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WINC's Mission: EDUCATION

Leslie Kiehl Education Program Fund

In celebration of Leslie's commitment and service in wildlife education, we are honored to accept applications for the Leslie Kiehl WINC Education Program Fund.

Leslie's wish was to have a fund available to help small groups pay for the WINC educational program fee if they are not able to afford all or some of this fee. Monies for this fund are from the generous donations of memorials to Leslie made by her loving family, friends, and education supporters.

Leslie educated over 100,000 people from 2003–2015 while providing WINC wildlife education programs throughout our communities.

Applications are available on WINC's website at www.helpingwildlife.org/educate/leslie-kiehl-program-fund/. Approved applicants will have all or a portion of the WINC education program fee paid for through this fund. Leslie requested the fund application requests include how the group will "pay it forward" to animals. The



Leslie with Raenah, our Red-Tailed Hawk

main goal is for groups to take an active part in fostering the environment. Please share this information with your schools, scout groups, civic and religious groups who may want to apply.

Leslie instilled a love and respect for wildlife with people from pre-kindergarten through seniors. Her legacy will live on through the people whose perceptions of wildlife were changed by her knowledge and the Educational Ambassadors they met. You can make a donation to continue this legacy by indicating "Leslie Kiehl WINC Education Program Fund" on the check, donation form, or under the "special instructions" section of our website www.helpingwildlife.org.

Story By Lisa Rowe



Mission Statement

To provide wildlife rehabilitation to Wisconsin wildlife with the intent to release back to the native habitat, conduct research designed to further the positive impact of rehabilitation, and provide quality community education programs and service.

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WINC's Mission: ANIMAL CARE Chimney Swifts

At Wildlife In Need, we have been the "go-to" Chimney Swift rehabilitators for centers in our area since 2012. These 100% aerial insectivores are exceptionally difficult in rehabilitation settings because they will not eat on their own from a dish during their entire stay in rehab, even as adults. In the wild, they catch a variety of bugs exclusively while in flight. Therefore, at Wildlife In Need, we hand feed nestling Chimney Swifts every 30–40 minutes for 12 hours a day during their stay in rehab. Fledglings (young adults) and adults are fed every hour for 12 hours a day.

At WINC, once they begin fledging, they are moved outside in their mock chimney to a larger outdoor enclosure that has been suited with fine mesh for them to cling to while practicing flight. They roost together outside forming their own little flock while they continue to prepare for release.

Each individual swift is banded



Close up of a banded Chimney Swift

with color bands (red left, purple left, blue right, etc.) so that we can monitor the individual's weight, feather growth, and flight capabilities.

When it is time for release, we begin monitoring on-line sites for bird sightings & contacting swift groups that monitor wild populations. We like to release them into a group that is at least about 30 strong. This gives our juveniles a chance to get into a group large enough where they have the opportunity to follow wild swifts around. The problem with swifts can be they migrate and during migration they may be seen at one site on one night, but be gone the next.

We pack up our swifts for travel to the scouted site. If there are about 30 Swifts (or more), we will release our swifts. When released, our swifts (through a series of communication chatter) usually seem to fit right in. Immediately they start flying, soaring and diving with the wild flock! This year, WINC successfully released 22 Chimney Swifts.

Story by Mandy Feavel



Chimney Swifts on mock chimney

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Kim Banach, Board President

Whoo's Got WINC's Back — Our Contributors for 365 Days Every Year

Events



Toya, Alex, & Dakota, Our Great Horned Owl

Wildlife In Need Center hosted its annual 3rd Fine Wine and Dine event themed, "A Night in France". Guests enjoyed a gourmet six-course meal paired with fine wines. Thank you to Emcee, Toya Washington (Channel 12 News), and to all who attended. Our wine raffle, auction, and an appeal raised over \$19,700! A special thank you to presenting sponsor von Briesen & Roper, event sponsors Winter Kloman, Moter & Repp, and Action Graphics. Please save the date for next year's Fine Wine and Dine - October 28, 2016.

