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A New Wildlife Center for Nebraska

As many of you know, we are poised to open a state-of-the-art Wildlife Rehabilitation Center including a veterinary hospital and education facilities that will benefit the wildlife and people of Nebraska and beyond. We are getting so close, but we still need your help! Before we can complete construction, we need to meet our fundraising goal of \$4.75 million. Due to the generosity of individuals and foundations just like you, we are already more than 60% of the way there! Read on to learn more about the new Baldwin Wildlife Center and Hubbard Family Wildlife Hospital and how you can help!



In the fall of 2019, NWR purchased an almost 16,000 sf building near 96th and L in Omaha, with plans to create a brand new Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Veterinary Hospital. Due to the incredible generosity of our two flagship donors, we have already purchased the building, completed all the architectural and engineering planning for the building remodel, and have purchased some of the critical veterinary equipment for our new hospital. In order to move ahead and be open by next spring, we just need to meet our final fundraising goal.

This new facility is designed not only to provide optimal veterinary and rehabilitative care to our native wildlife, but also to provide educational opportunities to students not found anywhere else in the state -or even the country. This will be accomplished through technology that allows our staff to reach students remotely in their classrooms and homes. It will also include in-house opportunities like veterinary externships and career exploration experiences for high school students, in addition to our current internship and high school programs. The Wildlife Center will expand opportunities for community partnerships and the facilities will increase our capacity for research on the wildlife we receive, from distribution studies to genetics to the tracking of environmental threats to wildlife.

In times of uncertainty we understand that people may not look at a Wildlife Center and environmental education as necessities; however, recent events have shown just how important it is to have a fully functioning Wildlife Center and hospital in our community - not only for the health and well-being of the animals in our care, but also for public health. Our new Wildlife Center ensures that there is a place for every found injured or orphaned wild animal to go in our state. This in turn ensures that animals are held safely and humanely under correct biosecurity measures by trained and qualified professionals. Our new Wildlife Center and its laboratory will ensure we can pinpoint quickly and efficiently why our animals are ill -whether it's an environmental indicator like heavy metal toxicity or other contaminant, a traumatic injury, or even an infectious disease, our medical staff and lab will be able to point the way to safely address any emerging issues that may appear in our ecosystems.

For more information on how you can give to build the new Wildlife Center, and on our campaign incentives and facts, please check out page 11 of this newsletter!



A Letter from Our Director

Twenty years ago when I first started with Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, I felt like I knew almost all of our supporters. Our budget was small and we were a group of a few, but mighty, volunteers. As I began to take on the general operating tasks of the organization in the ensuing years, whenever we would receive a donation, I would recognize every name. This was before the time when we could take online donations – when every donation came as a check through the mail or handed to us at an event. Now in the wake of large fundraising events like Omaha Gives and Giving Tuesday and the awesome era of online donations, social media, and monthly pledges, as I look at the long list of people who donate to us every year, I am honored and humbled that NWR has your support. And I feel a tinge of regret too, because I really miss the days when I knew all of our supporters, callers, and volunteers, at least in some small way. If we all had the time today, and if we weren't hobbled by the need to socially distance, I would love to go out for coffee with each of you and learn your stories, and most importantly, thank you personally for your support of the work that we do. It truly means something to all of us at NWR, and your donation, no matter the size, does impact our operations – there is no way we could do it without you.

It is with those thoughts in my head that I write and talk about our capital campaign for the new Baldwin Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Hubbard Family Wildlife Hospital now. It is because of you that we have gotten to where we are – because of you that we're now able to build a facility that shows that Nebraskans care about wildlife and conservation and are committed to the education of our youth.

We are in the home stretch. We have already received over 60% of the funds we need to purchase the building and renovate it into one of the best wildlife centers and rehabilitation hospitals in the country. We need you now more than ever. Please check out page 11 of this newsletter to learn how you, your business, or your foundation can help make the Wildlife Center a reality for the people and wildlife of Nebraska.

When we get to the other side of COVID and the new Wildlife Center is open, we will be able to have receptions, open houses, and educational events again. Then I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, sharing some coffee, and saying THANK YOU.

Laura

Laura Stastny,
Executive Director



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To learn more about Lauren's plans for 2021 and how you and your family can join in, check out page 8!



High School Science Academy Applications Open Now!

