From the Founder

Those of you who read my Introduction to last year’s Annual Report, and who have an excellent memory, will recognize some of what follows. It received so many positive responses, and I myself felt so strongly about it, that it felt worthwhile to repeat a large part of it, but with some additions.

Wildlife Rescue is spoken of as an animal protection organization, which is accurate. But we are equally a human service organization, even though no Homo sapiens are seen at our hospital or are quite so visibly beneficiaries of our efforts. But when you consider that about 4,500 native wild animals are brought by Central Texans every year for us to rehabilitate and release, and another 2,600 are rescued for the same purpose by dozens of volunteers who often go out at odd hours into inclement conditions after area citizens tell us they’ve seen an animal in distress, and 8,400 calls come into our Hotline annually from people who want assistance and counsel in resolving a concern or conflict with wildlife, and finally that 10,000 individuals contribute money toward supporting all these efforts—when you consider all this you see clearly that a whole lot of people care about animal well-being and are willing to extend themselves on behalf of this care. And Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation is here to work with them to bring that care to fulfillment. We cannot help animals without helping, and being helped by, people. Human and nonhuman animals are intertwined in more ways that anyone knows.

And that is one of the reasons Wildlife Rescue is important to me and, based on comments I receive from members, why it is important to them. We share the commitment to alleviate suffering and save the lives of thousands of animals every year. Those who have looked into the eyes of a hawk or a sparrow, a raccoon or a bobcat, or any of dozens of other species whose rehabilitation is almost complete and their release imminent know instantly why the work of rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing these animals matters. We have similar reactions when we see the primates, mountain lions, black bears, and others in their spacious, natural enclosures and the sheep and donkeys wandering by, all animals whose lives prior to their move to the WRR sanctuary were marginal or worse. All these lives matter because all are part of the great mystery of existence toward which reverence and respect are the most appropriate response.

But there is more to it than this. None of us needs to hear a reiteration of the insults and threats to the natural world that are the daily background of our way of life. Some of them are obvious and some obscure but that they involve present tragedy for thousands of species already sent into extinction and future peril for thousands of others, including humans, can be denied only by those who choose to turn a blind eye to reality. And mostly, we feel helpless to alter the direction of things since its continuation is seen as unavoidable, or as advantageous by many of the most powerful (and irresponsible) forces in society.

One could easily fall into despair. Or, as we at WRR choose to do, one can act in ways that do not support that ethically and existentially grim direction. I think we may have reached a point where the most significant acts available to us may seem to make little significant difference to the big picture. Yet we know they represent right ways of acting and that they unite us with others who see this, and that we form a quiet community of life affirmers. Rescuing a baby bird fallen from her nest, volunteering to feed other babies who have lost their parents, supporting efforts to protect and nurture these and other animals—these are all ways of acting for the good of life (and lives, thousands of lives) and they show that not all is lost yet.

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We can also speak up against the acceptability of injustice, abuse, or exploitation inflicted on animals who are factory farmed, sport hunted, exhibited, experimented on, rodeoed, or turned into entertainers. And we can recognize that toleration of abuse and injustice against animals connects with injustice against forest, ocean, and air, and against minorities, the poor, and those who are different in one way or another. We can choose not to support any of this and to act on behalf of life, life that is fair, humane, and just for all.

I believe that Wildlife Rescue represents this way of thinking and that it offers a vehicle for those who think this way to express their compassion and their love of life. I am proud to be part of this, to be a voice for compassion and to welcome those who read these words as partners in doing all the little acts that will eventually lead to bigger acts of change. Thank you for being with me in this.

Lynn Cuny
Founder/President

Our Mission
To rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife, and to provide sanctuary, individualized care, and a voice for other animals in need.
2014 Wildlife Rehabilitation Animals Received 7,118

3,322 MAMMALS

64 REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

3,732 BIRDS

Animals in Sanctuary 714
(12-31-2014)

Wildlife 325

- 50 BIRDS
- 44 REPTILES
- 15 CANIDS (wolf/wolf hybrids, foxes, coyotes)
- 25 FELIDS (mountain lions, African lions, bobcats)
- 174 PRIMATES (9 species of monkey, 3 of lemur)

Farmed Animals 294

- 101 BIRDS (chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese)
- 25 FELIDS (mountain lions, African lions, bobcats)
- 193 MAMMALS (sheep, goats, pigs, cows, donkeys, ...)

Companion Animals 95

- 8 DOGS (all adoptable)
- 87 CATS (feral, adoptable, special needs)

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Statement of Activities: 2014
(audited)

Income $2,627,954

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Expense $1,947,263

- Administration: $205,945 (10%)
- Fundraising: $154,689 (7%)
- ANIMAL CARE/PROGRAM SERVICE: $1,586,629 (81%)
- NET INCOME: $680,691

Statement of Financial Position

Total Assets: $4,220,977
- Checking/Savings: $995,371
- Fixed Assets (net of depreciation): $3,221,332

Total Liabilities & Net Assets: $4,220,977
- Current Liabilities: $113,964
- Long Term Liabilities: $302,388
- Net Assets: $3,804,625
Staff

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Lynn Cuny
Cyndi Nelson
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