



Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center



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The Mission of TWREC

Our mission is to help Pennsylvania wildlife by

- Caring for injured, orphaned or ill wildlife in order to enable their return to the wild.
- Promoting appreciation and understanding of wildlife through education.

Admissions

At present time Tamarack is able to admit birds of prey (all species and ages of eagles, hawks, falcons, owls and vultures), small birds (all ages of song birds, wood peckers, etc. at our North East location), turtles and opossums. This is subject to change depending on case load. For more information, call 814-763-2574.

Hours

September to May
By appointment



Official registration and financial
Information of T.W.R.E.C. may be obtained
from the Pennsylvania Department of State
by calling toll-free within PA:
1.800.732.0999
Registration does not imply endorsement.

You Can Help Your Wildlife Center Soar!



Larry Slomski

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One of the joys of living in north-western Pennsylvania is being surrounded by all manner of wildlife. A simple walk around the neighborhood finds birds, turtles, toads, rabbits and other small mammals in close proximity to our homes. Further afield we are lucky to see raptors and larger mammals and reptiles. We enjoy the benefits of living close to nature and appreciate the healthy biodiversity of our area. Many of us understand that as humans, we are stewards of our natural environment and have a responsibility to protect and care for it – including our wildlife.

Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center (TWREC) has provided medical care and rehabilitation to hundreds of injured raptors, birds, reptiles and mammals each year, and education programs reaching over 5,000 people annually. And we do it on a shoestring budget. We are staffed almost entirely by volunteers who respond to calls for help and advice, transport injured wildlife to our center, provide direct care to patients; clean our facility, and provide outstanding educational programming.

Last winter, our board identified

For more than a quarter century, that our “next steps” to improve our

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TWREC's Comprehensive Campaign

1 PHASE ONE

- Buy property
- Install heat exchangers for increased efficiency
- Hire assistant wildlife rehabilitator/educator
- Begin use of “event room” for education programs

2 PHASE TWO

- Develop master site plan
- Create ground-level admissions
- Install accessible restroom
- Develop “event room” for education programs
- Create self-guided educational area with outdoor ambassador bird caging

Phase 1: Key Gifts & Grants

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Community Foundation
of Warren County
Dr. Glen Wurst
Dr. John Lang
Pymatuning Sportsman's Club
William DeArment
Linda Beige
Tamarack Board of Directors



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services required owning our site which we had been renting for about 20 years. This fall we took the bold step of purchasing our buildings and grounds in Saegertown—thanks to a number of key supporters and a local bank. We've closed the deal but must now complete raising the funds to cover the costs.

This purchase marks the first step towards implementing a strategic plan and comprehensive campaign that will strengthen TWREC's rehabilitation and education efforts for years to come. Supporting this endeavor is an exciting way you can help care for area wildlife and our planet, now and into the future.



Linda Gleeson held a garage sale benefitting Tamarack and presents a check for \$500 to director Carol Holmgren. Thank you Linda!

Ways to Give

- Cash, check or PayPal
- Appreciated stocks and bonds
- Directly from your IRA (if you are aged 70 ½ or older)
- Electronic Fund Transfer
- Paid-up insurance policy
- Real estate
- Name the TWREC as a beneficiary of your IRA or insurance policy
- Bequest through your will or trust

**Please contact Melissa Mencotti
at melmen@zoominternet.net
or by calling (814) 547-1986
for more information about the
relative advantages of these options.**

Blurb



Supporting the continuing education of wildlife rehabilitators, DVM Donny Consola and Carol Holmgren presented a session on 'Raptor Pododermatitis' at the New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference in Buffalo, NY this November.

TAMARACK BY THE NUMBERS

1989

Tamarack is incorporated, under the direction of licensed wildlife rehabilitator, Harriet Wilson.

1992

Education was added as a primary mission under the direction of Suzanne DeArment.

2 Missions:

Wildlife Rehabilitation and Public Education

14,000+ Wildlife Patients

have been treated since 1989.

5,000+

people are reached through education programs each year.

9 Ambassador Raptors

including owls, falcons, and hawks assist in our education programs.

6,000+ Volunteer Hours

contributed annually.

4 Volunteer Educators

support our programs

16 Volunteer Dispatchers

respond to calls from 8am to 9pm seven days each week.