Do you know a high school sophomore, junior, or senior who loves biology and wants to participate in a unique program in Omaha? Applications for our High School Science Academy are being accepted now through January 30th! To learn more and submit an application, visit our web site at: <https://nebraskawildliferehab.org/education/high-school-science-academy.html>



Accepting University Internship Applications

THROUGH 2/26/2021

If you or someone you know is a university student looking to gain experience in the fields of wildlife management, veterinary medicine, or animal science, our internship application for 2021 is now open!

Nebraska Wildlife Rehab offers internships to university students to fulfill internship credit in certain fields, or for students wanting to gain hands-on experience in the fields list above. The deadline for applying for internships is February 26. To learn more and submit an application, visit our web site at: <https://nebraskawildliferehab.org/education/internships-for-university-students.html>

Welcome Lauren Darnold, NWR's New Education and Public Outreach Coordinator



We are excited to announce that Lauren Darnold has accepted the position as NWR's new Education and Public Outreach Coordinator! Lauren is from Waverly, IA and holds a degree in Animal Science from Iowa State University. She has previously worked with the Wildlife Care Clinic of Ames, Girl Scouts of Iowa and Utah, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Lauren has worked for NWR as a classroom educator for the past two years as well, and she brings her unique experiences, knowledge, and incredible enthusiasm to her new position.

In Lauren's words:

One of my favorite parts about education is I get to share with everyone how interesting one of my focal passions is- wildlife. I get to share with the public the amazing species we have in Nebraska, what makes them so cool, and why they should love them too! One of the most important ways to do this is through interpretation and fostering personal relationships or experiences with these animals. Reminding someone of an experience they had- maybe at their house or a park, and explaining the biological behavior and adding context to the memory inherently adds a personal connection. I feel as if I get to speak for the animals and consider myself an ambassador of their species and the continuation of its conservation.

In this position I look forward to making connections all across Nebraska- from adults to students - and interpreting the unique piece in our ecosystem that each Nebraska species represents. The main reasons animals enter the doors at Nebraska Wildlife Rehab are human-caused, and some simple solutions and collaborations can fix that. So let's get started!

Lauren will not only be taking over coordination of our flagship education programs, including Collective for Youth and the High School Science Academy, but she will also be expanding our statewide outreach with virtual and in-person programming (COVID permitting), contributing to our social media education initiatives, and collaborating with partners to bring fun and interesting experiences to our community. We are thrilled to have her in this new role and can't wait to do more together!





This pelican was spotted by concerned citizens on a lake west of Omaha after the spring migration. He had a fishing lure stuck in his bill and his chest, holding his head down and preventing him from effectively fishing for food. By the time we received him he was suffering the effects of starvation. Many thanks to the incredible home and boat owner who called us and helped us track him down and rescue him off the lake so that we could give him the critical care he needed.



This young raccoon was brought to NWR this spring with deep lacerations to his arm and chin, which he received from a chainsaw when a tree trimmer cut through the tree hollow where he was nested with his sibling. We were able to get him stitched up and nursed him and his brother until they were released back into the wild late this summer.

This spring we received this baby flying squirrel from our partners at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Southern flying squirrels are rare in Nebraska, and generally found only in the southeast corner of this state. This nest was found in Lancaster county however, so further study is being done to see if they have expanded their range, or if there is another explanation for where it was found. In the meantime, this squirrel remains in care with us at NWR!



So, it happened AGAIN! This spring we received another group of tangled-tail squirrels (aka a "squirrel king")! This time 5 young squirrels got their tails tangled in the plastic their mother had picked up and used in her nest making. As their tails tangled, the nesting material got impacted in the ball and they became tied tightly together. We were able to get them apart but sadly we couldn't release them right away because they all had some degree of injury to their tails (due to long-term constriction of the blood vessels and nerves). They stayed with us until they had completely healed and then were released back into the wild later this summer.



It's a little bit odd when a group of hatchling painted turtles arrives at the Rehab Center late in the year, but there's a very cool explanation for how it happened! These hatchlings were brought to us after they were accidentally dug up last November while someone was excavating property. While many turtles in Nebraska will hatch and emerge from their nest in late summer/early autumn, painted turtles will hatch and remain buried in their nest over winter! This overwintering strategy allows them to stay underground and avoid the brunt of our harsh winter climate, waiting to emerge the following spring. They were released back into the wild in April 2020.



