

Create Understanding & Knowledge of the Natural World & Its Relationship to Man

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



As we finish packing up 2009 and put into motion plans for 2010, we are struck with renewed hope for the future. Looking back on what we've accomplished and the challenges we've faced in the last year, we know that the world is a better place by the look of wonder we witness on one child's face as they reconnect with the Earth and stand face to face with one of our wild animal ambassadors. Multiply that by the thousands of children and adults alike who have been a part of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center this year, and you can actually feel the pulse of hope for the future as if it were a living, breathing thing.

We want to thank all the children, parents, and teachers who have come to be a part of our family at programs, the staff who have given selflessly to share our mission, and to all the teen and adult volunteers who gave of themselves to make 2009 such a successful year. To our donors, our most sincere thanks. Your gifts have literally kept the doors of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center open so that we may continue our vital mission to increase awareness of this beautiful planet that we call home and to better understand our relationship with our fellow travelers on this great Earth.

You will find something more in the woods than in books. Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters. St. Bernard Soar With the Eagles,

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### IN MEMORY OF A HERO



On August 24, 2009, we lost an old friend and a hero. Jonathan Croom was an intern at Hawk Creek when he was in college. Jonathan was a fun loving, smart and caring young man who had a passion for the environment and the residents that lived in it. After college, he found a way to help some of those residents, people. He became a Buffalo Fire Fighter and he served the community for 10 years.

There was a fire at a local business in downtown Buffalo and there was reportedly someone trapped inside. Jonathan was one of the brave men searching for the trapped individual. Another fireman, Lt. Charles McCarthy, radioed a distress call from the basement. Jonathan responded to the mayday call from his brother fireman and tragically fell through the collapsed floor. Unfortunately, both men lost their lives on this tragic day.

We feel honored that we had a chance to meet this extraordinary young man and will miss him. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends. Jonathan Croom was a father, son, brother, and a friend. He also was, and will always be remembered as, a Hero.

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is to create understanding and knowledge of the natural world and its relationship to man. We achieve this mission through wildlife conservation, environmental education, and research.

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### BIRDS IN THE BRONX

2009 was a great year of growth for our education team here at Hawk Creek Wildlife Center. In the early summer we were approached by the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo in New York City to present a flying bird show, something they hadn't had at the zoo for almost fifteen years. We were honored to be contacted by such a prestigious institution, but the challenge we faced was time: did we have enough time to train the animals, write a script, build our props, and rehearse? We decided to put in the long days and late nights to make this partnership work, so when the zoo said "yes" to our proposal, we hit the ground running, ready to take on this unique challenge!

After only two months to develop a show, train new raptors, write new scripts, and prepare the staff, human and animal, for all possible scenarios that could happen at the venue, it was time to put on three shows a day for three weekends. With three staff members and fourteen animal ambassadors, we were on our way to put on *Nature's Air Show*!

As our crew arrived for the first weekend we were greeted by a storm for our only practice day at the venue! We refused to be disheartened and really wanted our free-flying birds to have a chance to see the sea lions that were housed next to our show area since they had never seen one before and we hadn't been able to prepare them for that at home! We got the birds settled in and then took them out in between showers so they could see



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those sea lions were all about and would be comfortable with the sight and sound of them for the coming shows.

During that weekend and the two that followed, we were able to reach approximately 12,000 people - from the bird enthusiasts to the people that had not even gone to the bird of prey section of the zoo because they thought birds of prey "were just like any other bird"- we talked to an amazing variety of people. What was even more remarkable was the number of children that could be seen hauling their parents over to the bird of prey section of the zoo after talking to our naturalists to see more birds like the ones they had seen during our show.

As environmental educators, we strive to encourage curiosity and stewardship in the global community and are rewarded by every one of those kids that gets excited over the wildlife they have just met. We are honored to have worked with the Bronx Zoo and we had a great time! This partnership was just one more great example of one of the messages that we try to instill in the children we meet, that all it takes to make a difference is a group of people with a common goal and a lot of passion! We look forward to future opportunities to grow as educators and as fellow travelers on this great planet!



### Dakota—Grey Fox www.hawkcreek.org

Tacoma---Swift Fox

Alfalfa-Porcupine

Luna—Barn Owl

# A LEADER IN EDUCATION

Hawk Creek's commitment to environmental education was recently recognized by the US Local Business Association. We received the 2009 Best of East Aurora award in the Schools category for the second year in a row.

