

The Wildlife Center of Virginia

2013 Annual Report

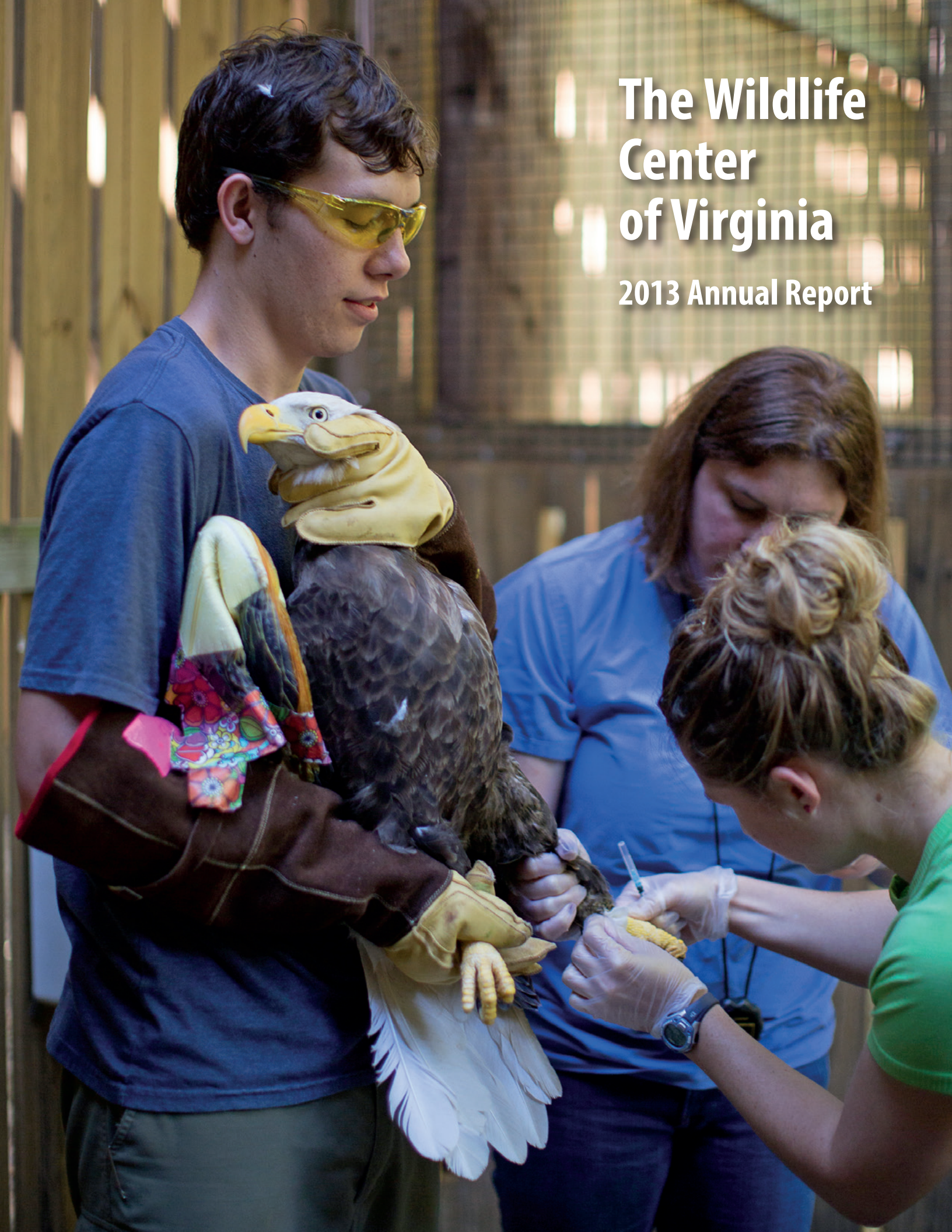




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The Wildlife Center of Virginia ... a hospital for native wildlife

During 2013, the Wildlife Center admitted 2,748 patients — sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals in need.

Among the 2013 patients were:

- 403 Eastern Cottontails and 284 Virginia Opossums;
- 26 Bald Eagles;
- Four Peregrine Falcons and 86 Eastern Screech-Owls;
- 94 Eastern Box Turtles and one American Toad;
- 106 American Robins and one Worm-eating Warbler.

At the Wildlife Center, we treat to release



Photo courtesy of Dan Addison

Kelli Skluzak releasing Wildlife Center Patient # 13-2539 — a Peregrine Falcon — on November 17.



