



**SOARIN' HAWK**  
RAPTOR REHABILITATION CENTER



**2016  
REPORT  
TO THE  
COMMUNITY**

soarinhawk.org



## ABOUT

Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab's mission is to conserve our raptor population through education and rehabilitation.







Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab is a non-profit service established in 1996 to serve northeast Indiana's injured or orphaned birds of prey. We are fortunate to be able to offer our patients a blend of modern veterinary science (volunteer veterinary services, x-ray, laboratory, and aggressive post surgical physical therapy) and the ancient art of falconry (creance reconditioning, "hack" releases of orphans, and honing of hunting skills when needed).

### ***Hello and Happy New Year!***

*This past year Soarin' Hawk celebrated 20 years of providing state-of-the-art veterinary care for resident and migratory birds-of-prey that were injured or orphaned. When we started in 1996, a handful of volunteers provided care for about 20 raptors and did only a few educational presentations. In 2016 our team of volunteers provided treatment and care for more than 226 raptors and made more than 100 educational presentations.*

*Sincerely,*

*Pat A. Funnell, D.V.M.*

Dr. Pat Funnell

*DVM and President of Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation*



**RESCUE**

**208** RESCUES

## NOTABLE PLACEMENTS

**Fort Wayne Children's Zoo**  
*Red-tailed Hawk and a pair  
of Eastern Screech Owls*

**Tracy Aviary in  
Salt Lake City, Utah**  
*Bald Eagle*

**Busch Gardens in Virginia**  
*Red-tailed Hawk*

**Interpretive Center at Salamonie  
State Park, Indiana**  
*Barred Owl, Red-tailed Hawk,  
and Great Horned Owl*

**The Saint Louis Zoological Park**  
*Great Horned Owl*

**American Eagle Foundation**  
*Bald Eagle*

We are happy to say that we have placed birds as far west as Utah,  
as far east as Virginia and as close as our own Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.







RESCUE HOTLINE » **260-241-0134**



EDUCATION

Soarin' Hawk brings the birds to you.





PUBLIC  
ATTENDANCE  
**12,358**



## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Hatchday Birthday Programs

Home School Programs

Community Education Programs

Eagle Scout Court of Honor Programs

Owl Pellet Dissection 'Lab'

Special Event Programs

Informative and entertaining programs are available to schools, clubs, scouts and other interest groups. Our programs are packed with age-appropriate information that is both educational and entertaining! Programs also include live raptors and hands-on activities.



**104** EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS  
DELIVERED

If you need additional information, please email us at [programs@soarinhawk.org](mailto:programs@soarinhawk.org).





## CONSERVATION

We return releasable birds to their home territories as quickly as possible. Those birds who cannot be returned to the wild are placed in facilities from Utah to Virginia to live out their life being well cared for, or they may become educational birds for Soarin' Hawk's education programs. Baby birds are quickly re-nested to continue their care by their mother.









## BY THE NUMBERS

# 208

RAPTORS  
PROVIDED  
WITH MEDICAL  
TREATMENT  
AND PHYSICAL  
THERAPY

# 8

TV APPEARANCES

# 9,705

DAYS OF CARE  
FOR RESCUED BIRDS

# 6,205

DAYS OF CARE  
FOR RESIDENT BIRDS



## SPECIES ENCOUNTERED DURING RESCUES







9,500  
K-12 STUDENTS  
REACHED

7,100  
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS



353  
NEWSLETTER  
SUBSCRIBERS

4,017  
POUNDS OF  
HEALTHY FARE  
INCLUDING  
RODENTS,  
CHICKS, WILD  
GAME AND FISH



## MEDIA COVERAGE

*Soarin' Hawk is ready to spread it's wings*  
PBS39 Bruce Haines  
June 3, 2016

*Soarin' Hawk aims high – Rehab center looks to expand mission with education*  
Jim Mount The Journal Gazette  
April 2016

*Lady Eagle takes her homecoming flight*  
WANE TV  
February 2016

*Soarin' Hawk Saving Injured Birds of Prey*  
Insight 21Alive  
February 2016

*Soarin' Hawk*  
NPR  
January 2016

*The Scoop on Animal Care and Control*  
ACC TV  
October 2016

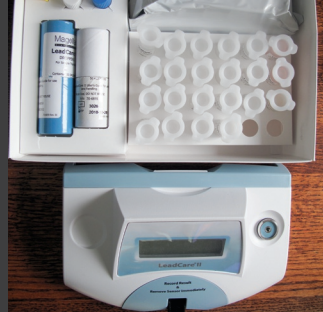


## PROJECTS

Visit  
[soarinhawk.org](http://soarinhawk.org)  
to learn more  
about these  
projects  
and other  
opportunities  
for significant  
gift giving.

### LEAD TESTING

After we were unable to save an adult Eagle, we purchased a Lead Care II Blood Lead Level Analyzer and are offering testing services to local rehabbers.



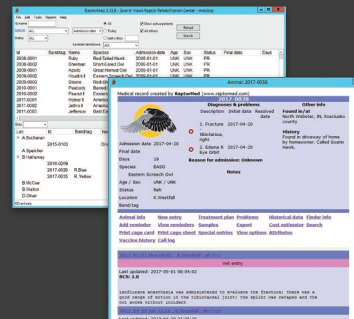
### EDUCATION BIRD CONDOS

We realized that our resident education raptors needed new housing now. We have designed modular housing system that provides lots of sunlight and fresh air, is easy to clean, and easily disassembled when it's time to move to Soarin' Hawk's new forever home.



### RAPTORMED

We joined the digital revolution and installed RaptorMed, a raptor specific veterinary and animal husbandry software that saves time and saves lives. Every care-taker can access/update the records from home, work and our outdoor computer station.



