



WILDWOODS 501(c)(3)

The Northland's regional wildlife rehabilitation facility



Dear Wildwoods Friends and Family,

What a year we had in 2023! Thank YOU for being a part of it! Your support meant everything to the animals and humans alike who benefited from our work. **We admitted 882 animals representing 119 species, and provided support to 2,484 people.**

Our Work in 2023

Wildwoods has worked diligently to increase our funding sources and to create a sustainable organization. We are proud that in the last year we have:

- **Introduced new foundations** to our work, expanding this area of funding.
- **Increased the number of individual supporters**, lowered our attrition rate, and encouraged lapsed supporters to rejoin our efforts!
- Received our **first bequest** from a supporter's estate plan.

With this growing support, we continued to improve the care and housing for orphaned and injured wildlife.

- We built **new enclosures** in our outdoor pre-release conditioning area that meets the particular needs of the animal species we house.
- It appears Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza is here to stay, so we **expanded and upgraded our quarantine room** to improve care for raptors, waterfowl, and mammals that are susceptible to this disease.
- We started the process of upgrading our nursery, including prepping for raccoons, and building a new quarantine room for waterfowl babies.

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Our Community

Wildwoods cannot exist without our community. **Please look at our financials in this report to see just how you fit in. Individual donors are responsible for 75 percent of our revenue** (this includes our bequest!). Each dollar that you put into an envelope, leave in our mailbox, or donate online makes up a portion of that 75 percent. Your dollars, words of encouragement, volunteer hours, care for the animals, and spreading the word on how to share space with nature and her wildlife are inextricably linked to our successes here at Wildwoods.

I continue to be impressed by our staff, our volunteers, and our community that come together to support and guide our work as we care for the animals that share this world with us. **Due to the increasing needs of our wildlife community and our efforts to provide the best care possible, we ask you to consider increasing your support this spring.** We are expecting a long spring and summer of baby animals, and your support is fundamental to everything that we do.

Please support us in our efforts so that we can continue to be here for you, and for the animals that enrich our lives.

Kind regards,



Jessica LaBumbard
Executive Director

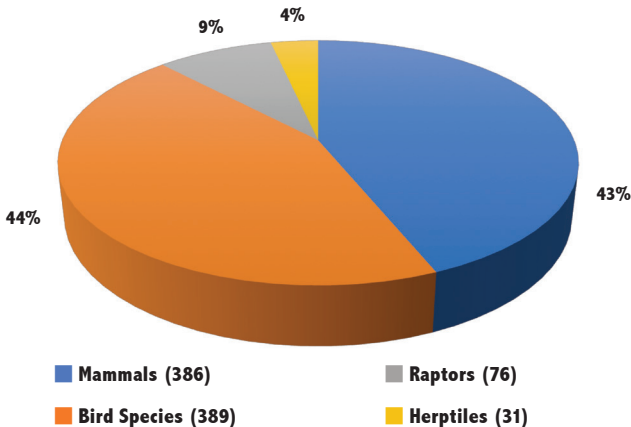


2023 Stats

Animals Served

In 2023, we admitted **882 animal patients from 119 species**. The eastern cottontail rabbit topped the list (165) for mammals, followed by the eastern gray squirrel (59). The top two bird species were rock pigeons (74) and American robins (38). Most common raptors were the bald eagle (16) and the broad-winged hawk (15). See page 4 for a complete species list!

PATIENT BREAKDOWN (882)

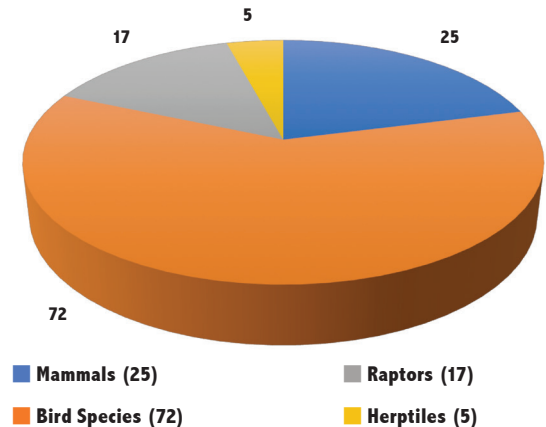


People Served

Wildwoods served **2,484 people in 2023:**

- 722 people brought in animals for care.
- 1,463 people called with animal concerns and questions, with most calls resulting in the animal being left safely in place.
- 299 people participated in our educational programs.
- We had four tabling events reaching large audiences.