This past summer, WINC hosted its first VIP donor recognition event for our top donors. Of course, educational ambassadors represented WINC's mission and WINC's vital work. Rare behind-the-scenes tours and photos with Chloe, our Eastern Screech Owl Ambassador, were highlights. A big thank you to Waukesha State Bank for sponsoring this event.



Rob Galbraith & Chloe, Our Eastern Screech Owl

Grants and Foundations, Funding WINC's Mission

Wildlife In Need Center's commemorative 21st year culminates in treating over 47,500 wildlife patients. Also, through WINC's fifteen educational animal ambassadors — coupled with media presentations including television appearances, WINC educated a record 217,000 people this year. Webcams will be coming soon providing a non-intrusive glimpse of wildlife patients and ambassadors, thanks to grants from the We Energy Foundation and Oconomowoc

Area Foundation. WINC's mission of connecting people and wildlife funded by generous members, donors including grants and donations from Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation, Emil Ewald Family Foundation, Anthony and Andrea Bryant Family Fund, Peterson Family Foundation, PPC Foundation, ROS Foundation, Standard Process, Arthur T. Anderson Family Fund, Oconomowoc Women's Club, Delafield Community Foundation, Lake Country Women's Club and Heart of Canal Street.

What's the BUZZ?

Remembering Special People

Since October of 2014, there has been a substantial outpouring of gifts from donors to WINC in honor or memory of special people in their lives. This issue recognizes these very special gifts.

*In Memory of Alice I. Foley
Judy Salentine*

*In Memory of Anna Sadkovich
Bill & Judith Sadkovich*

*In Memory of Arnot Heller
Lawrason & Barbara Thomas*

*In Memory of Charlotte Kryger
Marie & Marty Honel*

*In Memory of Don Leetz
Calton & Judith Hall
Damian Slaske & Cathie
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Douglas & Laura Wenzel
Gene & Margaret Pearson
Karen Leetz Roberts
Kathy Paulson
Kenneth & Elsie Mueller
Leroy & Cindy Moyer
Lynn Preston
Suzanne Farrior
Wallcovering Installers Association*

*In Memory of Dr. Richard Gray
Dr. Tom & Mary Roberts*

*In Memory of Frances V. Keil
Wendy Massa*

*In Memory of Jim Henze
Tim & Wanda Fredrick*

*In Memory of John Reimer
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What's the BUZZ?

Remembering Special People

In Memory of Leslie Kiehl (Continued)

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Douglas & Anita Hasseler

Dr. Tom & Mary Roberts

Eagle Elementary School

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Lawrence & Sandra Russell

Linda Wiedmann

Lisa Pace

Lisa Rowe

Lissa VanderHeyden

Marcine Hansen

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Michael Schlecht

Michele Michuda

Michelle Blackbur

Miki Martin Erschnig

Old World Wisconsin Foundation

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Stacy & Bill Zacher

Stephen Anderson

Sue Reske

Susan Gates

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Thomas & Pamela McKeever

Thomas & Terri Sorensen

Thomas Koeppen & Jane Mellon

WINC's Mission: ANIMAL CARE

Caring for the American White Pelican

Near the end of October, WINC admitted an American White Pelican. This species is one of North America's largest birds with a wingspan of 9 feet, and an uncommon bird in our area.

The Pelican was found, unable to fly, by someone who lived in the area near Horicon Marsh. It was then rescued by Wisconsin DNR/U.S. Fish & Wildlife workers and was brought to us. It had broken primary feathers on its left wing preventing it from being able to fly, thus migrate south. The Pelican was otherwise very healthy; the cause of the feather damage is still unknown. Throughout the Pelican's 2 week stay at WINC it was fed twice a day, eating 20 medium suckers at each feeding! It cost us about \$45-\$60 a day to feed — that's A LOT of fish. We want to thank the staff at Dick Smith's Bait Shop in Delafield for helping us stay in stock to feed this patient, and for the people who stepped forward to help by; buying live fish, catching live fish or buying us gift certificates to buy live fish—you were SO helpful.