## REGIONAL RAPTOR CENTER

Soarin' Hawk needs to move. In 1996 we provided care for 20 raptors each year. In 2016 we provided care for 226 raptors. The temporary facilities we built in 1996 are overcrowded and completely worn out. We have the designs for the latest in raptor care habitats, we have more than 200 volunteers, we have our first major donor and we are shopping for land. We need your support to reach our goal of \$350,000 by December 2018.

Your contribution helps us achieve our long term goal of becoming a regional referral center for the rehabilitation of injured birds of prey as well as a destination for visitors to enjoy a nature walk as they see live, native raptors. Individual donations are vital to continuing this mission, and we're grateful for your support. Donations to this fund are segregated from the general fund.

*Learn more about this project and the opportunities for significant gift giving. Please contact our Development team leader, Michael Dobbs 260-402-9627.*



*We're proud to receive support from development organizations such as Visit Fort Wayne, Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. and Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership to become a public amenity, a tourist destination, and an educational resource that will "improve the quality of life within our community."*



## SUPPORT

Visit [soarinhawk.org](http://soarinhawk.org) to provide your financial support. We gladly accept donations through PayPal (credit card) as well as cash or check donations.

### ADOPT-A-RAPTOR'S CARE

Our Adopt-a-Raptor program provides for the long term care of our resident Education raptors and Rehab raptors currently in our care.

### ESTATE & PLANNED GIVING

Contact Soarin' Hawk to learn more about all the ways to make a planned gift.

### ONE-TIME & MONTHLY DONATIONS

Your one-time donation or if you prefer a monthly donation will directly benefit the hundreds of raptors Soarin' Hawk cares for each year.

### GIFT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT

A specific medical donation can help Soarin' Hawk vaccinate an education bird against or help a raptor recover from West Nile Virus, care for an orphan for three months, pay for a medical workup for an injured raptor, or cover the cost of Orthopedic Surgery.

### DONATION IN HONOR/MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Honoring a friend or loved one is such a rewarding way to make a contribution. You can rest assured that your donation will directly benefit the hundreds of raptors Soarin' Hawk cares for each year.

*Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that relies on the generosity of individuals, corporations and foundations to advance our mission.*





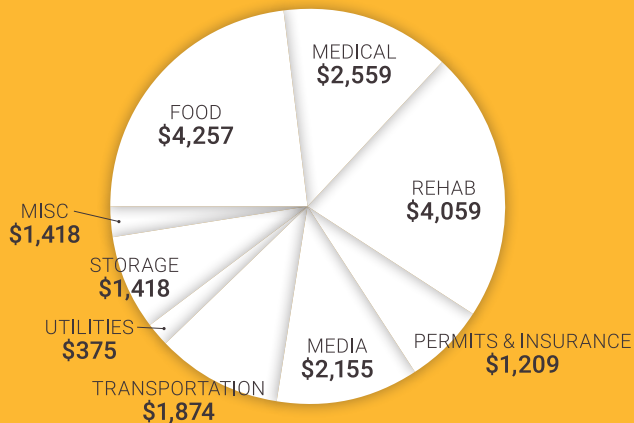
## FINANCIAL

### QUESTION:

How does my donation help to save the lives of our birds-of-prey?

**All donations go towards raptor care expenses.**

### 2016 EXPENSES:

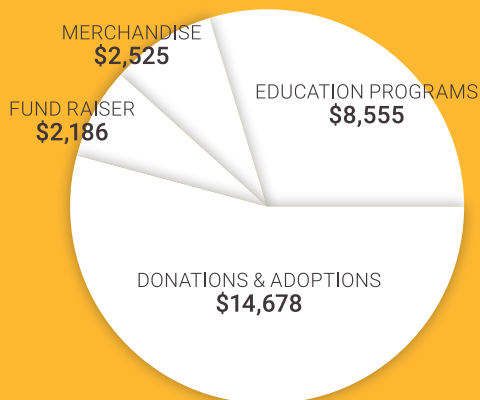


### QUESTION:

Are you funded by the government?

**We do not receive any federal or state funding. We rely totally on the generosity of people that care about the wildlife with which we share our world.**

### 2016 INCOME:



## OFFICERS & BOARD

Pat Funnell DVM, President  
Michael Dobbs, Vice President  
Bob Walton, Treasurer  
Sheryl Wiser, Secretary  
Christopher Guerin, VP Communication Sweetwater  
Abigail Butler, Partner Faegre Baker Daniels  
Harry Owen (*past President of Foellinger Foundation*)  
Cheryl Ferverda (*retired ACPL*)  
Volunteer's Representative

## AVIAN CARE

Bridgette McCue  
Braeden Holle

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Sheryl Wiser, Facebook  
Mary Koher, Instagram  
Elena Kranyanskaya, Newsletters

## DEVELOPMENT

Michael Dobbs  
Christopher Guerin  
Harry Owen  
Cheryl Ferverda

## RESIDENT RAPTORS

Sandy Moore  
Floyd Jimison

## EDUCATION

Natalie Haley  
Jennifer Marquardt

## FACILITIES

Ross Eagleson  
Louie Lee  
Wayne Whitacre

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

All Volunteers  
with special thanks to;  
Garry Harshbarger

## PRESENTATION

Pam Whitacre  
Bob Walton

## REHABILITATION

Pat Funnell DVM  
Barbara Hathaway  
Katherine Tate RVT

## RESCUE

Lisa Yates  
Jennifer Lanning  
Bob Walton

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Gigi Stewart

## WEB MASTER

Mike Dobbs  
DesignFactore'



## CONTACT

### QUESTIONS. CONCERNS. SUGGESTIONS.

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