NUMBER OF SPECIES BY ANIMAL GROUPS (119)



Stories from 2023

Our New Outdoor Pre-release Conditioning Area



Our new outdoor pre-release conditioning area for the animals is ready to go! This \$40,000 capital project took us almost two years to complete, and we could not be more pleased with the outcome.

Orphaned animals that are raised in captivity need to have the space and the time to exercise their muscles so that, upon release, they have the physical ability and endurance necessary for their survival. They also need to learn how to hunt and forage before release. Injured animals that have completed the healing process need this period of acclimation to regain their muscle mass and endurance.

The animals need caging styles, sizes, and shapes specific to their species that promote their natural behaviors, and appropriate substrate for their feet or for burrowing. If the cages are too small, they do not have the space that they need to get the muscle mass and endurance required (e.g., aerial dives for insectivores), and they will not have adequate experience foraging and hunting. Our caging size, structure, and substrate comply with the Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation set forth by the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association and the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council.

The cages were designed and built by an all-volunteer force.

Keeping Wildlife Wild

We take in orphaned babies as a last resort. When we receive a call, our first effort is always to try to reunite the babies with their parents; their best chance at life is to be raised by their own species.



In July 2023, we received a call about a nest of robins whose tree had been cut down. The finder sent us photos of the babies, and the location where the tree had been. When it comes to birds, you cannot move the nest very far from its initial location if you hope for the parents to find it. This caller opted to build a bird house next to the fallen tree in the hopes that the mother would come back. This was a successful reunification! This warms our hearts to know that these baby birds were able to remain wild.

Your support makes our work possible!

Donate online at
www.wildwoodsrehab.org/donate
or use the enclosed envelope.

Thank you!



Wildwoods is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization located in Duluth, MN, that accepts orphaned, injured, and sick wildlife.

We rehabilitate orphaned wildlife and return them to the wild while providing emergency stabilization and transfer of injured and sick wildlife to other rehabilitation centers in the state.

Open 365 days a year • 9 am - 5 pm

(By scheduled drop off only) 4009 W. Arrowhead Rd • Duluth, MN 55811 • 218-491-3604 • www.wildwoodsrehab.org

Species List

119 Species admitted to Wildwoods in 2023

BIRDS

Alder Flycatcher
American Coot
American Crow
American Goldfinch
American Kestrel
American Robin
American Tree Sparrow
American Woodcock
Bald Eagle
Baltimore Oriole
Barred Owl
Belted Kingfisher
Black-and-white Warbler
Black-capped Chickadee
Blue Jay
Bohemian Waxwing
Broad-winged Hawk
Brown Creeper
Brown-headed Cowbird
Canada Goose
Cedar Waxwing
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Common Grackle
Common Loon
Common Nighthawk
Common Raven
Common Yellowthroat
Cooper's Hawk
Dark-eyed Junco
Downy Woodpecker
Eurasian Collared-dove
European Starling
Fox Sparrow
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Gray Catbird
Great Blue Heron
Great Horned Owl
Hairy Woodpecker
Herring Gull

House Finch
House Sparrow
House Wren
Mallard
Merlin
Mourning Dove
Mourning Warbler
Nashville Warbler
Northern Bobwhite
Northern Flicker
Northern Goshawk
Northern Harrier
Northern Saw-whet Owl
Northern Waterthrush
Osprey
Ovenbird
Peregrine Falcon
Pied-billed Grebe
Pileated Woodpecker
Pine Grosbeak
Purple Finch
Red-eyed Vireo
Red-necked Grebe
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-winged Blackbird
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Rough-legged Hawk
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Ruffed Grouse
Rusty Blackbird
Short-eared Owl
Snow Bunting
Snowy Owl
Song Sparrow
Spotted Sandpiper
Swainson's Thrush
Tennessee Warbler
Trumpeter Swan

Turkey Vulture
Veery
White-throated Sparrow
Wild Turkey
Wilson's Snipe
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Yellow-throated Vireo