Center President Ed Clark prepares to release a Bald Eagle [# 13-2422] at Belle Isle State Park [December 13].

Cover Photo: From left, Anton Joubert [University of North Carolina Greensboro], Center Licensed Veterinary Technician Leigh-Ann Horne, and Michelle Whitehead [Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan] draw blood from Bald Eagle 13-2076. Photo courtesy of Jack Looney.



On April 14, a small Black Bear cub was admitted to the Center from Greene County. The cub was thin, dehydrated, and had a paw injury. The cub weighed 1.16 kg [2.56 pounds] and was assigned Patient # 13-0425.



13-0425 in August 2013, with wildlife rehabilitator Amber Dedrick.



13-0425 in January 2014. The bear weighed 55.3 kg — almost 122 pounds!

The bear was released back into the wild on January 24.

2013 ... the Year of the Black Bear!

During 2013, the Center admitted 25 Black Bears — a single-year record in the Center's three-decade history.

On May 20, the Center broke ground for a new Large Mammal Isolation Enclosure — a 40-by-16 foot structure with a 16-square-foot pen at each end.

On July 25, we moved eight cubs into this new facility ... and then another eight on August 1.

In July we also started construction on a two-acre complex to provide long-term, outdoor enclosures for healthy young bears. This complex includes three large "yards" of about one-half acre each. Each yard provides natural forest habitat — trees, stumps, bushes, brush — "classrooms" in which young Black Bears can perfect the skills they'll need to survive in the wild.

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries committed \$200,000 toward the project. An anonymous Center supporter pledged \$100,000 ... and hundreds of Center supporters dug deep to help out.

On January 8 and 9, 2014, the Center moved cubs into this new facility ... a total of 17 bears.



Large Mammal Isolation Enclosure.



The "Bear Yard."

2013 patient admissions

Mammals [1,294 patients]

American Beaver	2
American Black Bear	25
Big Brown Bat	39
Common Pine Vole	2
Coyote	3
Eastern Chipmunk	15
Eastern Cottontail	403
Eastern Fox Squirrel	11
Eastern Gray Fox	13
Eastern Gray Squirrel	194
Eastern Mole	1
Eastern Pipistrelle	2
Eastern Red Bat	6
Evening Bat	2
Hispid Cotton Rat	2
Hoary Bat	1
House Mouse	9
Little Brown Bat	5
Meadow Vole	2
Muskrat	4
Raccoon	40
Red Fox	14
Red Squirrel	3
Silver-haired Bat	2
Southern Flying Squirrel	11
Striped Skunk	21
Syrian Brown Bear	1
Unidentified Rodent	12
Virginia Opossum	284
White-footed Mouse	50
White-tailed Deer	97
Woodchuck	18

Reptiles and Amphibians [158]

American Toad	1
Broad-Headed Skink	1
Eastern Box Turtle	94
Eastern Gartersnake	1
Eastern Painted Turtle	11
Eastern Ratsnake	5
Green Frog	3
Northern Black Racer	1
Northern Brownsnake	2
Northern Ring-necked Snake	3
Northern Rough Greensake	1
Queensake	1
Red-eared Slider	1
Snapping Turtle	19
Spotted Turtle	2
Yellow-bellied Slider	12

Raptors and Vultures [323]

American Kestrel	10
Bald Eagle	26
Barn Owl	16
Barred Owl	13
Black Vulture	8
Broad-winged Hawk	7
Cooper's Hawk	22

Eastern Screech-Owl	86
Great Horned Owl	21
Merlin	1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1
Osprey	5
Peregrine Falcon	4
Red-shouldered Hawk	24
Red-tailed Hawk	62
Sharp-shinned Hawk	3
Turkey Vulture	14

Passerines (Songbirds) [691]