Educational outreach is a vital part of Hawk Creek's mission to create understanding and knowledge of the natural world and its relationship to humankind. Each year, we present educational programs featuring many of Hawk Creek's resident animals to thousands of people of all ages. Through a variety of entertaining and informative programs, our environmental educators are able to share not just their knowledge, but their passion for the natural world. Hawk Creek's educational programs give audiences an up-close look at wildlife and a greater awareness of the world around them in an engaging way that makes learning fun!

This past fall, along with our local programs for schools, libraries and scouts, Hawk Creek also expanded its audience in New York City! Hawk Creek presented shows for three weekends at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo, as well as returning for a third year to Central Park for the Urban Park Rangers' Falconry Extravaganza! We were thrilled to share our message with even more people at these venues while showing them the amazing flights of our agile Harris' hawk, powerful ferruginous hawk, and show stealing turkey vulture, among others!

We are honored by this recognition and look forward to continuing this tradition of excellence in the coming year. Hawk Creek has been and will continue to be a force of learning and growth in the community. Each individual we reach, like each animal we save, can have a positive and lasting effect on our local, regional, and global environment. For information on having Hawk Creek present at your school or event, call (716) 652-8646 or email us at tanya@hawkcreek.org.



In 2009 the Hawk Creek staff presented 2,225 educational programs, reaching 242,189 people in person and even more through local and national media!

### WILDLIFE REHABILITATION COURSE

Develop a sense of appreciation for the importance of preserving native wildlife. Learn how to lend a helping hand to injured, orphaned & distressed animals in your community.

This course will arm you with the general principles of wildlife rehabilitation including feeding and emergency care treatment.

Location: Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, Inc. East Aurora, NY Dates: March 13 & 14, 2010 Time: 12-4 pm Cost: \$100/person for 2 classes (total 8 hrs) Contact: Hawk Creek Wildlife Center (716) 652-8646 Register Online: www.hawkcreek.org Register early, class size is limited.

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# WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

My day job puts me in front of the classroom several days a week, teaching writing and literature courses at a local university. For me, teaching is a vocation in its truest sense: it's a calling, something that I'm driven to, even in the time I devote to Hawk Creek and its mission. One of my favorite parts of being a volunteer at Hawk Creek is getting the chance to bring our animal ambassadors into class-rooms, scout meetings, and other events throughout western New York. Seeing these animals up close makes a difference for the kids who meet them, personalizing the natural world in a way that is truly unforgettable.

The most memorable experiences for me have been those things that just can't be scripted. For instance, a raucous interruption from Merlin, our imprinted barred owl, really demonstrates the range of vocalizations owls can make beyond the stereotypical "hoot." And when an owl happens to regurgitate a pellet in front of a crowd, I love getting the kids beyond the initial gross-out factor to thinking not only about how owls digest food but about what these little pellets of fur and bones can teach us about their habitats.

But the best part of going into classrooms and interacting with students of all ages is knowing that I'm meeting the people who will make a difference for the natural world in the decades to come. While I often spend time talking about the many threats to wildlife in an age of pollution and habitat destruction, I also get to talk about some of the most powerful forces on the planet: hope and determination. Introducing a class to Blaze, the peregrine falcon, not only makes abstract discussions about rare and vanishing species concrete; it's an up-close and personal example of how we can change the world for the better.

We can make a difference for the world around us. That's the message that Hawk Creek's educational outreach gives to the kids we encounter, and it is working. From the brother and sister who donated the proceeds from their lemonade stand to the cub scouts who built screech owl nest boxes to the many kids who leave the class excited to tell their families about the animals they've just met, what we do here truly makes a difference. And that's why I do it.

Sonya Brockman



### **EXPLORATION KITS, NEW FOR 2010!**

As one of the largest environmental education organizations in New York State, we are committed to getting kids outside to foster a love of nature. One of the ways we are accomplishing this challenge is by designing *Exploration Kits* for schools. Through your support and a generous grant from the **Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo**, these kits will support classroom curricula with discussion, observation, projects and participation, as well as an important "take home" element that is designed to expand the reach and impact of each lesson.

