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The Newsletter of RAPTOR Inc.

Celebrating 40 Years

Spring 2018

RAPTOR CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

2018 marks the 40th year since RAPTOR was first incorporated as a nonprofit organization, rehabilitating and protecting raptors in the greater Cincinnati area. Time flies when you are busy and having fun, and volunteers at RAPTOR have indeed been busy.

Way back in the early 1970s, Scott Adamson and Jim Williams started a raptor rehabilitation group named "The Southwest Ohio Raptor Rehabilitation Clinic" or "SWORC". The Hamilton County Park District allowed them to operate out of a garage located behind the house at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve. Scott and Jim financed the entire operation out of their own pockets and with whatever donations they could obtain. Later, when Scott moved away for a new job, the burden of operating "SWORC" became too much for Jim to handle on his own. The decision was made to form a non-profit organization to carry on the raptor rehabilitation work. The new organization was incorporated in 1978 as RAPTOR Inc. RAPTOR is an acronym for the Regional Association for the Protection and Treatment Of Raptors.

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With the birth of RAPTOR Inc., a new board was created with Bill Moring serving as the first president. The operation was moved to Bill Moring's residence in College Hill. RAPTOR Inc. grew to several hundred members and became a well-recognized rehabilitation and conservation organization in the Greater Cincinnati area. As operations grew further, RAPTOR was able to move to the location known as "Covered Bridge" on Covered Bridge Road

near Winton Woods Park, courtesy of its close ties to Hamilton County Parks (Great Parks of Hamilton County).

Enclosures were built and the house at the site was rented to a caretaker who was responsible for feeding the birds during the week. For the first time there were large flight enclosures and plenty of room for freezers of food. Bird care was managed from a central location and there was housing for the resident birds used for educational programs. As RAPTOR Inc. became a more mature organization, thousands of injured raptors were admitted and treated and hundreds of educational programs were provided to the community.

After the purchase of 8 acres of land in Milford from the Cincinnati Nature Center in 2005, we began planning for a new home that would be all our own and would provide sufficient space for rehabilitation, mews for rehab and education birds, and room for expansion. RAPTOR was able to finally move into its new home in March of 2012.

The existing barn was converted to a place where our critically injured raptors are cared for, eliminating the need for home care. This has allowed a greater number of trained rehabilitators to be involved and has elevated our professionalism. The new facility includes a laboratory for basic on-site testing as well as research in collaboration with the Cincinnati Zoo and one of our avian veterinarians, Dr. Bob Dahlhausen.

With the additional space in Milford, a large 140-foot flight enclosure was built to allow for the flight conditioning of eagles, osprey, peregrines and vultures. This huge area can accommodate the space needed for large birds to have enough area for exercise. The additional space also allowed the separation of educational birds from rehab birds.

This meant that tours of our educational birds could be given as well as periodic Open Houses. A small classroom in the building gave us the ability to host programs such as classes for scouts to fulfill badge requirements.



With the move to our Red Barn facility in Milford, an Executive Director was hired and 3 years later, an Associate Director. These positions allowed for extensive and regular training of volunteers in rehabilitation and bird handling, increased program development, more partnerships with like organizations and grant submissions. To provide additional educational opportunities, an internship program was developed focusing on raptor rehabilitation and non-profit development. With RAPTOR's growth and maturity, the number of birds we save and the number of people we reach have increased dramatically. Last year, 336 raptors were admitted to our facility and over 350 programs were given to more than 22, 000 guests.

And of course, we were able to fulfill our dream of acquiring a Bald Eagle, Eli. Now we are able to share the information about the historic comeback of the Bald Eagle from the brink of extinction. Thanks to a generous grant from the Sule Foundation, our next goal is to complete Eli's training and be granted permission from the USFWS to be able to travel with Eli off-site.