MAMMALS

American Marten
American Mink
Big Brown Bat
Bobcat
Eastern Chipmunk
Eastern Cottontail
Eastern Gray Squirrel
Franklin's Ground Squirrel
House Mouse
Little Brown Myotis
Meadow Vole
Muskrat
North American Porcupine
Northern Long-eared Bat
Raccoon
Red Fox
Red Squirrel
Short-tailed Weasel
Silver-haired Bat
Snowshoe Hare
Southern Flying Squirrel
Star-nosed Mole
White-footed Mouse
White-tailed Deer
Woodchuck

HERPTILES

(Reptiles and Amphibians)

Common Garter Snake
Common Snapping Turtle
Gray Treefrog
Western Chorus Frog
Western Painted Turtle

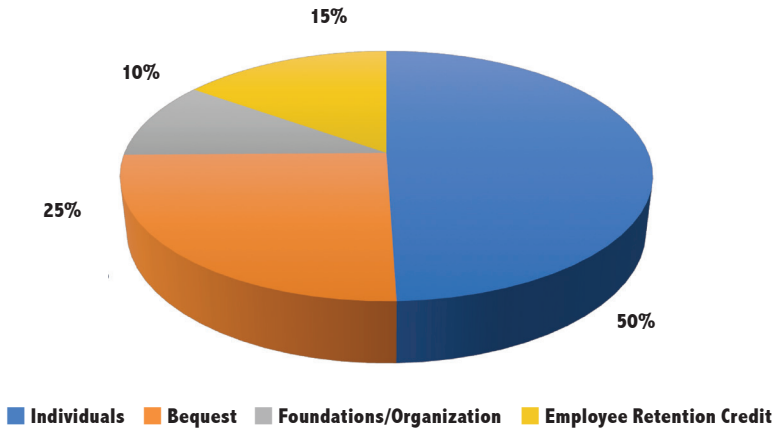
2023 Financials

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

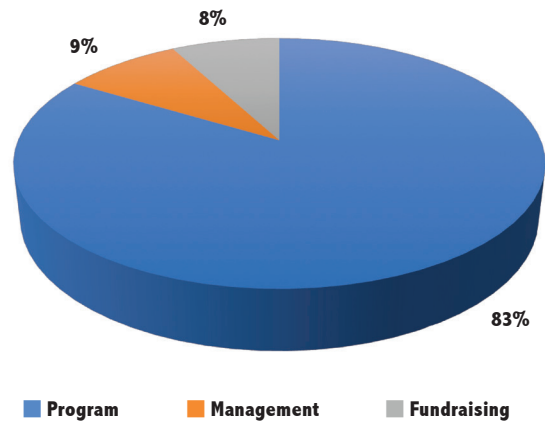
Revenue: \$314,229

Expenses: \$203,203

2023 DONATIONS BY SOURCE



2023 EXPENDITURES



There are Many Ways You Can Support Wildwoods!

• Participate in the Wildwoods Baby Shower!

It is time for our annual baby shower as we prepare for the arrival of spring babies. Please visit our Amazon Baby Registry at <http://bit.ly/WW-Baby-Shower>.

• Consider becoming a Legacy Donor!

Include Wildwoods in your will or estate plan. We have a growing number of supporters who have become Legacy Donors, helping to ensure that Wildwoods will support animals for years to come! Reach out to jessica@wildwoodsrehab.org

• Do you have stock that you are no longer interested in holding?

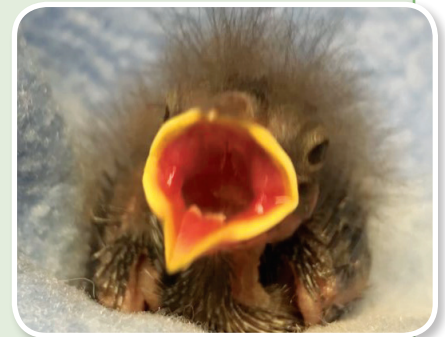
Consider donating it to Wildwoods! Stock is easy to donate, and a great way to benefit everyone! Reach out to jessica@wildwoodsrehab.org

• Do you have Thrivent Dollars to spend?

Wildwoods accepts Thrivent Dollars year-round! This is a simple and effective way to support our work!

• Donate using the enclosed envelope!

Every donation matters; especially as we prepare for spring babies!





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A heartfelt thanks to the more than 650 individuals who have donated to us!