Our Tracking and Signs Exploration Kit as well as our Native American and Animals Exploration Kit will be available to rent in spring 2010! These two kits will meet State Standards in curriculum and will include biofacts, artifacts, an activity guide full of crafts, activities, and lesson plans, a variety of DVDs, books, games and more to provide "hands-on artifacts for hands-on experience!"



Visit us at www.hawkcreek.org to learn more about our Exploration Kits for groups of all ages!

### BARN OWL REPORT

It was an exciting year for our Barn Owl Breeding Project. In 2009, we released our 200<sup>th</sup> bird. Actually 202. This was quite a milestone for a group of average people just trying to make the world a better place. The Buffalo Ornithological Society had done a survey over several years looking for barn owls in Western New York without any positive sightings. In 1994, we decided to do something to preserve our native biodiversity. We started our breeding program for barn owls with a goal to release viable animals into the wild. Unlike many failed reintroduction programs, we acknowledged the migratory nature of the barn owl. We view the release of a barn owl that is capable of surviving and reproducing in the wild as successful even if they some of them no longer live in Western New York. Instead of thinking of reasons not to continue, we focused on what we could accomplish. We were also pleasantly surprised by some of the unexpected educational opportunities and results.

In 2009 we were able to document a barn owl egg hatching. It was amazing to see the struggle that every little bird goes through. It took hours from the time that the encased baby pecked a hole in the eggshell to the time it could stretch its tiny wings for the first time. We were able to record the feedings of newly hatched babies and the vocalizations that they make. Before their eyes are even open they talk to their parents and siblings, a simple touch can wake a sleeping bird and stimulates them to call for food. These photographs and videos can be viewed by people all over the world on our website at <u>www.hawkcreek.org</u>. We even entered the Internet wave by having some barn owl babies singing on You-Tube. Look for it on the Hawk Creek Wildlife channel on youtube.com!

#### NEW BARN OWL SIGHTINGS IN 2009

- In June of 2009 one of our naturalists saw a barn owl perched on a reflector by the thruway near Rochester, NY.
- At approximately 2:00 AM on November 20, 2009, one of Hawk Creek's long time volunteers that helps to manage the Barn Owl Breeding Project witnesses a barn owl eating on the side of the Transit Rd in East Aurora, NY. After being watched for a minute the barn owl flew off.
- December 14, 2009 a barn owl was found dead that had been living in Hamburg, NY. This bird was brought in to Hawk Creek where we discovered it was a wild born barn owl as it didn't



Baby Barn Owls age 1 day — 1 month

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- Project first started in 1994, with 2 Barn Owls from Arizona
- Released first Barn Owls in Western New York area in 1996
- After 15 years, we have released 202 barn owls
- A few of our barn owls are sent across the country for educational programs, the following is a partial list:



All barn owls that are released have a US federal band



In addition to breeding, through education we hope to inspire people to protect not only these owls, but also teach them how to help preserve their disappearing habitat. Several of our owls became educational ambassadors in 2009. They will be flying in shows from California to Virginia, reconnecting people with nature. To see pictures in books and on the web are great, but when you see one of these strikingly beautiful birds in person, you can't help but be enchanted.

On December 14, 2009, a man who knew of our project, showed up at our gate carrying a dead barn owl that he had found in Hamburg, New York while walking his dog. Previously he had seen it living in the neighborhood in trees and on a fence post. It was not banded, which tells us it was a wild hatched bird. This was huge for us because these birds are so rare in Western New York. After speaking with the Endangered Species Unit of The Department of Environmental Conservation, the body was sent to the Wildlife Pathology Unit. All the data from this bird will become a permanent record of the existence of a wild population of barn owls residing in Western New York.

People often ask if our project is successful. We say, YES! In addition to the above case, one bird lived in Ohio for four years on a farm. Another owl, hit by a car, was rehabbed and released in Long Island, NY. We have had confirmed sightings in the area in early Spring before we release new birds. Besides breeding, we have touched thousands of human lives through our educational programs and public releases. This in itself has an intangible value. We have inspired facilities across the country to start breeding and release programs and regularly answer questions regarding raising, housing, behavioral problems and training barn owls. While we have had people report sightings to us, it was the confirmation of a pair of barn owls that had five chicks in a silo in Rochester, NY that proved barn owls were breeding in Western New York. Not bad for a group of average people.