Unique migratory patient, the American White Pelican

We reached out to a center in Sarasota Florida, Save Our Seabirds, and they graciously offered to take the Pelican. Next step was working out details of health certificate, permits, etc. for transporting the Pelican south where it could be rehabbed with other Pelicans at a facility better equipped for this species. We were able to "fly" the White Pelican from Chicago on a direct flight to Sarasota on Saturday, October 31st. The flight went well and our Pelican is already doing great, eating well and making friends with other White Pelicans in rehab at Save Our Seabirds!

Story By Mandy Feavel

Soccer Nets and Wildlife

On July 28th, we received a call about a Great Horned Owl stuck in a soccer net in Brookfield. Luckily, I was in the area and was able to get there in minutes.

When I arrived, the owl was alert and reactive but the net was tangled multiple times around her wings, legs, and body. I immediately covered her head to reduce stress, put on gloves, and starting cutting through the net to free her as fast as possible.

Thankfully, she was somewhat cooperative in allowing me to cut all the netting tangled around her limbs. After it took over 20 minutes to free her, I quickly packed her up and got her to the Center.

When we get a patient or go on a rescue where an animal is tangled in some type of netting or string, we act as quickly as possible to get the animal free. These types of injuries can be extremely serious because the animal has been struggling to free itself which can result in broken bones, nerve damage from loss of circulation, and capture

myopathy which leads to death.

This particular Great Horned Owl was extremely lucky. Following her exam, we determined she had some minor bruising, swelling and was slightly dehydrated. After a week of anti-inflammatory medication and cage rest, she moved to our flight enclosure for several days of exercise before being released. Unfortunately, not all patients who have suffered injuries due to nets are as fortunate as she was.

Please let her story be a reminder to take down any sport nets or other hazardous string and netting when not in use.

Story By Chelsea Shapiro



Great Horned Owl caught in soccer net

WINC's Mission: EDUCATION

International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC)

During the weekend of Saturday, November 14th & Sunday, November 15th, the Wildlife In Need Center hosted classes through the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) and Wisconsin Wildlife Rehabilitation Association (WWRA). We hosted three different interactive classes geared towards wildlife rehabilitation; Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation, Pain & Wound Management, and Wildlife Necropsy.

Licensed rehabbers and students interested in rehab from around the Midwest including Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan joined us for a weekend filled with learning and fun.

We want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to our IWRC instructors; Dr. Renee Schott from the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota, and Halley Buckanoff



Wildlife Necropsy



Basic Wildlife Rehab

from the North Carolina Zoo for coming to teach at our center this weekend — they did a wonderful job and were both so helpful.

On Saturday students used animal cadavers to have hands on learning in topics like restraint, basic bandaging, fluid therapy and gavage (tube-feeding).

The more advanced class taught licensed rehabbers how to complete a necropsy on animals that have already passed away to help with final diagnostics. On Sunday, Pain and Wound Management gave students the opportunity to learn about managing and monitoring pain in our patients.

They also got chance to do hands on wound treatments including bandaging and fracture stabilization. It was a wonderful group of people and we were glad to host such an enjoyable, educational weekend. Thank you to all who attended making the weekend such a success!

Story By Mandy Feavel

What's the BUZZ?

Remembering Special People

In Memory of Leslie Kiehl (Continued)

United Methodist Church
Vivian Guzniczak
Wayne & Kathy Grandy
Webster Elementary School
William & Mardi Froehlich
Winter, Kloman, Moter & Repp S.C.