This spring a mother mallard duck chose the courtyard at Gretna High School to lay her eggs. Teachers Mr. Burgett and Mr. Cunningham noticed her there and were concerned that because the courtyard was enclosed, that she would not be able to lead her ducklings to

water after they hatched. So together we waited, and once they hatched, NWR staff and the Gretna teachers teamed up to catch the mother duck and all 11 of her ducklings and take them to a safe lake nearby. That's the power of teamwork! #GoGretnaDragons



In August, this fledgling great blue heron was found by children playing on a soccer field in northwest Omaha, unable to fly. When we took him into care, he was thin

and exhausted, but had no major injuries. We cared for him until he was able to gain weight and strength in preparation for fall migration and released him back into the wild in September. Check out our YouTube page to see a video of his release!

This lovely lady is an adult muskrat that found herself trapped inside a parking garage in midtown Omaha this spring. Although dehydrated and hungry, she was not badly injured. She was released back into the wild after a suitable recuperation period!



This summer we received THREE baby beavers from different sites, all of which had been orphaned. Did you know that baby beavers cannot be released into the wild until they are TWO years old? That means that we will be providing loving care and lots of food and cage and pool cleaning for the next 18 months before they can fend for themselves and be released into the wild.



Every year we receive ruby-throated hummingbirds that have suffered from window collisions, getting trapped in enclosed spaces, or illness or exhaustion. This young hummingbird came to us thin with minor injuries from hitting a window, but we were able to release him after a brief rehabilitation period!

Garbage Takes its Toll on Wildlife

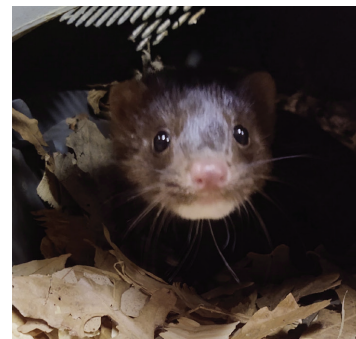
As wildlife rehabilitators, we see the effects of discarded trash on wildlife every day. From discarded fishing line causing wounds to the legs and wings of water birds to plastic causing a myriad of injuries, we see and treat these cases frequently. Here are a few animals we cared for in 2020 that were suffering the effects of human garbage.



This goose, like so many we receive each year, came to NWR last month from a local lake with severe wounds to both legs. She incurred her injuries when she got tangled in discarded fishing line that slowly tightened around her legs, causing bone-deep lacerations similar to "embedded collar" injuries in dogs. By the time we got her, her skin had even begun to grow over the fishing lines and the wounds, and she had a severe infection. In some cases, the fishing line will cut a goose's leg so deep that it severs a foot, but fortunately this was not the case for this goose. She remains at NWR on antibiotics and pain medication as she recovers. We hope to return her to her home lake soon!



This adult female raccoon was first spotted in the parking lot of the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) in late July, limping along with a broken glass beer bottle stuck around her leg. It took several weeks, but eventually NHS and NWR were able to team up and catch her. This injury happened because the raccoon stuck her hand into a discarded bottle in search of something tasty (as raccoons do) and got the neck stuck around her arm. The rest of the bottle broke off, creating an even more dangerous situation for her - a jagged bottle edge that repeatedly rubbed her arm and cut open her skin. In a stroke of luck, the bottle neck was not tight enough to cut off circulation or cause permanent nerve damage, which often means the loss of a hand for a raccoon. These pictures are from her visit to Dr. Dempsey to have the bottle removed and the wound cleaned. Once she was sedated, a thorough exam revealed that she was recently lactating, which meant that she still had juvenile kits needing her protection and assistance out in the wild. With quality care over the next few days, and the excellence of long-term antibiotics, we were able to release her to rejoin her family! This raccoon is a stark reminder that it is important to properly dispose of trash and to keep garbage cans and dumpsters secure. If this bottle had just been a little tighter, this raccoon would have lost her hand, and probably her life.



This young mink was pulled out of a dumpster in Omaha with a deep wound around its neck. When we received it, it was clear to us that the "embedded collar" type wound was caused by garbage, and a plastic ring (the type found below the cap of a plastic drink bottle that holds it in place) was surgically removed from his neck. If he hadn't been found, he eventually would have succumbed to infection or the restriction on his neck as he grew. Luckily for him he was found and after a long recovery at NWR, is now back in the wild!



Using a disposable mask?