American Crow	35
American Goldfinch	15
American Pipit	1
American Robin	106
American Tree Sparrow	1
Baltimore Oriole	5
Barn Swallow	6
Black-billed Cuckoo	1
Blue Jay	49
Brown-headed Cowbird	2
Brown Thrasher	1
Carolina Chickadee	2
Carolina Wren	55
Cedar Waxwing	9
Chipping Sparrow	8
Common Grackle	75
Common Raven	1
Dark-eyed Junco	3
Eastern Bluebird	14
Eastern Kingbird	1
Eastern Meadowlark	1
Eastern Phoebe	21
Eastern Towhee	1
European Starling	93
Fox Sparrow	1
Gray Catbird	15
Hermit Thrush	2
House Finch	22
House Sparrow	34
House Wren	5
Indigo Bunting	2
Louisiana Waterthrush	1
Northern Cardinal	26
Northern Mockingbird	21
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3
Pine Siskin	1
Purple Finch	2
Purple Martin	3
Red-eyed Vireo	1
Red-winged Blackbird	2
Song Sparrow	1
Swamp Sparrow	1
Tree Swallow	1
Tufted Titmouse	18
Unidentified Passerine	13
White-breasted Nuthatch	2
White-throated Sparrow	1

Wood Thrush	6
Worm-eating Warbler	1

Other Birds [282]

American Woodcock	2
Belted Kingfisher	2
Black Scoter	1
Canada Goose	20
Chimney Swift	15
Common Loon	4
Common Nighthawk	1
Domestic Fowl	7
Downy Woodpecker	6
Great Blue Heron	8
Green Heron	2
Horned Grebe	2
Killdeer	3
Least Bittern	1
Mallard Duck	53
Mourning Dove	58
Mute Swan	1
Northern Flicker	8
Pied-billed Grebe	2
Pileated Woodpecker	5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	7
Ring-billed Gull	1
Rock Pigeon	21
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	12
Trumpeter Swan	1
Virginia Rail	1
Wild Turkey	11
Wood Duck	22
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1



Photo courtesy of Jack Looney

Meet the new ambassadors!

During 2013, the Center welcomed four new environmental ambassadors — representatives of the Wildlife Center!



Photo courtesy of Scott Turmeyer

Athena, a Barred Owl, was admitted from Richmond. She is partially blind in both eyes, perhaps because of West Nile Virus. Athena's name was suggested by Mrs. Hill's 6th–8th grade Wildlife Club in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Athena was the Greek goddess of wisdom and darkness.



Briscoe, a Great Horned Owl, was trapped in a chimney — for two weeks! Due to injuries sustained during this ordeal, he is unable to fly silently and cannot be released. Briscoe's name honors a chimney sweep who helped in the owl's rescue.



Photo courtesy of Jack Looney

Phebe was one of four small Virginia Opossums found on their dead mother [likely hit by a car] in Staunton. Phebe suffered an injury to her right eye and cannot be released. Naming rights for Phebe were auctioned off at the Center's 2013 Gala.



Keeya, a Red-shouldered Hawk, was admitted from Hanover County in September 2013. Two fractures in her right wing and eye injuries preclude her release. Her name is evocative of the cry of the Red-shouldered Hawk.

Financials

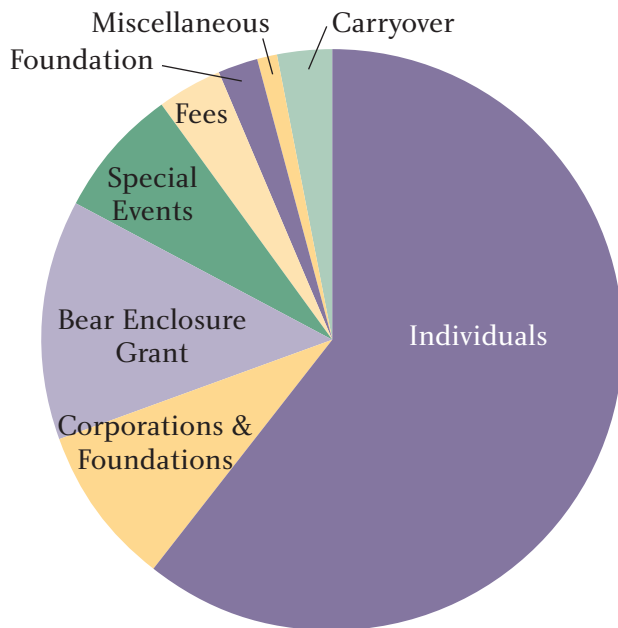
The Wildlife Center of Virginia is a 501(c)(3) organization that depends primarily on private donations — not federal, state, or local government funding — for its programs and services. The Center works hard to be an effective and efficient non-profit — we strive to keep our administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum so that we can do the best job possible as a wildlife hospital and education center.