1,600 Phone Calls

about wildlife in distress are answered each year.

75% of the Patients

who survive 24 hours are released back into the wild.

2 Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitators

provide care: Carol Holmgren and songbird specialist, Gina Kron

81 Bald Eagles

have been treated at the center. In the early years one was admitted every other year. At present 8-10 are admitted annually since PA's eagle population has grown.

26 Endangered or Threatened Species

other than Bald Eagles have been treated including:

Osprey

Peregrine Falcon

Short-eared Owl

Long-eared Owl

Northern Harrier

Least Bittern

Loggerhead Shrike



TAMARACK WILDLIFE CHANGES LIVES

“The work done at Tamarack Wildlife Center creates a ripple effect through our communities, our ecosystems, and beyond. In my 4 years at the center I have seen children gain an appreciation of nature, raptors spread their newly healed wings to soar, and experienced hope for the future with each patient we help or person we teach. Tamarack truly is an asset to the community it serves, and will continue to change lives and create hope in the years to come.

Lee Ann Streshenkoff
Allegheny College Student Volunteer



It is the miracles, the triumphs that keep us waiting and anxious for the call to come for the next small soul to save... It matters to each and every one of these wildlife.

Sue Pratt
Volunteer and Transporter

My passion for the environment and teaching individuals about the environment was ignited at Tamarack. I was able to have real-world experience because of Tamarack in environmental education and interpretation while on programs with Tamarack's non-releasable education birds. It was an amazing experience to be able to connect to people and share my experience and ignite their passion for each bird that they met and for the environment around them.

Abby Hileman
College Student Volunteer

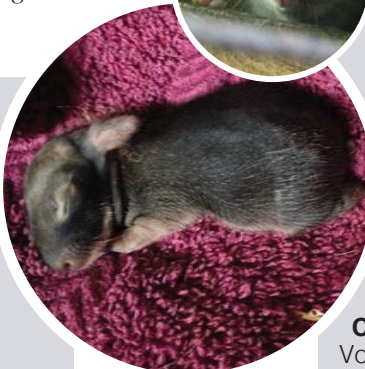


Tamarack's raptor program was wonderful and completely supported my curriculum goals. The kids loved being able to see the birds and ask an expert questions.

Middle school educator

Tamarack is an important asset to our community because they educate members of the community about how special our wildlife is and do everything in their power to rehabilitate sick and injured (wildlife) so they can return back to the wild where they belong.

Alyssa Nelson
Allegheny College Student Volunteer



For me, being involved with Tamarack is one of the most inspiring parts of living in NW Pennsylvania. Serving as a board member and volunteering as a dispatcher, I am constantly moved by the 24/7 dedication of its full-time staff and its volunteers, and touched by the kindness, concern, and compassion towards wildlife shown by people from all walks of life who call about animals in distress. Tamarack heals not only the animals who come into its skilled and gentle care, but also the hearts of the humans who are lucky enough to work with it.

Sharon Wesoky
Board Member and Wildlife Phone Dispatcher

This is my 3rd season raising orphaned opossums and I am now and forever touched by them. It is such a joy to educate people on how truly amazing these marsupials are, and how very important they are to the environment, as well as all of the raptors and wildlife that have come to the Center for help. Tamarack truly is a place where being of service to others, having an open heart and having real honest compassion for our wildlife exists, and I am so grateful to be a part of it!

Janelle Harrawood
Volunteer Medic and Opossum Specialist

(Tamarack's presentation) was perfect for our audience. Before the program, I would guess 98% did not know anything about these types of birds of prey. It was captivating for ages 6-60 years! The first grade boys sat still and listened for the whole hour (a true miracle!) The condition and beauty of the birds were exceptional; it is obvious that they are very well cared for.

Educator from local private school



Educating ourselves through the Wildlife First Responders course allowed us to serve and protect the wildlife in our area as well as assist in educating the public in best practices and prevention, a valuable asset to our community. It is an honor to work with this remarkable group of volunteers all dedicated to the rehabilitation of our wildlife and the wildlife education of our public.

Chuck and Sue Pratt
Volunteers and Transporters

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

Sarah Sargent

As fall's glorious colors brighten our hills and valleys, we know the cold is coming and we are all preparing for winter. This means something very special at Tamarack this year, as we are taking a huge step and preparing not only for winter, but for our future home. All these years we have rented our site. Now we are preparing to become the owners of the property, and will shape it to better serve our mission of wildlife rehabilitation and education. You will be hearing much more on this as we undertake exciting steps. Please help as you are able.