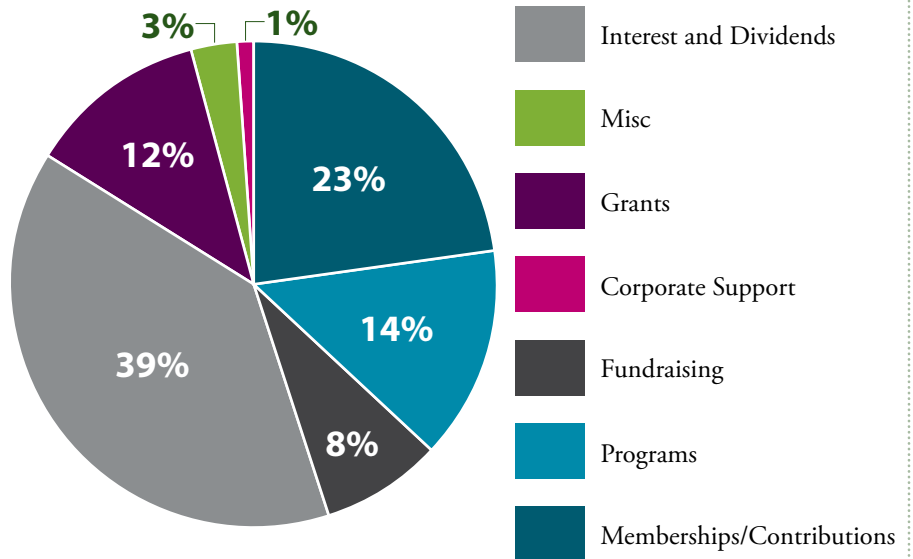
The secret to the growth and success of RAPTOR Inc. is the passion of our team of over 70 volunteers and staff. As Oprah Winfrey has said, "Passion is energy." The energy from all of our volunteers and staff has accomplished so much in the past 40 years, but lookout: there is more to come!

2017 Financial Report

January 1 - December 31, 2017

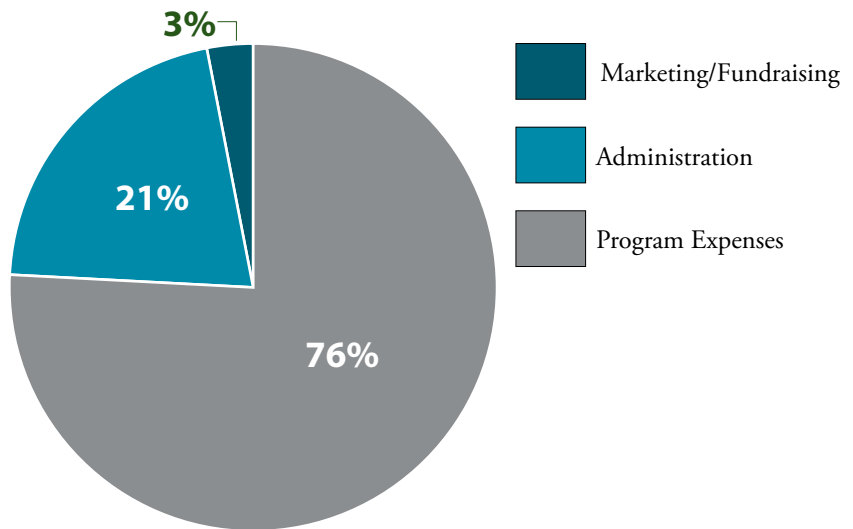
2017 Revenue

	Amount	% of Whole
Memberships/Contributions	\$52,199	23%
Programs	\$31,060	14%
Fundraising	\$17,455	8%
Interest and Dividend	\$87,541	39%
Grants	\$26,974	12%
Misc.	\$6,480	3%
Corporate Support	\$3,031	1%
Total	\$224,740	100%



2017 Expenses

	Amount	% of Whole
Program Expenses	\$94,618	76%
Administration	\$25,753	21%
Marketing/Fundraising	\$4,202	3%
Total	\$124,573	100%



The FY2016 990 link is available at raptorinc.org

The Witte Trust of \$1,519,368 (not included) was a one time gift that was invested as an endowment to fund future operations

2018 Admissions

American Kestrel: 0	Saw-whet Owl: 0	Rough-legged Hawk: 0	2018 Dispositions Released : 40% Under Care: 33% Transferred: 0% Died: 17% Euthanized: 10% Education 0%
Merlin: 0	Snowy Owl: 0	Northern Harrier: 1	
Peregrine Falcon: 0	Short Eared Owl: 1	Turkey Vulture: 5	
Eastern Screech Owl: 2	Sharp-shinned Hawk: 0	Black Vulture: 1	
Barred Owl: 6	Cooper's Hawk: 6	Osprey: 0	
Barn Owl: 0	Broad-winged Hawk: 0	Golden Eagle: 0	
Great Horned Owl: 5	Red-shouldered Hawk: 9	Bald Eagle: 0	
Long-eared Owl: 0	Red-tailed Hawk: 9	Total 45	