Please take the time to clip the elastic on your mask before you throw it away so that wildlife doesn't get tangled in the elastic. A few extra moments of your time can mean the difference between life and death for our wild friends!

At NWR, we care for over 7,000 wild animals every year. Every animal is important, from the tiniest rabbit to the largest bobcat. There are some animals, however, that stick with us for years, and capture our supporters' attention, particularly on social media. In the past 12 months, we have cared for two animals that we are guaranteed never to forget. Here are their stories.



The bobcat right before release



Anesthesia prior to his fracture repair surgery



Dirsko two months into his recovery



X-Ray showing his femoral fracture



Dr. Dirsko von Pfeil in surgery

“Dirsko” the Bobcat Finally Goes Home

In mid-November 2019, we received a call from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission about a bobcat that had been hit by a car near Neligh, NE. We met a Conservation Officer in Norfolk to pick up the 8 month-old cat, and took him straight to the vet in Omaha for an exam. His x-rays showed a severe femur fracture that could only be repaired by a qualified veterinary surgeon. Once he was stabilized, we took him to Sirius Veterinary Orthopedic Center where Dr. Dirsko von Pfeil repaired his fracture in a grueling four-hour surgery.

Our immense gratitude goes out to everyone who has had a hand in his rescue: His public rescuers, Conservation Officer Mitch Johnson, our friends at VCA 80 Dodge Animal Hospital and Dr. von Pfeil and the entire staff at Sirius Veterinary Orthopedic Center.

“Dirsko” the bobcat (named after his surgeon, of course) spent the next ten months at NWR and was as sassy and as uncooperative of a patient as you would expect a young cat to be. For the first eight weeks, he had to be medicated every 6 hours around the clock (which was no easy task) and required a specialized diet. As he healed, he was moved to progressively larger enclosures, allowing him more freedom of movement to heal and build the muscle he would need for release. By August, after consulting with his surgeon, it was apparent that he was ready to return to the wild. In early September, we took him back to north-central Nebraska for release on several thousand acres of protected, private property. We think of him often and wish him the best of luck, back in the wild to live the life he deserves!



The day after he was rescued



In a cozy leaf nest in recovery

Tortured Opossum Gets a Second Chance at Life

The noose that was found around his neck

On Halloween night 2019, this young opossum was found with a rope tied around his neck. His face, mouth, ears, body, and tail were all bloody and bruised, and it was clear that he had been dragged around and badly abused. His first night with us was touch and go – We gave him pain medications and monitored his breathing, which was labored due to the amount of blood in his nasal passageway. We weren't sure what his internal injuries might be, but he gradually recovered over the following weeks.

All opossums are special, but if you noticed, this guy's an unusual color. He has erythrisms, a coloration that makes him appear red (rather than gray or black). We are grateful to the good Samaritan who found him, and to our friends at NHS who immediately called us when they received him – meeting us at midnight to ensure he received immediate medical attention.

This amazing animal spent the winter in one of our large outdoor enclosures where he thrived and was protected from the harsh weather. He was released back into the wild, fully healed, this spring!

Bats Over Omaha Bat Release Goes Virtual in 2020



Each year our annual Bat Release at the Joslyn Art Museum brings more than 1,000 people out to watch our overwintered bats return to the wild in late April or early May. Due to the COVID-19 crisis it was not safe for us to hold the event for so many people, so bat release went virtual for the first time ever! NWR's staff and bat volunteers gathered to release over 460 bats back into the wild, joined by hundreds of people who watched the festivities online that night. Although we missed the family event, we had a great time answering questions about the bats and interacting on Facebook and were glad so many could join us or watch the archived release later on Facebook.

COVID-19 Changes the Way We Do Business

As wildlife rehabilitators, we always have an eye on disinfection and disease prevention for the safety of both our animals and our animal caretakers. Starting in March, COVID-19 presented a new and unique challenge for NWR, and we had to enhance several procedures to keep our people and our animals safe.

