

"... responsible stewardship of wildlife and habitat."

Winter 2012/13

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your support and for making 2012 more successful than ever! It is because of the magnificent support of people like you that the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah is nearing the end of its fourth year and we are excited to see what is in store for us as we begin our fifth year as a grassroots organization.

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah (WRCNU) is truly a grassroots organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors and one employee. We are supported by over 252 volunteers from ages 9 to 70 donating over 20,000 hours of volunteer service and financially supported by people just like YOU! In the upcoming years we will be striving to not only be supported by the individual, but also to encourage more businesses and corporations to lend their capable hands to ensure WRCNU's stability and growth so we can expand our positive impact for our wild habitats, wildlife, and further fulfill our mission:

Through wildlife rehabilitation and education we will empower the community to engage in conservation and responsible stewardship of wildlife and habitat.



Gull Starving after "eating" lure



Male Kestrel caught in "Bird Repellent Gel"



Baby Owls lost home When tree was cut down

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah has taken in nearly 2,000 wild animals <u>so far</u> this year. Animals that would not have survived 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. We are able to release approximately 65% of these animals back into the wild and find licensed education facilities for many non-releasable animals, thanks to your generosity and support.

November marks two full years in the Carol Conroy Browning facility located at 1490 Park Blvd. This facility is magnificent and we are truly grateful for the support of Ogden City who allows us to continue our unique service to the community and surrounding areas as the largest wildlife rehabilitation center in the entire state of Utah. Thank you Ogden City!

## Milestones for WRCNU during 2012 include:

- Dinosaur Park Partnership--this year we continued our partnership with Dinosaur Park's Summer Camp Program adding a new dimension to both of our educational programs.
- Outreach—we began our outreach educational program last year and will be expanding our reach in 2013. Our services included an outreach program with our education animals that brought a wide variety of wildlife and conservation topics into public venues, school groups, BSA Courts of Honor and more. We hope to add a couple more animals to our family of ambassadors in 2013.
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)--we are in our second year with the CFC supporting our organization. With our "foot in the door" we are experiencing more and more interest in our mission from federal employees who like what we do. Thanks CFC!
- Eagle Scout Projects--the Local BSA program has again been a tremendous support. A perfect partnership that provides Life Scouts with an opportunity to gain their Eagle Award while providing WRCNU with materials, labor and a finished project to support our mission. Nine Eagle Projects have been completed in 2012 so far, and six more projects are in work.

This year WRCNU received a nestling Golden Eagle with a tragic past and inspiring future. His harrowing experience and incredible survival from a man-caused wildfire has given him and his story national as well as international attention. This magnificent young "Phoenix" has given us a great opportunity to reach people's hearts and relay the important message that our organization has been striving to make—*accountability for human impact on nature.* Please join our following on Facebook for more information about Phoenix and friends by liking the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah.



American Robin release



Northern Harrier release



American Kestrel release

We <u>do</u> need your support to continue our efforts and hope you will consider WRCNU for your *tax deductible contribution*. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Contribute by mail, visit the Center, or you may use our safe and secure donation page by visiting our website at <u>www.WRCNU.org</u> and clicking the yellow "Donate" button.

Warm holiday wishes from all of us at WRCNU,

## WRCNU Board of Directors



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Rock Squirrel release