RAPTOR Releases Rescued Bald Eagle

By Marc Alverson, President

After undergoing four months of rehabilitation at RAPTOR Inc.'s Milford, Ohio rehab center, a Bald Eagle admitted from Ironton, Ohio was ready to be released. This eagle was admitted on October 28th, 2017 after being found on the ground and unable to fly away. Ohio State Wildlife Officer, Darin Abbott, captured the bird and transported it to RAPTOR in hopes that it could be treated and successfully returned to the wild in its home territory.

Upon admission the eagle was found to have no serious wounds or broken bones. Blood tests indicated an elevated white blood cell count and anemia, suggesting the fungal infection aspergillosis. Medical treatment was begun by inserting the medicine in the eagle's food. After a few weeks of treatment, the eagle's white blood count was improved, but the anemia persisted. In the subsequent weeks in rehab, the anemia improved and the bird gained enough strength to fly up to the elevated perches in the large flight cage and begin flying from end to end of the enclosure. After this, it was only a matter of

time before the eagle's strength had returned and it was ready for release.

RAPTOR Inc. coordinated with Ohio Wildlife Officer Darin Abbot and set the release date for February 28th, 2018, four months to the day after the eagle was admitted. Cindy and Marc Alverson, accompanied with RAPTOR Inc. intern Eric Alley, loaded the eagle into a large carrier and headed for Hanging Rock, the small town near Ironton where the eagle was originally found. This was right on the Ohio River, which was well over flood stage, and we were not sure we would be able to get through. US52 was above water but the exit ramp to the agreed meeting point was not! After a bit of circling around we met with Darin Abbot, along with some local police who assisted him with the capture of the eagle, and some other ODNR officials. The meeting area was fairly congested with traffic, buildings, and power lines, so RAPTOR Inc. recommended a more open place where the eagle would have the best chance for a successful release. A nearby overlook in the Hanging Rock Recreational



Area of the Wayne National Forest provided just the right spot for the release.

With everyone watching, the Bald Eagle's carrier door was opened and he strolled out into the world for a look at freedom. After pausing for a few moments to observe his surroundings, the eagle promptly took off with a strong start and soared off into the distance. A perfect release! RAPTOR is glad to have been able to rescue this eagle and is thankful to all who contributed to this success!

RAPTOR Inc. Charitable Suds at Rhinegeist Brewery. It's Free!

Support local bird of prey conservation while enjoying great local brews and other treats! Bring your family and friends to this great fundraising event and help us continue our mission to conserve local birds of prey! Several fun activities are planned, including visits from our amazing Animal Ambassadors! Enjoy pizza, RAPTOR Merchandise, and we will be offering unique experiences with local birds of prey (tours, educational programs, releases).

Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 5pm-8pm | 1910 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

A portion of the event proceeds will be donated to RAPTOR Inc. Have a beer and support raptor conservation!

Cincinnati Zoo Grant Expands Our Laboratory Capabilities *By Jackie Bray*

The staff at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden are very passionate about the animals in their care and often participate in wildlife conservation projects in their spare time. To help support the staff in their conservation efforts, the zoo provides employees, through the zoo's Internal Conservation Grants Fund, an opportunity to request financial support for in-situ wildlife conservation or conservation education projects.

Kimberly Klosterman, Senior Aviculture Keeper and RAPTOR Inc. volunteer, submitted a grant application on RAPTOR Inc.'s behalf. We are pleased to announce that her application was chosen for funding. The grant will help fund professional laboratory screening for West Nile Virus (WNV) and Avian Bornavirus (ABV) in 100 local birds of prey, as well as laboratory

equipment for ongoing routine testing conducted "in-house" at RAPTOR Inc.'s Milford facility.

As a non-profit organization, RAPTOR Inc. has limited funding available for professional laboratory testing. In 2017 approximately 15% of RAPTOR Inc.'s admissions presented with neurological symptoms such as seizures, ataxia, nystagmus and visual impairments. Many of these cases resulted in the bird's death without a definitive diagnosis. Anecdotal information shared on industry message boards suggested an increased number of admissions due to West Nile Virus, but Avian Bornavirus can cause similar clinical signs. Verifying the prevalence of these infections in local populations of birds of prey may answer important research questions and improve rehabilitation outcomes.