As soon as the virus emerged, we took measures to protect people during the transfers of animals from the public into rescue, requiring gloves & masks, and instituting "touchless" transfer whenever possible. Because the only way we can save wildlife is to have healthy people on board, we also took steps to try to keep the disease from infecting our staff and interns, who form the core of our animal care team in the spring and summer. That meant requiring masks for everyone and restricting all extra human traffic in and out of our facilities. Because we couldn't have scores of volunteers on site, we had to rely much more on our staff to care for the animals. We hired additional summer staff and they, along with our college interns, worked incredibly hard to ensure that we could care for every animal who came through our doors this summer. Our staff and interns also worked on dedicated teams with no overlap. This protected us in the event that one person contracted the virus that only their team would have needed to go into quarantine, and not our entire summer staff. We also had additional staff who were ready to step in if needed to fill in for others who had to stay home on quarantine.

Because SARS-CoV2 emerged as a new virus, little was known about whether animals could get the virus like people could, and if they could, how they would be affected. Biologists and veterinary epidemiologists postulated that if any North American species could be affected by COVID-19, that the felids (mountain lions, bobcats, and lynx), mustelids (members of the weasel family), and bats would be the species most at risk. To be clear their concern was that people working with wildlife could give this virus to our animals (not that they could give it to us). Because studies were ongoing this spring, and no scientific conclusions had been published, we took extra biosecurity measures to protect our bats, bobcats, and mustelids in rehabilitation. (The most common mustelids we receive are mink, various weasel species, and American badgers). Those measures were designed to ensure that our animals stay safe. Although it meant additional preparation and work for our staff, we were committed to fulfilling our mission and protecting these animals as we worked these uncharted waters together. We now know that mink are severely affected and can die if they contract COVID-19. Mink farms across the United States have lost tens of thousands of animals, and we will continue to do everything we can to protect the mink in our care.

We have appreciated the public's support during this unprecedented time and look forward to getting back to normal as soon as possible!



What's Up in 2021?

Although COVID-19 is preventing us from holding public events, our Education & Public Outreach Coordinator Lauren is still cooking up some fun for the new year!

My Work is Wild is a new online series that will explore non-traditional careers working with wildlife and animals. Geared toward high school students, but open to all, each month will feature a new expert who will share with us via Zoom their educational and career path. Speakers will include wildlife veterinarians, conservation officers, zookeepers, herpetologists, government biologists, wildlife rehabilitators, wildlife photographers and more! My Work is Wild will be online once a month for the entire year, starting in January.



Workshop for Wildlife will give you a chance to learn how to build awesome items that will benefit the wildlife in your backyard, including bat houses, pollinator hotels, toad abodes and more! Registration in this workshop will get you a "builder's kit" with all the materials you need to make that month's project and then your family can join us online to learn how to put it together and find out more about the benefits of what they built.

Stay tuned on Facebook and/or join our e-mail list for registration information for both of these awesome series!



In Memory of Lana Halstead— A True Friend and Champion of Wildlife

On December 6, 2019, the NWR lost a dear friend, talented colleague and founding member, and the world lost a great champion of the animals. Lana dedicated more than 20 years of her life to rescuing and caring for the wildlife of Nebraska, helping the public with rescue and wildlife conflict issues, and mentoring new wildlife rehabilitators. Known as the squirrel expert, she cared for thousands of baby squirrels in her time with Nebraska Wildlife Rehab and trained, supervised, and mentored all of the new volunteers who wanted to help save baby squirrels. And although she specialized in squirrels, she never hesitated to lend a hand in rescuing other animals when she could, including the injured pelicans that seemed to turn up near her home in Beaver Lake.

Her great love of wildlife, and her amazing talent for sharing her knowledge made her an irreplaceable member of the NWR family. Her love and dedication did not stop with wildlife though – She was a proud wife, mother, and grandmother, an active community member, and an astute and loyal friend.

2020 was the first year NWR existed without Lana's irreplaceable presence and we miss her deeply.



It's "Bat Season!"

Bat friends! It's now officially bat season at NWR and we need your help to make sure we take care of all of the bats of Nebraska this winter. It is now too cold in Nebraska for bats to be released outside. If you find a bat outside or in your house, please don't leave it there (or put it outside)! Contain it safely in a cardboard box if you can and then contact us so that we can care for it until spring. Even on warm winter days bats should still come to us, because if they burn their hibernating weight flying around, they may not have enough body fat to survive until spring. Thank you for helping us keep our bat friends safe this winter!



How You Can Help

nebraskawildliferehab.org/how-to-help

Find the Perfect Gift for a Friend (or Yourself!)

