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2021 ANNUAL REPORT

THE YEAR IN REVIEW AND LOOKING FORWARD



Since 1988, The Ohio Bird Sanctuary has been offering innovative environmental education, professional care for injured and displaced native birds, and access to our unique nature preserve and living museum. The mission of the Ohio Bird Sanctuary is to create an environment of learning and interaction with nature that generates within people a desire to be compassionate and good citizens of our natural world. In 2021, we hit many milestones and set numerous records. We doubled the number of visitors seen in 2020 and received over 400 birds for rehabilitative care. This growth is directly related to many organizations having to close their doors, while OBS remained open to field calls and offer assistance. Visitors to the Sanctuary doubled as families sought activities they could enjoy out of doors. The new addition of the Treehouse Classroom and accessible walkway enhanced our appeal for families and created one more exciting reason to visit the Sanctuary!

Looking forward, we are currently midway through our first Capital Campaign. This campaign is addressing issues with our current aging infrastructure as well as construction of additions and renovations that will allow us to operate more efficiently and better serve the community (More details are on the following page.). The Sanctuary has become a destination, and it is important to upgrade our facility to accommodate the increase of visitors and enhance their educational experience. Staff are busy developing new public programs and visitor encounters to expand the learning opportunities. We are excited to add weekend programs for visitors to meet many of our birds in their natural environment!



2021 Treehouse Donors

Thank you to the following individuals, companies, and foundations who answered our call when we needed additional funding and support to complete the Treehouse Classroom!

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Winter 2022 NEWSLETTER OF THE OHIO BIRD SANCTUARY

From the Desk of the Executive Director

The Spreading Our Wings Campaign is off to a great start! The goal of the Campaign is to raise three million dollars to fund projects that have been designed to support the increase in number of birds requiring care and the growing number visitors. Both have doubled over the last few years. We expect the number of visitors to double again within



the next two years as local families opt for outdoor activities closer to home. The expansion of our outdoor educational programming and the growth in the number of visitors and birds are straining our limited resources. The three main buildings that make up our infrastructure were originally part of a Boy Scout Camp, and they and they are in critical-need for renovations and repairs.

We are excited to announce that over the last eight months, we have raised \$1.4 million in donations and pledges with an additional \$1.2 million pending from individuals, companies, foundations, and Ohio's Capital Budget Fund.

The four projects that are being funded by the Spreading Our Wings Campaign are:

- Visitor Welcome Center will undergo a complete renovation to upgrade and separate bird admission and care from the visitor area and add a new baby-bird nursery.
- Education Center renovations are two-fold. First phase is to replace the leaking roof and expand and pave parking areas and driveway. Second Phase is to upgrade the staging area kitchen for educational retreats, day camps, classes, and events. Most exciting is the construction of new enclosures for our avian ambassadors with an outdoor classroom space for onsite programming.
- **Trail System** improvements will include expansions and the addition of informational signage to enhance the visitor's experience. Expansions will include the construction of an accessible boardwalk across the marsh. This new area will also include a two-level, marsh overlook for birding opportunities. The trails will be enhanced with informational signage throughout the nature preserve for additional learning opportunities.
- Maintenance Trust is to provide the necessary resources for general maintenance and annual repairs.

The donations received in 2021 and generous in-kind donations are kicking off the first improvements. This winter, **Alumni Roofing** is replacing the roof on the Education Center. They are discounting their labor cost and generously donating the materials. **IBEW #688** is donating their time to upgrade all the bird enclosures with lights and outlets for heat sources. **Walker Bros** discounted their excavating services this summer for the construction of a new exit drive that will be paved, along with all of our parking areas, by **Kokosing Construction**.

I hope you join our effort and consider supporting our Spreading Our Wings Campaign!

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Gail Laux, Executive Director/Founder





FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

The Ohio Bird Sanctuary has the financial goal to build sustainability through diversifying revenue sources and growing staffing to serve current and expanding operational needs. In 2021, we were able to take the first steps towards achieving this goal. A dramatic increase in visitors, new members, and the generosity of donors has increased financial support which allowed the hiring of new staff members to provide daily care to our birds and growth of environmental education programming. The addition of these staff members will allow for more interactive visitor experiences and educational opportunities that will continue to promote good stewardship and appreciation of our environment.

(The following report does not include expenses or income of the "Spreading Our Wings Capital Campaign", or the cost to construct the Treehouse Classroom. It reflects the daily operation of the Sanctuary.)

INCOME	
Donations	85,402
Grants	72,763
Programming	60,743
Memberships	41,439
Admission	36,560
Investments	35,567
Gift Shop Sales	30,940
Rental	10,771
Events	5,002
In-kind Services	4,650
Earth Share	4,163
Total	388,725

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EXPENCES	
Facilities	75,674
Bird Care	72,317
Business/Adm	in 62,355
Programming	61,515
Payroll Taxes	58,430
Gift Shop	19,888
Utilities	10,962
Rental	2,604
Volunteers	2,651
Events	1,411
Grant Writing	1,063
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Our owl level memberships increased 15% in 2021. Are you a member? If not, you may be wondering what the benefits are of being a member. First, membership fees support the daily operations of the Sanctuary. It is very important for our sustainability.