Here's a snapshot of the Center's revenue and expenditures for 2013:

2013 Revenue

Individuals	\$923,857	61%
Corporations/Foundation	137,550	9%
VDGIF Bear Enclosure Grant	200,000	13%
Special Events [net]	111,566	7%
Program Fees	53,841	4%
Wildlife Center Foundation	34,000	2%
Sales/miscellaneous	18,510	1%
Carryover	44,510	3%

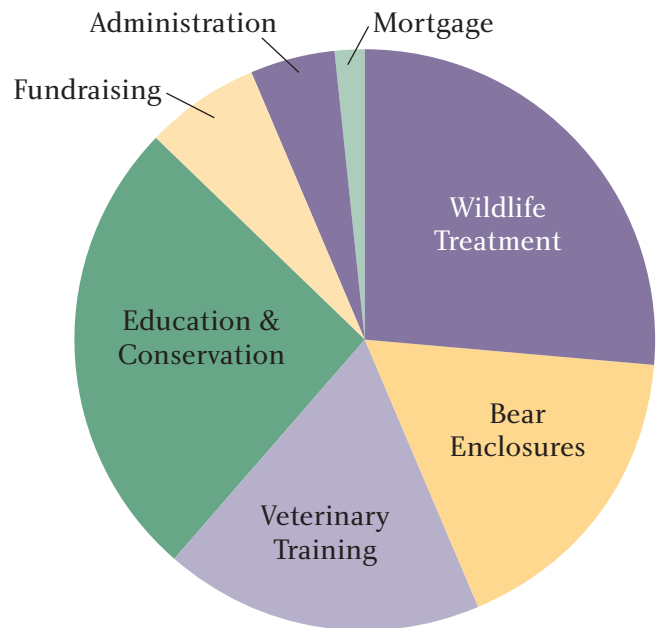
TOTAL REVENUE **\$1,523,834** **100%**



2013 Expense

Wildlife Treatment	\$402,985	26%
Bear Enclosures	265,779	17%
Veterinary Training	267,593	18%
Education and Conservation	393,973	26%
Fundraising	99,369	6%
Administration	70,687	5%
Mortgage	23,448	2%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$1,523,834** **100%**



In October 2013, the Wildlife Center competed in the Toyota "100 Cars for Good" campaign, and supporters across the country helped the Center come away with a new van! Ed Clark and the Center's outreach team picked up the new Toyota Sienna from McDonough Toyota in Staunton in January 2014.

A financial statement for the most recent fiscal year is available upon request from the State Division of Consumer Affairs, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23209; 1.804.786.1343.

"A hospital for native wildlife, teaching the world to care about and to care for wildlife and the environment."

During 2013, the Wildlife Center:

- Presented environmental education programs in classrooms, public libraries, and other community forums across Virginia, reaching more than 10,000 children and 6,000 adults. These programs reinforce the steps that each of us — **any** of us — can take to protect wildlife and the environment.
- Continued *Critter Cam*, a live online broadcast and moderated discussion on the Wildlife Center's website [www.wildlifecenter.org]. During 2013, *Critter Cam* expanded to three different "channels" and gave wildlife enthusiasts around the world the chance to watch live and online a variety of hawks, owls, eagles — and a seemingly endless array of Black Bears! *Cam in the Classroom* sessions brought Center staff and patients into schools across the nation.



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Raina Krasner and Buddy at Riverfest.

- Provided hands-on professional training opportunities in wildlife veterinary medicine and rehabilitation for professionals and students from across the United States ... and from Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Grenada, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, St. Kitts, and Taiwan.
- Kept Buddy, the Center's resident Bald Eagle, busy as a wildlife ambassador. Buddy's appearances included the Paramount Theater in Charlottesville with Ed Clark and Jack Hanna ... Riverfest in Waynesboro ... Wild Birds Unlimited in Virginia Beach and Great Bridge Primary School in Chesapeake ... and the Center's annual benefit at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton.
- Hosted record crowds at the *Call of the Wild* Conference and at the Center's Annual Gala Benefit and Auction.

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One of the highlights of the Center's 2013 auction was a large carving — about five feet tall! — celebrating a Black Bear cub climbing a tree to get honey. This piece was crafted and donated by legendary artisan Jim Calder, Jr., the “Wizzard of Wood.” A group of Center supporters pooled their resources and bought this whimsical piece for the Center! Check it out during your next visit to the Wildlife Center.

Mark your calendars and save the date — the Center's 30th Annual Gala Benefit and Auction will be on **Saturday, November 1, 2014**. For additional information, please contact Kristen Sluiter at 540.942.9453 or gala@wildlifecenter.org.

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