# GIVING WILDLIFE A SECOND CHANCE



### **2009 STATISTICS**

#### **306 PATIENTS** 225 Birds 81 Mammals

**MOST COMMON REASONS:** 

113 orphaned birds
31 orphaned mammals
45 collisions, birds
5 collisions, mammals
26 injured by pet, birds
15 injured by pet, mammals
16 birds due to tree removal

6 mammals due to tree removal



Our wildlife rehabilitation efforts have always been a very important part of our work. We are the wildlife nurses that care for injured or orphaned individuals. Through our hospital doors arrive some of the most beautiful creatures that you could imagine in need of our special care. From hawks to owls and waterfowl to woodcock, it was a memorable 2009.

A juvenile red-tailed hawk was brought to our facility after it's mother was killed by a car. After several days without food, this young hawk ventured into the dangerous world to find his mother and food. He was spotted not far from the casualty of the collision. At his age he was unable to care for himself and was vulnerable to predation. He was rescued and brought to the safety of our facility. Under our care and the companionship of Legend, our educational red-tailed hawk, he grew quickly and developed perfectly. In late summer, he was released into the open skies.

The East Aurora Police asked for our help with a barred owlet. Severe winds pushed this young bird from the safety of the tree canopy. Somewhere along the way, it broke its wing. As Loretta and Matt arrived on the scene, the scared owlet was sitting 25 feet up in a tree. Even though it was unable to fly, its instincts told it to get away from the scary men looking at it. It climbed a fallen tree and perched out of reach. To the officer's surprise, it took only a minute to capture this bird. It was the most spectacular capture of the year. Unfortunately, the damage to the wing could not be repaired.

Loretta and Matt's next adventure was more successful. There was a great horned owl that was entangled in wire. This bird must have been flying and flew into the wire of a fence. It found itself with the wire coiling around it neck. As the bird struggled, the wire got tighter and it was in imminent danger of strangulation. Matt restrained the bird and Loretta went to work on the wire. After freeing the bird, it was taken back to Hawk Creek to examine the cuts that it had sustained and check its flight. This bird was successfully released two weeks later.

In November, a "strange duck" was found on the road in East Amherst, New York. It had been hit by a car and had wing damage. With the help of our reference library, the bird was identified as a red-throated loon in winter plumage. This is an arctic dwelling diving duck that winters on the Great Lakes. It is common for diving waterfowl to become stranded when they mistake wet pavement as open water. Their bodies are built different from other ducks and cannot take flight unless they are on water. The damage to the wing could not be repaired.

A woodcock is a small funny-looking ground bird with a long beak. This beak evolved to catch and eat worms. One of these unusual birds was found in Arcade, New York after being ejected from a snow blower. Upon examination, we determined the bird was not seriously hurt. It was under our care for a couple of weeks and was allowed to continue its migration.

Many of the patients that enter our facility are brought in due to having an encounter with people or through an imbalance in nature. Through our rehabilitation efforts, we use our extensive training to help these animals get a second chance at life in the wild as well as help to restore the delicate balance of nature.

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# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2009, Hawk Creek opened its doors to the public for five events, including the two weekends of our Wildlife and Renaissance Festival. New this year was Photo Day, an opportunity for professional and amateur photographers to capture wildlife images. The overwhelming success of this year's event has prompted us to make it an annual function! We are bubbling over with new ideas and look forward to continuing to offer exciting and engaging family events in 2009. Check out <u>www.hawkcreek.org</u> for event & ticket information! Don't miss your opportunity to meet over 70 animals from all over the world, including endangered species!



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Sponsorship	Level	Website	Posters	Newsletters	220
King	\$5,000	Level 1 store & Sponsor page	Level 1	All 3	S.
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Lord	\$1,500	Level 3 store & Sponsor page	Level 3	All 3	
Lady	\$1,000	Sponsor page	Level 4	All 3	

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Queen	\$3,000	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2	Level 2
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King	\$5,000	Level 1	10	125
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### WISH LIST

### **2010 UPCOMING EVENTS**

### WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CLASS\*

March 13 & 14 : 12-4 pm Learn how to lend a hand to wildlife and prepare for the NYSDEC exam.

#### EARTH DAY EXPEDITION\* APRIL 24: 11-4pm Help us celebrate our precious Natural World!

#### **ACOUSTIC MUSIC TO FEED YOUR SOUL** Date TBA (May)

Concert featuring "Straight from the Heart" is sponsored by Mystic Wolf Healing Arts to benefit HCWC

### **BIRD OF PREY DAY\***

June 19: 11-4pm Visit the most diverse collection of raptors in NY!

