

# STCCS NEWSLETTER



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## MEET OUR FIRST PATIENTS

Just days after receiving our permit, our first patients arrived at the Sea Turtle Care & Conservation Center — a group of hatchlings from Boca Raton. These tiny turtles were found too weak to make it offshore, and our team is providing the care they need to regain strength in a safe, supportive environment. Once healthy, they'll be released offshore to begin their lives in the open ocean.

Welcoming hatchlings as our first patients is both symbolic and inspiring. It perfectly reflects STCCS's mission: giving sea turtles of all ages the best chance to survive. This is only the beginning, and we can't wait to share more patient stories in the months ahead.

## BIG NEWS!

We're proud to announce that Sea Turtle Care & Conservation Specialists (STCCS) is now officially licensed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) as Florida's newest sea turtle rehabilitation hospital! With this permit, our Sea Turtle Care & Conservation Center at the Palm Beach Zoo and Conservation Society in West Palm Beach can provide life-saving medical care and recovery for sick and injured sea turtles from south Florida and beyond.

Until now, STCCS primarily supported Florida's rehab network through rescue, transport, and offshore releases. This new chapter allows us to directly care for patients on-site and play an even greater role in protecting endangered sea turtles — a milestone made possible by the incredible support of our community.



# SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



## A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK FOR THE TURTLES

STCCS had a fantastic night at the Daytona Tortugas baseball game, where we joined our colleagues from The Hawksbill Project for an evening of fun and community. The raffle featured beautifully curated baskets, generously donated by Baseballism, and we were thrilled to be invited onto the field as the game's highlighted nonprofit!

We're incredibly grateful to the Tortugas, Baseballism, and all the fans who supported sea turtle care and conservation — with all raffle proceeds donated to support our sea turtles. Your support helps us continue providing life-saving care and advancing our mission every day.

With our Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Center now open, we are entering an exciting new chapter in sea turtle care and conservation. Your support helps us provide lifesaving treatment and continue our mission to protect these endangered species.

👉 [\[Click here to make a donation and support our work.\]](#)

## Sea Turtle Fact



Sea turtles can travel thousands of miles across oceans but often return to the very beach where they hatched to nest. This incredible navigation is guided by the Earth's magnetic fields, which they can sense like a built-in compass.

## CONSERVATION TIP

### Make Beaches Safe for Hatchlings

Sea turtle hatchlings can easily become disoriented by artificial light. Help guide them to the ocean by turning off beachfront lights at night and using turtle-safe amber lighting when needed.

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