All of you, our supporters, have helped us so much in recent months. On Erie Gives Day, August 9, your support was the strongest yet, with over \$13,000 being raised. That big infusion is what we needed in August, at the end of the summer when our case load was heavy, and we had lots of bills to pay while we were preparing to purchase our site. We remain most grateful for your interest and support, and we are always delighted to accept your gifts of all sizes!

We are also thankful for your gifts of time. Thirty volunteers helped us with a fantastic Open House on October 2nd, when over 400 people visited! The weather cooperated, and we were able to release two rehabilitated Red-tailed Hawks as our guests watched. Carol Holmgren, our dedicated staff leader, made the day a big success with her phenomenal organizational talent.

A quick mention of one other volunteer: Shannan Lynes is a professional designer who created our new logo. He was very patient while we went over his sketches feather by feather! The new logo reflects our center's soaring future serving wildlife and our community.

Will you join me by making a gift today so that we may assure TWREC's future and the health of all in our community? Please visit TWREC online at <http://www.tamarackwildlife.org/> for more information and to make your gift today.



Photo blurb

Erie Gives Day 2016 is Huge Success!



Thank you to the 127 donors who contributed to Tamarack through Erie Gives Day! Including the pro-rated match, Tamarack received an amazing \$13,882. These gifts will support our ongoing wildlife rehabilitation and education work, and will also help us purchase a home for the center. Save the date for next year's Erie Gives: Tuesday August 8, 2017.



Land for Sale Benefitting Tamarack!

For sale: 56 acres in Crawford County, Randolph Township. Flat land near State Game Lands 69 and Erie National Wildlife Refuge. Located north-east of the Route 198 and Shaffer Road intersection. Purchase price \$97,500. Proceeds from this sale will benefit Tamarack's purchase and renovation of our center. For more information, contact Renee Brown at Howard Hanna 814-835-1200 extension 31.

Say Hello to our New Logo!

Tamarack has a new logo, reflecting our vision to "take flight" and better serve our patients and the public.

This logo honors Tamarack's first design created by Charlie Wilson, son of the center's original rehabilitator, Harriet Wilson. The new logo maintains the elements of a circle and branch, with the bird now taking flight beyond the circle's

boundary. Thank you to Shannan Lynes for donating his professional skills to create a beautiful logo that honors our past and looks ahead to our soaring future.





At the Center: Summer into Fall

Carol Holmgren

At the time of this writing, the fall colors are brilliant and a cool nip is in the air after an uncharacteristically warm autumn. At the main Tamarack Center, we have treated over 350 patients so far this year including 11 Bald Eagles, 40 Red-tailed Hawks (a new record!), 10 Great Horned Owls, 11 Eastern Screech Owls, 70 Cottontail Rabbits, and 60 Virginia Opossums.

It is a privilege to treat each one of these patients, whether large or small, common or rare. All the hard work is worth when we see them go free again.

Our nine ambassador raptors have reached over 5000 people this year through our educational programs. Our new ambassador Peregrine Falcon "Apollo" and Great Horned Owl "Van GHOW" are becoming solid participants.

Licensed wildlife rehabilitator Gina Kron treated

an additional 225 patients at her North East location. Some of her most unusual and memorable patients included a White Pelican, Nighthawk, and Pileated Woodpecker. Interestingly, Gina's most abundant species this year was Cedar Waxwings. She also treated many Mourning Doves, Robins, Bluejays and Bluebirds. Gina specializes in songbirds and has more than doubled the number of patients she treated last year. Next year she will need regular weekly volunteer support through the summer to be able to keep up with the demanding schedule of feeding young songbirds. Contact Gina at 814-636-7440 if you are interested and live in the vicinity of North East.

THIS PARAGRAPH IS A REPEAT FROM THE ONE ABOVE. :) Licensed wildlife rehabilitator Gina Kron treated an additional 225 patients at her North East location. Some of her most unusual and memorable patients included a White Pelican, Nighthawk, and Pileated Woodpecker. Interestingly, Gina's most abundant species this year was Cedar Waxwings. She also treated many Mourning Doves, Robins, Bluejays and Bluebirds. Gina specializes in songbirds and has more than doubled the number of patients she treated last year.



