

## Our Distinguished History

The Wildlife in Need Center (WINC), founded by Nancy Frank, opened its doors in January 1994, operating out of a tiny one bedroom house located at 516 E. North St. in Waukesha. By the end of the first year, WINC had treated **837 animals**.



In the fall of 1995, WINC relocated to its second home on Hwy C in the Town of Ottawa. Located on five acres, this facility offered adequate space for its constantly increasing patient admissions.

Today, WINC continues to meet the demand by providing free rehabilitation for injured, orphaned, and sick wildlife and delivers education programs.

Currently, WINC admits up to **3,000 animals** a year and responds to over **10,000 phone calls**. These calls are fielded by its staff and volunteers to provide guidance on wildlife related issues, and help the community understand their responsibilities when interacting with wildlife. WINC's education department delivers **on average 130 education programs** each year utilizing WINC's **17 Educational Ambassadors**.



## From Small Beginnings Come Great Things...

WINC's mission required expansion to a **6,000 square foot facility** that opened on June 27, 2011. This facility is located on the Field Station property of the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha.

The new facility was built with wildlife patients in mind, enabling WINC to do so much more for our patients and our community. With this new facility, our education efforts have expanded to include on-site programs and educational displays. Our research and our most up-to-date medical care facilities make it possible to treat the wildlife that comes through our doors each day.



### Rehabilitate

Through its dedicated staff, members, and volunteers, WINC provides care for the injured, sick and orphaned wildlife in Wisconsin.



### Educate

We provide education programs to a variety of age groups to help build positive relationships between humans and native Wisconsin wildlife.



### Donate

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that does not receive federal, state or county funding. Our success depends on your generosity.



Dakota  
Great Horned Owl

“The message is simple:  
love and conserve our  
wildlife.”

-Steve Irwin









Jewel, Ornate Box Turtle  
Photo credit Sandy Strehlow

## 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 services.

## You Can Make a Difference

-  **Become a member**
-  **Cash Donations**
-  **In-Kind Donations**  
(Visit our website for our wishlist)
-  **Attend Fundraisers**
-  **Become a Dakota Society member, leaving WINC in your estate plans**
-  **Follow WINC on Facebook for unique requests and stories**
-  **Spread the word about WINC!**

The Wildlife in Need Center is a 501(c)3 organization that receives no federal, state or county funding. WINC operates 365 days a year on the generous support of its members, cash donations, grants, bequests and foundations.

**To support WINC's mission please go to  
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If you have questions about how to contribute to WINC, contact [donate@helpingwildlife.org](mailto:donate@helpingwildlife.org) or call 262-965-3090. To set up a wildlife education program contact [education@helpingwildlife.org](mailto:education@helpingwildlife.org), or online via WINC's education page by completing the education program request form.

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through Rehabilitation, Education  
and Research since 1994

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