See "Laboratory Capabilities" on page 5

Planned Giving: A Win-Win for You and RAPTOR Inc.

By Robert Smith, Treasurer

RAPTOR Inc., like all non-profit organizations, depends on the generous support of our community to achieve our mission to conserve local birds of prey. Our operations are primarily funded through memberships, educational programs, grants, and donations. Unfortunately, the availability of these revenue sources varies from year to year, making long-term planning challenging. Planned Giving enables non-profits, like RAPTOR Inc., to ensure long-term financial stability and sustainability by providing a predictable revenue source that typically increases over the years and is stable during tough economic times.

Non-profits touch our lives and enrich our communities in many ways. The role they play in society is too important to leave to chance. Planned Giving is easy to do, is an excellent way to support a cause you are passionate about, and creates a long-term philanthropic legacy that reflects the values of the giver.

Create a Lasting Legacy Through Planned Giving

If making a difference is important to you, then charitable giving can be an important part of your life and your core values. Like many people, you'd like to know that the causes and organizations you care about today will continue to thrive in the future.

The good news is you don't have to be Andrew Carnegie or Bill Gates to start a meaningful philanthropic legacy. In addition to supporting the work of RAPTOR Inc. through cash donations, consider making a planned gift.

What Is Planned Giving?

Planned Giving is a win-win approach to philanthropic donations that supports your favorite nonprofit organization and can benefit you now or in the future. Have you ever made a vehicle donation to benefit your favorite charity? If you have, you know that transferring assets is easy and it can provide tax benefits as well. Simply put, "planned giving" is the transfer of assets to a designated nonprofit organization during a lifetime or as part of an estate plan. This forward-thinking approach to giving is "planned" because often these assets are not liquid, have tax consequences and are generally transferred via a will or other written means.

Gifts at a Glance

Suggested Gift Type	Donor Profile	How It Works	Benefits to Donors
Bequest	Donors of any age or income level.	Gift of any amount through a will, trust, life insurance policy or IRA.	Estate tax benefits.
Charitable Remainder Trust	Donors of any age, most often middle-aged. Good for complex or appreciated assets.	A gift of cash in return for variable payments (% of gift). Upon passing, remainder is distributed to the charity.	Annual income that can adjust over time. Acts as hedge against inflation. May avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets. Income tax charitable deduction in year of gift.
Charitable Gift Annuity	Older donors who want to help a charity, have liquid assets (such as stocks, CDs, savings accounts). Middle-age donors who want to provide income for their parents or others.	A gift of cash or stock in return for fixed payments to the donor for life. Upon passing, remainder is distributed to the charity.	Security of a fixed income for life. Knowledge it is guaranteed by organization. Income tax charitable deduction in year of gift.
Retained Life Estate	Older donors who own their own homes.	A gift of primary residence, vacation home or other property.	Donor can continue to live in or use property. Income tax charitable deduction in year of gift.

Anyone considering a planned gift should consult your tax and/or legal advisors to determine the consequences of making a gift.

It's Easy

Planned Giving is easy to do and you don't have to be wealthy to do it. Whether it is naming your favorite charity in your will or trust for a modest amount, or a gift of house and property, there is an easy option that is right for you. A consultation with your financial or estate planner can advise you what works best in your situation and can set up the gift for you.

It Can Involve Assets You Might Never Think Of

A life insurance policy. Real estate. Stocks. Business holdings. A checking or savings account. These are all assets that can be leveraged in planned gifts.

It Can Generate an Income Stream

In return for the donation of real estate, stocks or other assets, donors can receive a series of regular payments as set up by your financial or estate planner.

It Can Provide Generous Tax Benefits

Depending upon the type of gift, short-term and/or long-term tax benefits may apply. Donors at a variety of income levels can benefit.

It Can Work in Tandem with Other Family Priorities

Planned Giving is not an "all or nothing" option. Gifts can exist side-by-side with other beneficiaries and personal priorities.

Join RAPTOR Inc.'s Legacy Society

Designating a planned gift of \$10,000 and above automatically makes you a member of RAPTOR Inc.'s Legacy Society. At the member's discretion, Legacy Society members can receive immediate recognition on our website and in publications. As well, they can receive invitations to special events.

