
35,820 hours volunteered
\$304,470.00 of volunteer hours at \$8.50/hour

Animals

300 animal intakes
80% making it safely back to the wild
2 becoming our newest USDA licensed educational ambassadors.

Gifts of \$1000+

Earl Shelp
Janet & Dan Mallok
Maxim Strelsov
Jon Bajandas

Qualification Renewals:

North American Association for Environmental Education Certificate
Kentucky Association for Environmental Education Certificate
Project Wet (Water Education)
Project Wild
Project Learning Tree
Project Learning Tree Early Childhood
USDA Animal Exhibit Permit (for Education Programs)
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Permit