



Will there be room for us?

Introduction

It can happen any day, unexpectedly. You are going about your business of work, family, life, and a wild animal interrupts everything. It could be presented to you by a child or a pet. It could be a baby bird on your porch, an injured squirrel in the street, or a hawk that impacts your car on way to work.

However it happens, this unfortunate creature becomes the center of your life for a short time, and you will feel the need to do something, anything, to help.

Red Creek Wildlife Center offers a second chance to distressed Pennsylvania wildlife through rescue and rehabilitation, public education and by providing training for wildlife rehabilitators.

Red Creek began as a few baby robins on Peggy Hentz's kitchen table in 1991. It was Peggy's dream to help as many injured and displaced wild animals as she could. That dream has been alive a growing ever since.

Today Red Creek has three full-time licensed wildlife rehabilitators plus one full-time assistant who will be testing for her rehabilitation permits in 2019. In addition, we have about a dozen weekly volunteers, many of whom have been with us the past decade or longer. Red Creek now also hosts over ten college interns each summer who help with raising baby wildlife. We need this amount of help because we are now receiving over 3,000 animals annually. From hummingbirds to eagles, from tiny baby chipmunks to white tailed deer fawn, each life matters, and all have found help at Red Creek.

We believe this service should be free and available, so we are open 365 days a year and have emergency hours extending late into the evenings. We also never charge the public for bringing us an animal.

We believe that education is an important part of saving our wildlife, the environment, and the planet for future generations. Each year, tens of thousands of students enjoy a positive wildlife experience through Red Creek's LIVE RAPTOR programs and assemblies.

We believe wildlife rehabilitation is a valuable service that should be available to everyone. Red Creek is helping others become wildlife rehabilitators through classes, seminars and online training, expanding this service to new areas in Pennsylvania and nationally. Recently, we helped three new centers open in Lancaster, Berks, and Sullivan Counties.

Red Creek is donation supported and has a five star rating on Guidestar and GreatNonprofits.com. Many reviews described their experience with Red Creek as LIFE-CHANGING. Over 85 % of our funds go directly to our missions.

Red Creek currently is in need of a new building to house the rehabilitation and education programs. We are looking for partners who want to invest in Peggy's dream, something valuable and lasting.

Current Challenge

By 2012, Red Creek had grown to encompass most of Peggy's home. That year, Red Creek acquired adjoining property consisting of an old, double-wide modular home on three acres. The rehabilitation center was moved to the modular and began accepting about one-thousand animals annually.

Today, we accept over three-thousand animals each year, and the number is growing. The building Red Creek is currently using is too small to house the growing number of animals admitted, and is in need of major repair.



- Structural soundness of the building is deteriorating.
- Several floors have needed to be replaced.
- The rear porch is falling down.
- The electrical system cannot handle the number of incubators, heat lamps and pads we need to run to care for number of animals we take in.
- Since every inch of the building needs to be used for animals care, the lack of storage space has created an unsightly collection of necessary caging being housed outside.
- Current space does not allow for an education area, which would increase our effectiveness at training others in the science of wildlife rehabilitation.

Repairing and updating the building will not only be costly, it would not meet the expanding need we face each year as baby animals arrive.

We need a new building!