In Honor of Leslie Kiehl
Tammy Chatman

In Memory of Marian Hays
Anonymous
Gary and Tina Timmel
Gregory and Roxann Ruechel
Henry Pynakker
Joan Evans
Jon Hoppe
Lawrence and Frieda Goetsch
Warren & Janifer Schmidt

In Memory of "Nala" Shinner
Rita Pechacek

In Memory of Ray Czerwincki
John Foltz
Reich Household
Robert and Cheryl Lurvey

In Memory of Richard Henry Klawitter
Susan Van Susteren

In Memory of Richard L. Garbe
Jackie Garbe

In Memory of Robert Schlytter
Brigid Riordan & Mark Heumann

In Memory of Roberts Draves, Our Son-Inlaw's Father

Dr. Tom and Mary Roberts

In Memory of Scott Seymour
Arlene Hansen
Judy and Todd Engel
MSI Data
Lisa Rowe
Leslie & Richard Kiehl

In Memory of "Teddy"
Brigid Riordan & Mark Heumann

In Memory of Theodora Talkowski
Vivian Guzniczak

In Memory of Thomas Haack
Richard & Sherene Nicolai

In Honor of Bill Lane's Birthday
Dr. Tom and Mary Roberts

In Honor of Henry Kranendonk's Birthday
Dr. Tom and Mary Roberts

In Honor Deb Lang's Birthday
Dr. Tom and Mary Roberts

In Honor of Gina White's Birthday
Magda Dimmendaal

What's the BUZZ?

*Remembering Special People
(Continued)*

*In Honor of Donna Plaski's Birthday
Dr. Tom and Mary Roberts*

*In Honor of Holly & Brian Thomas
Kent Whirlow*

*In Honor of Holly Schmidt
Jack Safro Ford*

*In Honor of Jo Maxwell
John and Robin Yusko*

*In Memory of Donald Gerke
Elizabeth Steinmetz*

*In Honor of Becca Richards
Jack Safro Ford*

*In Honor Of Michelle Bonness
Beth Tupper*

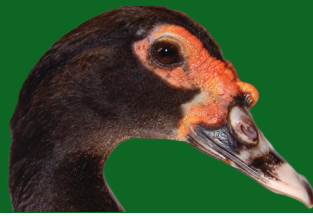
*In Honor of the Leslie W. Hoeft Family
Machelle & Nichole Hoeft*

*In Honor of Tom Roberts,
for Father's Day
John & Lisa Draves*

*In Honor of Ugugu
Valerie Bridges*

*In Honor of Holly & Brian Thomas
Kent Whirlow*

*Dedicated to Skylar
Linda Dierbeck*



DAPHNE'S DISPATCH WINC's Wish List!

I regretfully ate some metal screws recently and had surgery to remove them. I've healed well but am still not feeling myself. But I am resting and staff and volunteers are taking good care of me. I want to let you know some easy ways to help the other animals at WINC...

- Good Harvest Market in Pewaukee gives an Eco Token to shoppers who bring a reusable bag. Shoppers donate those tokens to local nonprofits at the store. WINC receives 10 cents per token
- Bring us your grocery receipts from Albrecht's Sentry in Delafield, BKT Sentry in Waukesha, and Piggly Wiggly in Hartland and Oconomowoc. We turn them in for a portion of the totals.
- Get a Kwik Trip Rewards Card and have your rebate go to WINC. Kwik Trip donates an additional 1% too.
- Use www.smile.amazon when shopping. It's all your benefits at Amazon, but you can designate WINC to get a portion of your purchases.
- Check with your employer to see if they match charitable donations
- You can bring your used Christmas trees to WINC. Just take all the decorations off and no tinsel. We use them in outdoor caging to provide perches, shelter, and windbreaks.



Painted Turtle on scale

Bring in Something From our Wish List!