### 23nd WILDLIFE & RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL\*

JULY 17,18,24 & 25 : 11-4pm Fascinating exhibits, games, vendors, naturalists in period garb & Hawk Creek's Flying Bird Show!

#### WILD PHOTO DAY\*

August 28: 10-2pm Have the rare opportunity to photograph a number of Hawk Creek's permanent residents in a natural setting!

NY POWER AUTHORITY WILDLIFE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 25 & 26: 9-5pm Visit Hawk Creek's Naturalists in Lewiston, NY!

### **GALLERIA MALL** Look for us at the Galleria most Saturdays 12-5pm

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\* = Event Located at Hawk Creek

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#### Desperately needed to continue our mission:

LCD/Power-point or ZOOM projector for programs Donations toward a new rehab animal drop off box Volunteers & Interns Paint spraver 4 Licenses for Windows 7 Pro (64 bit)

#### To help us care for the animals:

Gift Certificates to Reboys Supply /Petsmart Gift Certificates to Tops/Wegmans Gallon size freezer bags Towels & paper towels

### Venison & other game (Under 1 yr. old)

To help us maintain the facility:

Gift certificate/Stain from Aurora Paint Pot (on file) Gift Certificates to Home Depot & Value Weed Whacker & String Building Benches for Wildlife Theater Electrician, Carpenter, Gardener, Painter

#### To aid us in continuing education:

Paper folding machine Digital Camera, prefer Sony (have disks) Printer toner, Epson T007, Epson T009, Canon E-40 Postage Stamps, Colored Paper, Copier Paper Seamstress

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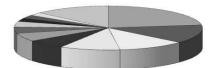
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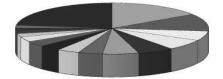
# 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### **Income Summary**



Donations	%23	
Events	14	
Festival	11	
Ed Programs	10	
Resale	7	
Donated Services	6	
Contributions	5	
Membership	4	
Board of Directors	2	
CFGB Grant	2	
Donated Goods	2	
Adoptions	1	
Grants & Foundations	2	
Other	8	
Total \$310,505		
The above totals include donated		
Goods and services.		

#### Expense Summary January 2009 through December 2009



Payroll	%16
Ed Expense	11
Cost—resale	6
Website Expense	7
Repair & Maintenance	6
Food	6
Professional Services	4
Festival Expense	4
Volunteers	4
Utilities	3
Postage	3
Insurance	2
Advertisement	2
Event Expense	2
Auto Expense	2
Other	23
Total	\$246,780

The total expense above does not include capital improvements, such as new buildings, cages and equipment. Restricted funds include \$46,000 for the purchase of land and \$9,000 for educational kits.

#### BEQUESTS

To those friends and supporters of Hawk Creek Wildlife Center who wish to help us by means of a provision in their will, the following wording is suggested. "I give, devise and bequeath to Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, a New York State non profit, 501 (C)(3) Corporation

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### ABOUT HAWK CREEK

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AZA: American Zoos and Aquariums, Member IAATE: International Association of Avian Trainers & Educators, Standards & Ethics Committee NWRA: National Wildlife Rehabilitation Assoc., Member IWRC: International Wildlife Reh. Council, Member NYSWRC: New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council NYROP: New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation Council NYROP: New York River Otter Project, Former Board of Directors NYSOEA: NY State Outdoor Education Association, Member APWE: Association of Wildlife Educators, Member FCF: Feline Conservation Federation, Member

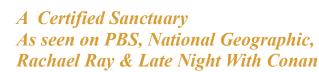
#### Hawk Creek holds the following permits:

- State permits for Wildlife Rehabilitation
- State permit for Education
- State permit for Possession & Propagation of Endangered Species
   State permit for Paptor Breading
  - State permit for Raptor Breeding
- State permit for Gamebird Breeding
- Federal permit for Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Federal permit for Education
   Federal permits for Exhibiting
  - Federal permits for Exhibiting Eagles
- Federal permit for Raptor Propagation
- Federal permit for Endangered Mammals
- USDA permit for the Exhibition of Mammals
- Pennsylvania State Exhibit Permit
- New Jersey Exhibit Species Permit
- New Jersey Game Species Permit
- Federal Salvage Permit





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Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little. -Burke