FROM THE FOUNDER
2016 On My Mind

I will begin by telling you that this year of 2017 is Wildlife Rescue’s 40th anniversary and, it being obvious that I too have aged along with WRR, you might wonder what the effect of all those years has been on it and me. But fear not—they have been very good years, and they have brought us to this present time in excellent condition. Since this letter is an introduction to our 2016 Annual Report, I want to share with you a few of its high points of that year.

For WRR it was a year that proved both challenging and hopeful. The challenges we confronted were first faced by those Wildlife Rescue exists to serve, the native wildlife in our community. It was clear to see, early in 2016, that something had changed and changed dramatically for the raccoons, squirrels, songbirds, skunks, and others as their vulnerable babies began showing up at our doors in record numbers...in February! We are certainly accustomed to taking in 40, 50 or 80 animals each day during the months of May through July but when these numbers arrived in February and March and continued through the summer, we knew something was amiss.

As the year progressed we spent every day and night receiving and caring for the orphaned, injured and ill; every species was represented in our hospital in Kendalia by mid-May. And by the end of 2016 we had rescued a record number of nearly 8,000 wild animals. Since we are seeing this same scenario this year I have to accept that this is the future, the future for wildlife and for WRR. Due to all the dangers they face—urban sprawl, climate change, cars, cats, dogs, and humans abounding—greater numbers of native wildlife will need us every year. To manage that, it will be our job to grow in creativity as to how we raise the funds vital to support that work as well as our education and advocacy for those who are so often ignored.

On a related topic, last year we purchased a 7,000 sq. ft. building at 1354 Basse Rd. in San Antonio. WRR’s Roger and Phyllis Sherman Animal Care Complex has outgrown our location on Earl St. and after a lengthy search we located a site that fits all our needs and have begun a fundraising campaign to pay for the building and its renovation for our purposes. We will have more than twice the space for animal care, administrative offices for staff, and an education, advocacy, and volunteer development department. Being a stronger advocate for all animals is not only an important aspect of our mission, it is also something that I have wanted WRR to be more involved in for years. Wildlife Rescue is a relatively old and highly respected organization and in addition to our primary mission of saving lives, we must also speak out for the animals exploited in roadside zoos, traveling shows, labs, circuses and countless other circumstances. It is time

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for WRR to be that voice and I look forward to doing even greater good for the animals in our community and beyond.

Lastly, and sadly, I want to let you know that several of our oldest and most faithful members died last year. Some of them began their support in our very first year of taking in wildlife. And I am humbled and deeply grateful that they made very substantial provision for Wildlife Rescue in their wills. As I often remind people, the best way to ensure that your care for wildlife and WRR carries on after you are gone is to remember the organization in your estate planning. These unexpected funds have mostly (85%) gone into an endowment investment account whose proceeds will support our work forever, while the other 15% allowed us to catch up with some animal enclosure expansions and upgrades that had been on our to-do list for too long. So WRR moves into the future in good condition (although I never take that for granted) and with members who continue to believe in the work we do and to back that with their hard-earned dollars.

My life would be worth very little without the everyday presence of animals, and Wildlife Rescue's wouldn't continue at all without the love and dedication of our members. I thank you all for being there and I ask you to join me in looking ahead to another 40 years and beyond.

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.
**Statement of Financial Position: 2016**

- **Total Assets**: $8,082,264
- **Cash/Grants Receivable**: $684,346
- **Endowment**: $3,472,363
- **Fixed Assets (net of depreciation)**: $3,925,555

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets**: $8,082,264

- **Current Liabilities**: $78,675
- **Long-Term Liabilities**: $545,800
- **Net Assets**: $7,457,789

**Staff**

**Administration, Fundraising, Support**
- Lynn Cuny, Founder/President
- Diana Reyes, CFRE, Chief Executive & Development Officer
- David Mata, Chief Administrative Officer
- Craig Brestrup, Ph.D., Development Associate
- Toni Guarro, Development & Communications Manager
- Brenda Maytum, Administrative & Development Coordinator
- Belinda Childers, Administrative Assistant
- David Bassi, Hotline Rescue Specialist
- Art Gonzales, Facilities Supervisor
- Anthony Carvajal, Facilities Technician
- Charlie Nowak, Facilities Technician

**Animal Care & Medical Staff**
- Kelly McCoy, Director of Animal Operations
- Ellen Haynes, DVM, Staff Veterinarian & Director of Animal Care
- Amanda Kittrell, Above the Gate Supervisor
- Tim Shultz, Below the Gate Supervisor
- Leon Rutllty, Apprentice Supervisor & Trainer
- Ariana Shaan, Hospital Supervisor
- Ava Donaldson, Hospital Supervisor
- Diane Thovson, Veterinary Technician
- Carolyn Bailey, Animal Caretaker
- Rachelle Cleveland, Animal Caretaker
- Katherine Hoffman, Animal Caretaker
- Cheryl Huddleston, Animal Caretaker
- Ivy Martinez, Animal Caretaker
- Beth Pycock, Animal Caretaker
- Kelsey Williams, Animal Caretaker
- Taylor Bankston, Animal Caretaker
- Andrea Diessner, Animal Caretaker
- Peighton Hagemeyer, Animal Caretaker

**Board of Directors**
- Lynn Cuny, Founder/President
- Tanya Suttles, Chairperson
- Jim Graham, Vice Chair/Secretary
- Susana Lozano
- Donna Talbot
- Shari St. Clair
- General Chris Divich

**Statement of Activities: 2016**

- **Total Revenues**: $5,678,880
  - **Support**
    - Contributions: $859,174
    - Grants: $670,703
    - Legacies/Bequests: $3,922,471
    - In-kind Donations: $110,156
  - **Revenue**
    - Rental (net): $25,743
    - Miscellaneous: $10,890
    - Investments: $79,943

- **Total Expenses**: $2,109,043
  - Administration: $241,604
  - Fundraising: $169,642
  - Animal Care/Program Service: $1,697,979
  - Net Income: $3,519,837

*Transferred to Restricted Endowment Account*