In addition to the satisfaction of making a meaningful gift, most planned gifts have immediate and/or long-term tax benefits. The chart below can help you find the type of gift that is right for you. Consult with your financial advisor or estate planner and join the Legacy Society of RAPTOR Inc. today.

Laboratory Capabilities, continued from page 3

Dr. Bob Dahlhausen, one of RAPTOR Inc.'s Attending Veterinarians and a member of our Board of Trustees, is Owner/Operator of Veterinary Molecular Diagnostics Inc. (VMD), a professional laboratory specializing in DNA-based testing services for veterinary medicine. Dr. Dahlhausen has generously agreed to partner with RAPTOR Inc. and the Cincinnati Zoo to provide the professional laboratory testing for WNV and ABV for one-third of the normal costs, which is less than his costs to run the tests.

In addition to the WNV and ABV testing, the Cincinnati Zoo grant purchased laboratory testing equipment, including a compound microscope with attached

digital camera, a micro-hematocrit centrifuge, syringes and needles, and other consumable laboratory testing supplies. Having access to routine laboratory testing results such as complete blood cell counts, hematocrits, blood parasite screenings, gram stains, and fecal floats will dramatically improve RAPTOR Inc.'s ability to initiate appropriate treatments in a timely manner. Having access to laboratory equipment that enables testing to be performed "in-house" will make this testing cost-effective and allow RAPTOR Inc. to perform testing on more birds.

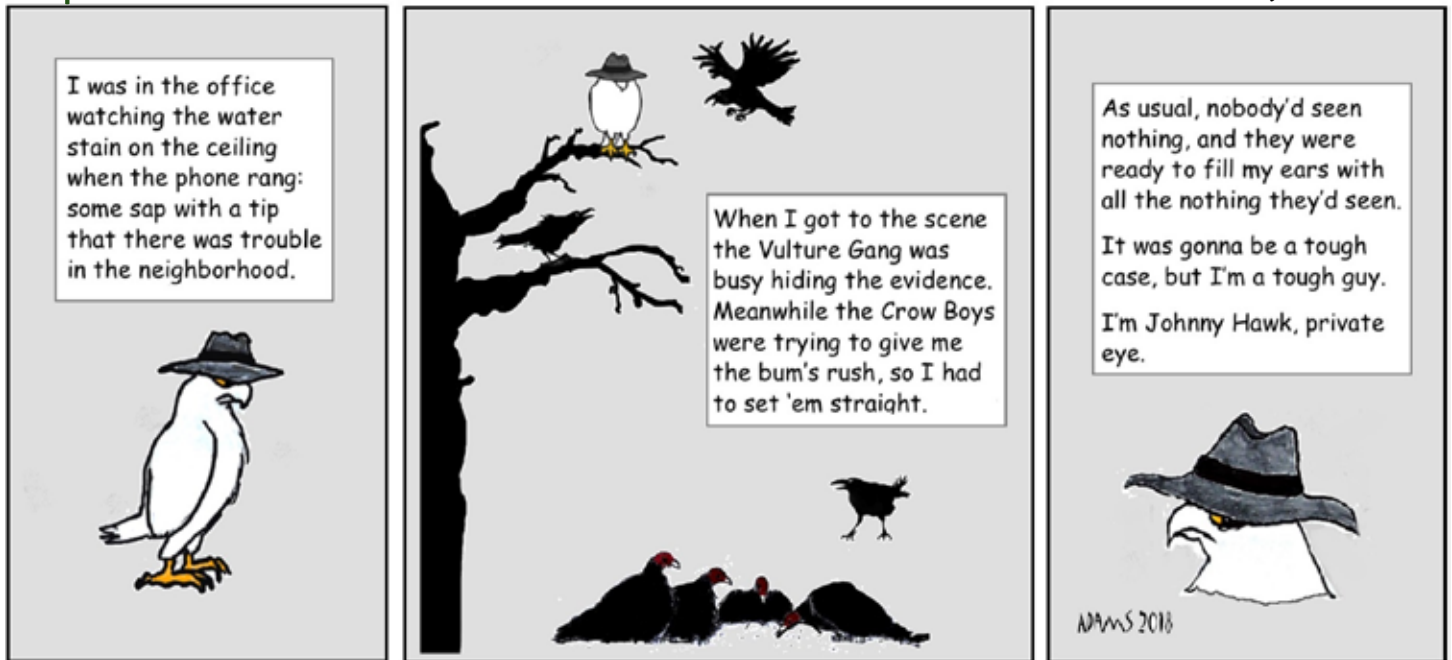
The information gathered as part of this grant will benefit RAPTOR Inc.'s staff, as

well as other raptor professionals throughout the country. The information will affect the treatment of birds admitted for care, expand understanding of the presence of diseases in our environment, and improve treatment protocols. The information will be shared with other stakeholders (such as other raptor centers, zoos housing birds of prey, and avian veterinarians) thus expanding our collective understanding and professional practices.