- Nut meats — in shell or shelled
- Kitten and puppy dry food, especially Innova EVO Dry Food
- Earthworms, red worms, wax worms, crickets
- Gram scales, power strips
- Calcium chloride ice melt
- Paper towels, toilet paper
- Postage stamps
- Simple green high efficiency liquid laundry soap, bleach
- Dawn Dish-washing Liquid



Jewel eating a waxworm

*And don't forget your local wildlife. Water is hard to find in winter.
Consider a heated bird bath or water bowl or just put out a
shallow container of water on warm days. Your wild neighbors will
appreciate it!*

VOLUNTEERS

Highlight Grounds, Maintenance, and Fundraising Volunteers

Wildlife in Need could not help wildlife without the caring hearts and helping hands of our wonderful volunteers. I'd like to recognize our Grounds and Maintenance volunteers. Dr. Tom Roberts has created beautiful gardens to benefit our patients and local wildlife. He also heads our Maintenance Committee. The other volunteers that have helped this year are Rick Nicolai, Dan Schlenvogt, Lauren Gruenwald, Rose Knapp, Paul Matson, Steve Thirtle, Jack Kresse, Joel Tetzlaff, Jim Meinhardt, and some young men from Lad Lake.

Our office volunteers answer phones, greet visitors, admit patients, and help with office projects. They're a huge help to office staff to free us up for other tasks.

I offer many personal thanks to Barb Kresse, Mark Menzel, Pat Adams, Gina Clancy, Bill Lane, and Pam Wiedmeyer.

We're planning to add another volunteer opportunity soon — Fundraising Volunteers. WINC has many events to raise funds for rehabilitation and education. Our small staff and the same office and animal care volunteers plan and work all these events. We need more people to help with these and other events that we would like to add to increase funding.

For information on volunteer opportunities, see www.helpingwildlife.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer or call 262-965-3090.

Story By Lisa Rowe

Thank you to all our VOLUNTEERS!!



Groundhog Day Meet & Greet Sunday, Jan 31st 1:00-3:00pm

Groundhogs are dreaming of Spring now. Join us Jan 31st to witness Waldo Woodchuck make his annual prediction. Will it be an early spring or do we have 6 more weeks of winter? Dress warm for Waldo's outdoor prediction at 1:00 p.m., and then come inside for a Meet & Greet. We will have our Educational Ambassadors and their handlers in our classroom space. You're welcome to see the animals up close and ask their handlers questions.

Happy Groundhog Day!



WINC's Newest Ambassador

WINC is excited to welcome the newest member of our educational team, a Western Foxsnake! She was donated to WINC this fall by board president, Kim Banach. As a captive bred 2013 hatchling, she has had two years of dedicated foster care from, Jared Banach, Kim's son, who has a passion for reptile husbandry. With his help, the fox snake is now comfortable being handled and is ready to become an educator.

The foxsnake is one of the most common non-venomous snakes found throughout Wisconsin, which makes our new addition a great representative for native Wisconsin animals. WINC's volunteers and staff have been brainstorming name possibilities for our foxsnake and her name will be chosen and announced at our Volunteer Appreciation Party in January.

Please stop by our Holiday Meet & Greet on December 5th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon, for a chance to see her education debut!

Story By Alex Lemmer



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CALENDAR – 2016

January

Tuesday, Jan 26th
Adult New Volunteer
Orientation
6:30–8:00 p.m.
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Sunday, January 31st
Groundhog Day Meet & Greet
1:00–3:00 p.m.
WILDLIFE IN NEED CENTER

February

Thursday, Feb 25th
Adult New Volunteer
Orientation
6:30–8:00 p.m.
WILDLIFE IN NEED CENTER

March

Wednesday, March 30th
Adult New Volunteer Orientation
6:30–8:00 p.m.
WILDLIFE IN NEED CENTER

April


Friday, April 29th
22nd Annual Banquet
6:00–9:30 p.m.
WESTERN LAKES GOLF CLUB
W287 N1963 Oakton Road
Pewaukee, WI 53072

October

Friday, October 28th
Fine Wine & Dine
6:00–9:30 p.m.
THE LEGEND AT BRANDYBROOK
1 Legend Way, Wales, WI 53183



Watch our website for
Pancake Breakfast &
Spaghetti Dinner dates!!

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