



Winter 2013/14

Dear Supporters:

2013 has been an incredible year at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah (WRCNU). This year has brought some of the toughest challenges we have faced yet as wildlife rehabilitators. Thanks to your generous support WRCNU was once again able to rise to the occasion. You are a critical part of an amazing team; a team of people who cannot sit idly by when our wildlife is in need.

At the end of March WRCNU received the “Willard Bay Six”, five young beaver and one adult soaked in the diesel fuel from a Chevron Pipeline rupture. The beaver and their dams saved a huge part of Willard Bay State Park’s ecosystem from the corrosive fuel, allowing for the continuation of critical wildlife habitat, badly needed irrigation and recreational activities. The spill took their homes and nearly took their lives.



Juvenile Beaver after 8 days in diesel fuel from pipeline rupture



Adult Beaver during Vet health checkup

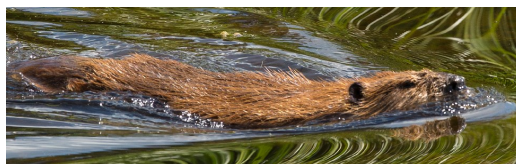
The miracle of their survival, against all odds (chemical burns, loss of fur, abscesses, intestinal distress and phenomena), gave us the opportunity to reach people’s hearts and relay the important message of the need to be aware of our impact on the environment, habitat and wildlife.

Through your support we were able to provide these heroes the best possible medical care, expand our facilities to accommodate their special needs and provide the best possible diet to restore the beaver back to health.

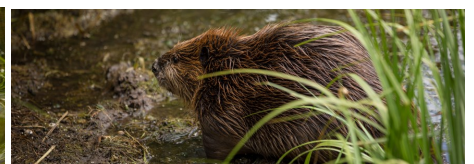
Five of the beaver were released mid-August. One beaver (“Bucky”) remains in our care due to an injury sustained during the reintroduction process. Bucky has now healed and is scheduled for release in the spring of 2014.



Temporary lodge built by WRCNU to assist beaver in their new home



16-18 month juvenile in new home



Another young beaver exploring the pond's edge



Phoenix below his burned out nest July 4th 2012

Do you remember the story of Phoenix the baby Golden Eagle that was severely burned in the 5,500 acre “Dump Fire” last summer? Thanks to you and our amazing staff, Phoenix has healed from most of his injuries (3rd degree burns to feet and beak and every feather burned/melted). He has molted the majority of his feathers, but has not yet completed a full molt. His feet have completely healed and look beautiful. His lost talons have also regrown and are perfect. We are still closely monitoring the regrowth of his beak and feathers. Your encouragement and support this past year has been phenomenal, thank you!



Phoenix after his molt is nearly completed—10/16/13



Nestling Osprey entrapped by bailing twine in nest and brought to WRCNU by DNR officials

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah has received over 2,080 wild animals in need of care as of November of this year. These animals would not have gotten another chance at life without the unique services made possible by your valuable contributions.

Most of the animals we see have come to our facility due to some type of human-caused impact: gunshots, electrocutions, litter entanglement, pet attacks, various inhumane traps, loss of habitat and misplaced goodwill.

With your generosity and support approximately 65% of these animals are released back into the wild and we are able to locate licensed education facilities for animals that are non-releasable.



One of several Bald Eagles brought to WRCNU effected by lead poisoning



WRCNU "Baby Bird Room": Rehabbers and volunteers on their feet 12-16 hrs every day, feeding more than 250 babies

As the need for our services continues to rise we need more and more qualified people and we hope to gain the funding to retain a staff of wildlife rehabbers. In 2013 we found funding for our first two part-time temporary summer positions. This was essential to ensure we had well trained personnel to provide care to patients and assist in training new volunteers. Currently, there is no guarantee we can continue to fund this year after year without sustainable funding. Please consider helping ensure that we have the personnel to provide the best care possible.

Through education we can help foster an appreciation and awareness of environment, habitat and wildlife. It is through this appreciation and heightened awareness that we can help to minimize our human impact. In 2013 WRCNU has had the opportunity to reach 12,232 young and adult people through our exciting and educational outreach programs.



Educating the public on 25th Street during the Harvest Moon Festival

We are confident that we can sustain these unique services with your ongoing support. Our energy and dedication for continuing these efforts is strong—we are eager to further enhance our existing education programs and constantly looking for ways to improve our ability to care for wildlife and the growing needs of our community.

November marks three years in the Carol Conroy Browning facility located at the mouth of Ogden Canyon next to our good friends at the George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park. We remain truly grateful for the support of Ogden City, who allow us to continue our unique service to our local community and surrounding areas as the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in the state.

Thank you Ogden City!

In 2014 we hope to encourage many of you to become "WRCNU Sustainers". There is a growing group of dedicated supporters who help by donating monthly or annually and help alleviate some of the uncertainties of wildlife rehabilitation. Note: if you are a federal/military worker, CFC is a perfect way to become a sustainer: use CFC Charity Code 74219.

### Did you know?



\$5 a month can feed a baby hummingbird for 3 months



\$35 a month can provide a lifesaving surgery for 1 raptor



\$12 a month can purchase 6 boxes of fish to feed an adult pelican for 6 weeks



\$60 a month can provide food for the remaining beaver for 1 month



\$20 a month can feed an eagle for 2 months

This type of support allows WRCNU to forecast & budget with the knowledge that we can count on your donations and pledges to get us through not just the coming year, but many years and challenges to come.

Please remember even if you are not able to be a sustainer, every donation counts. As a team, if everyone gives a little, we can do A LOT! As a team we 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.

With warm holiday wishes from all of us at WRCNU,

WRCNU Board of Directors



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**AND WE NEVER FORGET our BIGGEST SUSTAINERS:** WRCNU is lucky to be supported by many, many dedicated and hardworking volunteers without whom we could have all the money in the world and never be able to complete our mission. Volunteers enable us to use our money smarter by saving overhead costs and applying it directly to our wildlife patients.

**THANK YOU to all our Sustainers, Partners and past, present and future Volunteers. We TRULY DO appreciate YOU ALL!**