RAPTOR Inc. wishes to express our deepest appreciation to Kimberly Klosterman, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, and Dr. Bob Dahlhausen for their support of this project.

by Catherine Adams

Raptor Ink



2018 RAPTOR Inc.

Members' Meeting & Picnic

Saturday, October 6, 2018, 4 pm till dark

Member's meeting at 4:30 pm | Food served at 5 pm

961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150

Raptors will be on display!



RSVP to: raptor@raptorinc.org by Oct. 1 | Please bring a dish to share; we will provide grilled food, drinks, and the RAPTOR Inc. cake

Mark Your Calendars for our Upcoming RAPTOR Public Appearances!

Thurs, Jun 14	12pm-2pm	MidPoint Library Monroe	1 Tennessee Ave., Monroe, Oh 45050
Fri, Jun 15	7pm-8pm	Giles Conrad Park	7500 River Rd., Hebron, KY 41048
Sat, Jun 16	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave., Loveland, OH 45140
Fri, Jun 22	3pm-4pm	MidPoint Library Monroe	1 Tennessee Ave., Monroe, OH 45050
Sat, Jun 23	2pm-3pm	MidPoint Library Middletown	125 S. Broad St., Middletown, OH 45044
Sun, Jun 24	1pm-4pm	Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
Mon, Jun 25	2pm-3pm	Bond Hill Branch Library	1740 Langdon Farm Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45237
Thurs, Jun 28	10:30am-11am	Cincinnati Main Branch Library	800 Vine St., Cincinnati, Oh 45202
Sat, Jun 30	10:30am-11:30am	MidPoint Library West Chester	9363 Centre Point Dr., West Chester Twp., OH 45069
Tues, Jul 3	2pm-3pm	Reading Branch Library	8740 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45215
Fri, Jul 6	7pm-8pm	Boone Woods Park	6000 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY 41005
Tues, Jul 10	2:30pm-3:30pm	West End Branch Library	805 Ezzard Charles Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45203
Thurs, Jul 12	2pm-3pm	Adams County Fairgrounds	836 Boyd Ave., West Union, OH 45693
Thurs, Jul 12	3pm-4pm	Symmes Twp. Branch Library	11850 Enyart Rd., Loveland, OH 45140
Mon, Jul 16	6:30pm-7:30pm	Salem Twp. Public Library	535 West Pike St., Morrow, OH 45152
Sat, Jul 21	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave., Loveland, OH 45140
Fri, Jul 27	7pm-8pm	Behringer Crawford Museum	1600 Montague Rd., Covington, KY 41011
Sun, Jul 29	1pm-4pm	Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
Tues, Jul 31	6pm-7pm	Felicity Library	209 Prather Rd., Felicity, OH 45120
Fri, Aug 3	7pm-7:30pm	Boone Woods Park	6000 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY 41005
Tues, Aug 7	6pm-9pm	Milford-Miami Twp. National Night Out	Scene 75, 876 Rt. 28, Milford, Oh 45150
Wed, Aug 8	5pm-8pm	Rhinegeist Brewery Fundraiser	1910 Elm St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
Sat, Aug 18	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave., Loveland, OH 45140
Sun, Aug 26	1pm-4pm	Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150
Sat, Sep 1	12pm-3pm	Potter in the Park, Stagge Marr Park,	6662 Goshen Rd., Goshen, OH 45122
Mon, Sep 3	12pm-4pm	Farbach Werner Nature Preserve	3455 Poole Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45251
Sat, Sep 15	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave., Loveland, OH 45140
Sun, Sep 23	1pm-4pm	Greater Cinc Rose Assn at Ault Park	5090 Observatory Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208
Sat, Sep 29	2pm-3pm	Little Miami Conservancy	211 Railroad Ave., Loveland, OH 45140
Sun, Sep 30	1pm-4pm	Open House	961 Barg Salt Run Rd., Milford, OH 45150

RAPTOR Wish List

RAPTOR Inc. needs the following items for our bird care facility. To donate any of these items, please email RAPTOR at: raptor@raptorinc.org or call 513-825-3325.

