Spring 2018



Friends of WRCNU,

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

# **Volunteer Recognition**

Recognizing that which fuels WRCNU: our amazing VOLUNTEERS! Finding dedicated help, where often the most obvious reward is hundreds of hours of hard work for less than 5 minutes of glory during a release, is no easy thing. Yet each year we are fortunate to add a few more of these dedicated individuals to our great WRCNU family. Highlighted this period, we introduce two more of our members who sacrifice personal time to save injured wildlife and strengthen our WRCNU Mission!



Jessi Adams actually started with us when she was only 11. Now as a young adult, Jessi has given over 850 hours of her time in support of our mission. Most recently Jessi has taken on a position as a Lead Volunteer.

Thank you Jessi! 🌹



Michiko Berceau has been with us since 2009 and has provided WRCNU with more than 300 hours of her precious time. Michiko is a certified Vet Tech with lots to offer, providing WRCNU with greater "technical depth"; she is also a Lead Volunteer.

🛛 Thank you Michiko! 💔

## WRCNU's 8th Annual Wildlife Baby Shower (April 27, 28 & 29th)

Each year the Center continues to grow in many great ways. Once again we open our doors and invite the public to enjoy three fun filled days; enjoy raptors on display, kids' crafts, games, silent auctions, light refreshments, natural history displays, and more.

Please come meet our staff and amazing volunteers. While we cannot offer tours, if we have baby animals in our baby room you <u>may</u> be able to catch a glimpse through oneway glass and video cams of our wildlife specialists feeding a variety of animals from baby squirrels to baby Great Horned Owls. We never know what we will get in or when; each year is different, so come and see what is going on at WRCNU!

This event is a big step to starting us on the right path for the coming "Baby Season." See enclosed flyer for details.



## 2018 is Gearing Up and Expected to be a Doozy!

WRCNU has treated over 18,600 wildlife patients since 2009. In 2017, we treated 2,368 wild animals and released more than 2/3rds of them back into the wild and we are currently in the process of placing many non-releasable patients in educational facilities across the U.S.

## We CANNOT do this without YOU on our team; PLEASE JOIN US! Help us Soar, Give our Patients the Second Chance they deserve!



Update on "Sooty" the Barn Owl: Sooty was the victim of facility maintenance oversight; she flew inside an old/damaged furnace vent cover looking for a suitable nesting site and nearly died of exposure to the caustic soot inside the furnace ducting. She was rescued by an employee of the facility. While she recovered from most of her initial injuries, her eyes are still in critical condition and it may be another month or two before we know if she will regain full sight. The amazing vets at Eye Care for Animals have confirmed "her eyes are working", but she has damaged tissue that will need to heal before we'll know the final outcome.



Shortly after arrival at WRC Feb 1st



"Oscar" the River Otter Pup: is not much of a "pup" anymore. Holy cow, talk about smart and full of energy! It has been a challenge for our staff to keep this rambunctious guy entertained. The green "Wubba" (pictured to the right) is presently the "fav toy". We are currently in the process of relocating Oscar to his "forever home" at the Alameda Park Zoo where he will join their female "Sally"—stay tuned for updates!



Like a kid: swim, dry off, swim, dry off, swim, dry off, "MOM I NEED A NEW TOWEL!"

Kittens are cute. but Oscar is 1st runner up!

### WHAT'S NEW?

WWW.WRCNU.ORG: We have given our Website a complete makeover! We think you'll like the way it functions on your phone. We are continuing to make improvements; please check back regularly and let us know if there is something you want to see!

**Museum Displays:** We have added to our small Natural History Museum and invite you to check out our displays. This year we are adding new mammal and bird displays made possible by a generous grant from The Blacksmith Foundation.

Facility Upgrades: As we receive the funding we continue to chip away at our many "wants and needs". We have been upgrading many of our lighting fixtures with LED capabilities—more light and less energy consumption.

Fall Speaker Series: We are very excited to announce our First Annual Fall Speaker Education Series the evening of Friday, October 26, 2018, at the Timbermine Restaurant in Ogden:

"Join us for an informational and thought-provoking evening with Chris Parish, Director of Global Conservation for the Peregrine Fund in Boise, ID. Chris will tell us about the California Condor Recovery Project, the California Condor status in Utah and the collaborative work that has been done with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and the Arizona Game and Fish Department to develop successful hunter education programs on lead ammo abatement in the Condor Recovery areas." Watch for more details on our social media and 2018 Summer Newsletter in the coming months!

Did You Find a Baby Animal 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, in this case, keep pets away for 24-72 hours and it will be just fine. Wildlife parents <u>always</u> 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 "Resources for Wildlife" section at <u>www.wrcnu.org</u> for our "I Found a Baby Bird" Flowchart.

Donate at: WRCNU.ORG Or use our mailing address at: WRCNU, 3127 N Pelican Dr., Farr West, UT 84404 Email donation guestions to INFO@WRCNU.ORG

### Animal Non-releasables Ready for Their New "Forever Homes".

Each year, after the successful reintroduction of 2/3rds of our patients back into the wild, we are often left with several that cannot survive on their own, but can still live a quality life in a conservation education facility (aviary, zoo, nature center or other licensed organization).





Currently in work: a *Common Snipe* destined for our own Tracy Aviary; two *Common Ravens* to The Red River Zoo; two *Ravens* to Wild Spirit Education; a *Barn Owl* to Horizon Wings and finally, "Oscar" is headed to NM to meet "Sally"—his new

playmate! 👏

So grateful to give these victims another chance.



## WRCNU 2017 Sustainers and Partners

"Be the change you want to see in the world" ~Mahatma Gandhi

Please join the ranks; become a WRCNU Sustainer TODAY!



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Stokes, Jessica & Corv

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<u>Ravens (cont.)</u>: (\$20/Month or \$240-\$419 annually)

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

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