

ROCKFISH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

ANNUAL REPORT | 2023

Thank you, RWS supporters! 2023 was another year of record-breaking impact. Below are just some of last year's highlights. Our work would not have been possible without your help. We are excited to see what our 20th anniversary year has in store!



944

animals were rescued by RWS in 2023.

414

animals were released in 2023.



6.2%

of revenue for RWS was provided by the RWS Resale Shop. Thank you to Candy Goodyear, Nancy Ortiz, and all who donated and shopped.



3,000

people reached by our education and outreach programming.



80%

of our revenues went to direct animal care.

72

different species treated at the Sanctuary.

2.20 - 11.18

the dates on which our busy animal care season started and ended. Being earlier and longer than ever before affected our volunteer and staffing patterns, as we were required to remain fully staffed for a much longer period than in the past.



21 reptiles

(2%)



282
birds
(30%)

ANIMAL
FACTS

944

animals were rescued by
RWS in 2023



641
mammals
(68%)

3%

were pending release in 2024

9%

transferred
for acute
medical care

17%

had to be
humanely
euthanized

REHABILITATION
OUTCOMES

26%

died from
their injuries

44%

of animals
were released
into the wild

\$18,798

RWS Resale
Shop (6.2%)

\$76,476

Major Gifts &
Grants (25.3%)

**TOTAL
INCOME
\$302,284**

\$207,010

Individual
Donations
(68.5%)

\$7,572

Fundraising (2%)

\$7,534

Public Education (2%)

\$ 61,067

General & Administrative (16%)

**TOTAL
EXPENSES
\$376,304**

\$300,131

Direct Animal
Care (80%)

NOTE:

The RWS board seeks to meet nonprofit best practice benchmarks by establishing 3-6 months of operational reserves. This enables us to prepare for unexpected changes in the local economy and in the wild environs. We feel this is particularly prudent given the extended mating seasons we are starting to experience in Central Virginia.

NOTE:

The income/expense deficit represents a planned multiyear deficit due to programmatic & staff expansion.

2023 MAJOR GIFTS & GRANTS

Alice P. Meador Fund
Anne & Gene Worrell Foundation
Anonymous (2)
At Last Fund
Bama Works Fund
Batten Family Fund
Community Foundation of
Central Blue Ridge
Diana Foster and Thomas H. Jones Fund
Jim & Betsy Greene
L.E.A.W. Family Foundation
Lea Elmore
Lewis G. Schaeneman, Jr. Foundation
Madwoman Project Fund

Marta Heflin Foundation
Nancy Newman
Nunley-Satira Family Fund
Pajeau Wildlife Foundation
Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is Fund
St. Paul & Minnesota Foundation, Earl D.
and Marian N. Olson Fund
The J&E Berkley Foundation
The Oakwood Foundation
The Willowmere Foundation
Vesta Lee Gordon Fund
Virginia Society of Ornithology
William M. Camp Foundation

CORPORATE PARTNERS:

Devil's Backbone Brewing Co.
Hedge Fine Blooms
MarieBette
Mountain House Trading Company
Wild Birds Unlimited
Charlottesville

BEQUESTS:

Lucy Byrd Pegau

562
donors gave to RWS in 2023!

THANK YOU

animal rescuers, volunteers, donors, supports, and staff! RWS was stronger in 2023 because of you.

Patient Transport Volunteers

Karyn Allen	Lex Meredith
Brittany Barnett	Don Mitchem
Robyn Bennett	Shannon Padgett
Tony Cambio	Gary Powell
Peyton Coyner	Charlotte Rea
Jennifer Dahmen	Laurel Reese
Lauren Dalton	Crystal Shull
Cynthia Elkey	Debbie Smith
AJ Greely	Genevieve Story
Layla Gustavson	Stephanie Sweat
Susan Hastings	Dave Volin
Dianne Hillman	Becky Woodson
Elliot Hensley	

2023 Summer Interns

Chandler Dennis
Erica Kraabel
Sydie Matda

Animal Care Volunteers

Debra Abbott
Robyn Bennett
Everly June Cope
Nicole Charles
Jaymie Dixon
Mary Ann Dupes
Cynthia ELkey
Lilly Farmer
Marcie Gibbons
Jackie Harold
Matt Heinrich
Steve Holler
Andrea Merchak
Kent Olson
Debbie Smith
Dave Violin

Administrative/General/Other Volunteers

Bernie Dracopoli
Candy Goodyear
Nancy Newman
Nancy Ortiz

Legal Advisor

Meghan Cloud

Building Volunteers

Carl Stelliwag
Ed Spellman
Pete Syme
Building Goodness Foundation

2023 Board of Directors

Mary Haines-Johnson, President
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Nathou Attinger
Nancy Nuell
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Patty Wallens
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Dean Lhospital
Adam Miller
John O'Connor

2023 Staff

Sarah Cooperman
Elka Hutcheson
Dez Brooks
Chandler Dennis
Grace Leytham
Grace Neubauer
Jeff Wilbur

1,153
hours of volunteer
time were
recorded in 2023!

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RWS is a licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility, legally operating under active permits from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the United States Department of Agriculture.