Shop NWRI's Online Store

NWRI's online store is filled with fabulous new gifts for the wildlife lover in your life (and for yourself!), including Swedish dishcloths, scarves, bags, pins, patches, books, greeting cards, baby gear, socks, and t-shirts! Go to our web site and click on the "Shop for Wildlife" link from our home page or under the "How You Can Help" tab to check it out!



Adopt-An-Animal

Give the gift of a symbolic adoption of a bat, raccoon, fox, songbird, or prairie dog to a loved one, or show your support by adopting an animal for yourself! Depending on the adoption level you choose, you or your recipient will receive an adoption certificate and photo, as well as other gifts. To learn more, go to the "Adopt-An-Animal" page under the "How You Can Help" tab on our Web site!



And... Give a Gift to Wildlife

There are so many ways to help wildlife this giving season:



Your cash donations help us purchase specialized food, formulas, and veterinary care for our wildlife, pay for day-to-day operations at our Wildlife Center, and purchase the items of most pressing need for whatever wild animal comes through our doors!

Purchase Items on our Wish Lists

We have four special shopping lists on Amazon with the items most needed at our Wildlife Center. These lists are 2021 Baby Shower List, Wildlife Field Rescue Gear List, Urgent Needs, and our General Wish List. You can find the links to the Amazon wish lists and the other items we need on our Web site on the "Wish Lists and Special Projects" page, under the "How You Can Help" tab. (You can also find our Amazon wish lists by searching for Nebraska Wildlife Rehab on Amazon or going to: <http://amzn.com/w/1HU9HHCG8IDSR>)

Together a Greater Good (TAGG)



A way for you to support NWRI without spending a dime. All you have to do is download the TAGG app, select Nebraska Wildlife Rehab as your cause, and then scan your receipts from participating local businesses. The businesses will donate a portion of the proceeds to NWR and help us save wildlife!

Nebraska Wildlife Rehab Chosen for Target Giving Circle



We're participating in the Target Circle program! Every time you make a purchase at Target from now until December 31, 2020, you get one vote that you can use to vote for us and help direct Target's giving to benefit Nebraska Wildlife Rehab. For full program details and restrictions visit target.com/circle (It's super simple and another way to help wildlife at no cost to you!)



The Campaign

The funds raised in this campaign will:

- Create a state-of-the-art Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in the heart of Omaha.
- Provide a full-service veterinary clinic for wildlife in NWRI's care.
- Increase staffing and ensure seamless service to our community and the entire state of Nebraska.
- Build new pre-release facilities for wildlife at our Fort Calhoun site and upgrade current caging.
- Improve rehabilitation facilities at our Fort Calhoun site.

Business Sponsorship Levels

All business sponsorships will include: Recognition with logo at our Wildlife Center, on our Web site, and in media. Additional benefits as noted.

DONATION	BENEFIT
\$5,000+	Recognition on the donor wall at the new Wildlife Center; Tickets to opening donor reception and t-shirts for four
\$10,000+	Recognition on the donor wall at the new Wildlife Center; Tickets to opening donor reception and t-shirts for eight
\$25,000+	Recognition on the donor wall at the new Wildlife Center; Tickets to opening donor reception and t-shirts for twelve
\$50,000+	Naming rights to one of our Wildlife Nurseries; Recognition on the donor wall at the new Wildlife Center; Tickets to opening donor reception and t-shirts for twelve

To donate by check, please return your gift in the enclosed envelope. If you would like to donate by wire or the transfer of securities or make a multi-year pledge, please contact our Campaign Chair, Jillian Tuck, at campaign@nebraskawildliferehab.org

Individual and Foundation Patron Levels

Every donation makes a difference for wildlife. Please donate any amount you are able!

DONATION	BENEFIT
\$1,000+	Tickets to opening reception and t-shirts for two
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\$100,000+	Private tour for six during baby season 2020 (includes hors d'oeuvres and refreshments) plus all benefits of the \$50,000 giving level.
\$250,000+	Private tour for twelve during baby season 2020 (includes hors d'oeuvres and refreshments) plus all benefits of the \$50,000 giving level.

NWRI By The Numbers

Annually NWRI:

 Cares for more than **7,000 wild animals**

Serves 750 students in the after-school hours through a partnership with Collective for Youth



 Offers **21 university internships**

Provides 40 students with more than **125 hours** of advanced science through our High School Science Academy



 Answers more than **12,000 public inquiries** about wildlife issues in Nebraska

Reaches more than **25,000 people** with wildlife education and community outreach 

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