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2021 OWL MEMBERS (continued)

Second, members receive early notification for registration to camps, programs, and events that have limited capacity. All members receive free admission to the Bird Display area and discounts on many of our camps and programs. The staff are busy planning additional events and programs for 2022. Don't miss out, join today!

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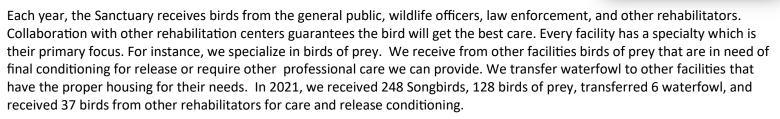
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2021 AVIAN REPORT

In 2021, we continued to experience an increase in birds requiring care. This increase was largely due to the Sanctuary's increased notoriety over the past two years as the resource for assistance and professional care. Our staff is dedicated to providing assistance 24 hours a day/365 days a year. This is accomplished through our public facility, by phone, or by email. Staff can provide either immediate care at the Sanctuary or provide valuable information for the public on the best way to handle a wildlife situation. To meet the staffing needs to provide this service and to provide care for the increase in cases, we added a new bird care position in 2021. The addition of a Bird Care Technician allows the Sanctuary to continue providing its current level of care and be staffed adequately to manage the projected increases.



Looking Ahead: The Sanctuary will be constructing an addition to the octagon flight enclosure this winter for American Kestrels and Screech-Owls. The current building is designed for large raptors. This addition will provide a small flight enclosure ideal for conditioning for small raptors. In the fall, we hope to begin renovations on the Visitor Center which will include a new entrance to receive injured and orphaned birds and a baby bird nursery.

DONATIONS FOR BIRD CARE

Paul Calhoun

We are grateful for the number of individuals who support our bird care through monetary donations and by donating wish list items from Amazon & Elzy Milling and Trade. We especially appreciate the donation of the expertise and services of **Hull Veterinary Hospital** and **Animal Clinic Northview**.



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2021 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS Emily Tackett-Director of Operations

A lot of exciting stuff has happened here at the Sanctuary in 2021! The demand for educational programs increased which meant we were back to visiting classrooms as well as hosting groups here at the Sanctuary. Our new accessible Treehouse Classroom has been a wonderful addition to our on-site field trips, camps, and home school classes. The number of children who joined us for camp and home school classes in 2021 were the highest they have ever been! We also added a new staff member, Amanda Hull, to the education team. She has brought to the Sanctuary many new fun ideas to incorporate into our education programs.

We came into this year very optimistic, and we finished the year equally pleased and looking forward to what 2022 will bring! Thank you to the many families, groups, organizations, and schools that allowed us to be a part of their year!

School & Community Outreach

In 2021, 2,437 students experienced outreach programming from OBS in school. This represents over 100 classes and after school programs from 25 different schools. Over 2,600 people experienced outreach programming in a variety of community settings. The Sanctuary conducted 68 individual outreach programs in settings such as libraries, churches, senior centers, camps, and community events. Bird of Prey programs were offered at the Mohican Lodge every Saturday evening from April through November. Over 200 people were reached through our virtual program options.

Field Trips & On-Site Programs

924 students visited the Ohio Bird Sanctuary for a field trip in 2021. Field trips range from 1.5-3.5 hours and can be individually catered for students preschool through high school. 115 home school students experienced on-going programming over the course of nine monthly sessions. This is the largest number of home school students we have ever had in our program in one year! 25 preschool students took part in our onsite preschool program that meets once per month from September through May. Over 700 individuals visited the Sanctuary for an on-site program such as Guided Tour, Raptor Up-Close programs, or Family Nature Workshops.

Nature Camps

Throughout the year, the Ohio Bird Sanctuary offers Nature Camps for children ages 6-12 years old and Preschool Camps for children 4-6 years old. In 2021, this included 3 Winter Camps, 6 Summer Nature Camps, 2 Summer Preschool Camps, and 2 Evening Camps. 133 children participated in camp with many coming for more than one camp! This is the largest number of children we have had join us for camp in one year! We also held one week of Nature Camp as a scholarship camp for Friendly House students and other Richland County students that would benefit from the camp experience. A huge thank you to the Richland County Foundation for providing a Summertime Kids Grant that helped fund this camp!

Junior Naturalist Program

The Junior Naturalist program is made up of students ages 13 to 18 years old who exhibit a strong interest in nature. In 2021, the students were regularly involved at the Sanctuary as volunteers and went on field trips to learn about a variety of environmental topics. During their volunteer shifts, the Junior Naturalists were a huge help in maintaining our gardens and trails! Off-site field trips included a tour of Kingwood Center, volunteering and kayaking at Pleasant Hill Lake, and hiking at Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Special Events

Our special events included: Love Is In the Air (February), Mohican Wildlife Weekend (April), Fall Family Festival (October), and Christmas for the Birds (December). We are grateful for everyone who has continued to support the Sanctuary and make us a part of their seasonal/holiday traditions this year!











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We are privileged each year to receives gifts as tributes of loved ones. This gifts are made in honor of a friends or family members that have a passion for birds or as a way to honor a loved one who has passed.



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