Thank you to our summer and fall helpers: Summer supervisor Meric Islam, Allegheny College Bonner leaders Bryce Howe, Catrina Steckler and Lee Streshenkoff; volunteers Martha Consla, Cathy Davis, Ashley Gibson, Chris Green, Mary Haines, Janelle Harrawood, Natalie Helms, Lisa Jackson, Emily Kitchen, Casey Main, Melanie McClearn, Daniele Moffat, Kaitlin Pander, Caley Ritts, Laryssa Rote, Jodi Sipos, Larry and Linda Slomski, Isaac Wilbur and Allegheny College students Emilie Bell, Arden Delphey, Lauren Erdman, Ethan Glover-Bailey, Graham Johnson, Alyssa Nelson, and Danielle Thieman

Our fabulous Wildlife Emergency Dispatchers, coordinated by Bob Hartman, are: Carol Brown, Joe Goertz, Jim Fitch, Mary Halko, Julie Hirt, Denise Hudson, Marc John, Lynne Martin, Denise Moffat, Roberta McCall, Grace Ossa, Allie Sheppeck, Marcella Smith, and Sharon Wesoky.

All members and contributors (except those desiring to be anonymous) will be listed in an annual report and are therefore not be included in this newsletter.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THE CENTER!



IN HONOR OF:

Kyle Argeny from Linda Kimmeth

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IN MEMORY OF:

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A beloved wife and mother who loved eagles and hawks

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To make a contribution in honor or memorial donations can be made online or mailed to TWREC, 21601

Be sure to include: whether this is in honor of
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*If we neglected to include you - please let us know!
We appreciate all our supporters and do our best to remember you all.*

Wish List

*Go to AmazonSmile.com and look up
Tamarack Wildlife Center's wish list for more great ideas!*



*American Robin
raised from
nestling and
released*

- Paper Towels
- Dawn Dish Detergent
- Liquid laundry detergent for High Efficiency Machines (HE)
- Trash bags, 30 gallon
- Forever Stamps
- Cohesive Bandage, 2"
- Pillow Cases, Flat Sheets (clean, used)
- Surgical drape (unused from hospital surgeries)
- Sterile Saline or Lactated Ringers (up to 2.5 dextrose) IV bags
- Wood Pine or Ash shavings for bedding (not cedar)
- Hol-ee Roller Dog Toy for raptor enrichment
- Dura-fused Canvas Dog Toys for raptor enrichment
- Kaytee Natural Woven Apple Toss Toy for enrichment



*Bluebird raised from
nestling by Tamarack's
songbird specialist,
Gina Kron*

Sponsorships Make Great Gifts

You can give a sponsorship of our ambassador raptors for \$25.00 per year. Sponsors receive a certificate of sponsorship, a 5x7 photograph and a brochure about the bird they are sponsoring. Additionally, sponsors' names are displayed by the bird's enclosure and sponsors may arrange to visit the Center for a personal encounter.

Indicate which animal(s) you would like to sponsor.

Send this form, along with a check for \$25 per animal per year to: **TWREC, 21601 Stull Road, Saegertown, PA 16433.**

- ☐ Lady Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk
- ☐ Willow, Eastern Screech Owl
- ☐ Spirit Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk
- ☐ Jedi, Merlin Falcon
- ☐ Vincent, Great Horned Owl

- ☐ Sophia, Barred Owl
- ☐ Jasper, Eastern Screech Owl
- ☐ Alice, Cooper's Hawk
- ☐ Apollo, Peregrine Falcon

*Apollo,
Peregrine
Falcon*



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Become a member of TWREC and help wildlife. Members receive two newsletters per year and are invited to our annual open house. Your donations are tax deductible and give you the satisfaction of helping our native wildlife. If your membership is not up for renewal but you wish to provide extra financial support, your additional donation or memorial contribution is always welcome.

Send contributions to:

Tamarack Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, Inc.
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- ☐ Individual/Chickadee.....\$20
- ☐ Family/Kestrel.....\$30
- ☐ Great Horned Owl.....\$100
- ☐ Peregrine.....\$500
- ☐ Golden Eagle.....\$1000
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