WRCNU’s 6th Annual Wildlife Baby Shower and Open House (April 22, 23 & 24th)

Each year our event continues to grow—hundreds participate and we hope you will join us! We have amazing sponsors and lots of support from businesses and individuals promising to make this year the best yet.

Our Annual Open House allows the public to meet our volunteers and staff, view parts of our facility, and through one-way viewing and Closed Circuit TV get a glimpse of any current wildlife babies we may have in our care.

Enjoy our education animal ambassadors, light refreshments, crafts and games for children as well as many sponsored silent auction baskets and items for “the big kids”. This event doesn’t get us through the year, but it’s a big step to starting us on the right path for the coming “Baby Season.”

Meet our two newest Ambassadors:
Margaret is a large female Red-tailed Hawk with an even bigger attitude. Rambo is our male Great Horned Owl and, just like the legendary “John Rambo” portrayed by actor Silvester Stallone, his body is a lethal weapon. Our ten education animals will be on display (times vary) throughout the event ... come get “up close and personal” with these magnificent WRCNU Ambassadors.

Ways To Support Your WRCNU “Baby Shower”!

**FIRST!** Please attend during one of our three Open House days (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) April 22, 23, or 24th. Of course, you can come all three days if you wish and many do—FUN for the entire family!

**SECOND!** Please Bring a “Shower Gift”. Our event is free, but after all, it is a Baby Shower and we just LOVE “STUFF”. For ideas of items we really need, please go to [www.wrcnu.org](http://www.wrcnu.org) and hover over the “Donate” Tab, then click on “Needs List” or “Wish List” for ideas.

**THIRD!** You get COOL STUFF and we get cash! Help us convert our many incredible sponsor baskets into much needed “Cash for Rehab”. We always need cash for vet bills, medical supplies, specialty animal foods and more.

**FOURTH!** If you absolutely can’t afford a gift, then we would still love to have you come and see our Center, our staff and amazing volunteers and our animal ambassadors; just promise us you’ll come to enjoy yourselves and learn as much as you can about reducing the impact of living with nature whether in your backyards or elsewhere.

**FINALLY!** If you’d like to come, but can’t (we will be really 😞 sad) but please check out the many ways to support WRCNU on our website’s Donation Page: [www.wrcnu.org](http://www.wrcnu.org)
AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE:
It’s Good for YOU, Good for WRCNU, and GREAT for WILDLIFE!

What can YOU do to save yourself a lot of headaches? Interestingly enough, it is the same thing that will save your local rehabber a lot of headaches and money, and most importantly it helps our wildlife by preventing literally hundreds of unnecessary orphans and injuries.

Human impact accounts for over 90% of the wildlife WRCNU receives each year. Most of these encounters are preventable. The fewer patients we see with preventable injuries means the more attention we can give to the truly needy wildlife who require our licensed experience and care. This also saves precious limited funds—money donated by you.

Be proactive, prevent wildlife injuries and help yourself too! It’s EASY! Each year WRCNU takes in hundreds of healthy baby birds and animals because they were removed prematurely from their homes or nests by people who didn’t like where they were living. That’s right, all because their parents found a nice little spot to call “home” inside your home. Did you did leave “the door wide open”?

Did you leave a “Welcome Sign” on your home?
When you leave that damaged soffit hanging open, your broken dryer vent uncovered or leaves and branches in your gutters, you are hanging a “Welcome sign” for your wildlife neighbors. Even parents who build nests away from your house often find themselves prematurely “evicted” and their babies homeless by untimely yard work. Pruning trees and shrubs during the “baby season” is the quickest way to turn perfectly healthy, yet helpless babies into orphans who now need the care of a licensed wildlife rehabber.

Please “Close the Door” now! Inspect and maintain your home to seal cracks and openings, repair siding and eaves and ensure dryer vents have guard covers to prevent animals from entering. Having your chimney properly capped allows use of your fireplace while preventing wildlife from entering. These preventive measures are inexpensive and can be found at your local hardware store.

Prune all trees and hedges while they are dormant if possible, ideally from September to March. PLEASE do not prune from April to August as this is the most active time for wildlife babies. It is nearly impossible to spot a small 1-1/2 inch hummingbird nest with two small bean-sized eggs or babies inside before it is cut down. Please don’t take the chance; don’t make orphans.

Found a baby on the ground? Please call a licensed wildlife rehabber BEFORE picking it up; most often it’s just a fledgling being fed by its parents and learning to fly; keep pets away for 24-72 hours and it will be just fine. Parents always do a better job. If it doesn’t have all its feathers, it may have fallen from the nest too soon—call us and we’ll help you make the right decision. You can also go to our website’s “Wildlife Help” tab at www.wrcnu.org for our “I Found a Baby Bird” Flowchart.
Our first Bald Eagle patient of the year #030, later named “Aquila”, was rescued after an apparent collision with a motor vehicle in mid-January. Aquila suffered many bumps and bruises, but his most serious injury was a broken coracoid (collar bone) which luckily mended beautifully and allowed a magnificent return back into the wild on March 11th.

WRCNU staff and volunteers thank everyone in our community of supporters who helped make this possible with your important donations.

Check out our new “WRCNU Sustainer” donor levels!

Below is our first glimpse of our new donor levels—seven levels: from the beautiful and entertaining Chickadee to the majestic Golden Eagle! Each Spring we will list our “Sustainers”; those supporters who gave monthly donations of $5 or more, or total annual gifts valued at $100 or more during the previous year. Next year each category will be depicted by a beautiful art sketch produced by one of our talented WRCNU co-Founders.

Please join the ranks and become a WRCNU Sustainer TODAY!

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There is no state or federal funding for our program, we depend on donations from supporters like you.

...you are our strength and hope.

As a team, if everyone gives a little, we can do A LOT! As a team we will make miracles happen!

Thank You for being part of a group that believes education and raising awareness about habitat, environment, conservation and human impact is important.