- Duct Tape
- Latex or Nitrile exam gloves (any size)
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Paper cores from toilet paper or paper towels
- Office Max Gift Card
- Stamps (Forever)

Thank you for all of your donations!

Amazon Wish List

RAPTOR Inc. is now listed on the Amazon Wish list. For a complete listing of all of the items we use for rehabilitation and to provide our volunteers with all of the necessities, please visit <https://goo.gl/s0LVpG>.

If any of these wish list items is purchased, it is shipped directly to our RAPTOR facility in Milford.

How easy is that!

Thanks to the following individuals and groups for their recent financial contributions to RAPTOR Inc. for the first quarter of 2018.

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Billie June Engel, Dr. Susan Eppley
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The Board of Trustees generally meets the third Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 P.M. All RAPTOR members are welcome to attend.

Contact Marc Alverson at marcalverson@cinci.rr.com for meeting time and location.

Thank You To Our Veterinarians!

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To report an injured raptor in the Greater Cincinnati area call RAPTOR Inc.: (513) 825-3325

Mission

Since 1978, RAPTOR Inc. (Regional Association for the Protection and Treatment Of Raptors) has been dedicated to "the rehabilitation and return of raptors to their natural environment, the education of the public on the importance of raptors, and the preservation of their natural habitat".



RAPTOR Inc. Membership

Renewal notices are sent out at the end of the year for annual collection for the following year. Dues paid after September 1 will be credited for the following year.

Please use the form below to become a member or update your contact information. You can also become a member online at our website: www.raptorinc.org

If you don't need the membership form, pass it on to someone who might be interested in becoming a member of RAPTOR Inc.

Your membership dollars provide for care, treatment, and feeding of our birds as well as the continuation of our education programs.

Mark the membership level you request. All membership levels include electronic (default) or postal delivery of the newsletter, as well as an invitation to the Fall Picnic. Members are also invited to attend Board meetings and may nominate candidates to serve on the board.

\$10 Student Membership
(1 year - up to age 18)

\$25 Hawk Membership
(1-year)

\$50 Owl Membership
plus receive stunning Raptor Notecard Set

\$100 Eagle Membership
plus receive Charley Harper designed T-Shirt

\$500 Lifetime Membership
plus personalized tour for 5

Eagle and Lifetime Memberships, please indicate T-Shirt Size: (S, M, L, XL, XXL) _____

Eagle and Lifetime Memberships also include perks from the level(s) above.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check if you prefer postal delivery of HackBack

Mail this completed form with your check or money order to:

RAPTOR Inc., 961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150

Attn: Membership

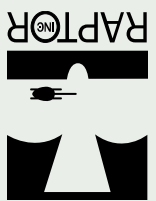
Thank you for your support of RAPTOR Inc.!

Sponsor a Banded Raptor

Since the fall of 1994, RAPTOR Inc. has been banding most rehabilitated birds released back into the wild. Over a long period of time, this will help us determine how successful our rehabilitation efforts are. You can get involved with our "Sponsor a Banded Raptor" program. Sponsors will receive a fact sheet on the selected species and a certificate with the following information:

- Species and date of release
- Age (if known)
- Weight at time of release
- U. S. Fish & Wildlife band number

If the bird you sponsor is recovered, you will be notified of the date and location of the recovery.



Yes, I would like to sponsor a banded bird of the species checked below:

- American Kestrel: \$25
- Eastern Screech Owl: \$25
- Cooper's Hawk: \$25
- Barred Owl: \$25
- Red-shouldered Hawk: \$25
- Great Horned Owl: \$25
- Red-tailed Hawk: \$25

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

In the event your selection is not available, we will contact you to arrange an alternative. Sponsoring a bird is tax deductible. All proceeds benefit RAPTOR Inc. Complete this form, enclose a check or money order, and mail to:

RAPTOR Inc., 961 Barg Salt Run Road, Milford, Ohio 45150

Thank you for your support of RAPTOR Inc.!