

# 2016 Annual Report

The Year in Review

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Rocky Mountain  
**RAPTOR**  
Program  
*a second chance at freedom*





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# Director's Message

Judy Scherpelz

Executive Director

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There is no shortage of causes for you to support. I am extremely honored that you have chosen to lend your strength to ours. The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program can only continue our mission because of your generous support.

Your contribution saves lives on a day to day basis, and I hope this document will show you exactly how you become the hero of these raptors stories. You can be assured that your faith is not misplaced.

The challenges of 2016 were only overcome because the RMRP had your amazing support and the kindness of your heart.

I hope by telling you the stories of some of the patients you helped to save, you will see exactly how important you are to the day-to-day mission of rehabilitation, education, and research.

Warmest Regards,

Judy



**Inspiring the appreciation and protection of raptors  
and the spaces where they live through excellence  
in rehabilitation, education, and research.**



# A History of Compassion

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program began in 1979 when veterinary students at Colorado State University's (CSU) Veterinary Teaching Hospital cared for an injured hawk.

In 1987, the University hired Judy Scherpelz to expand the student club into a self-sustaining, community-based program. It became a nonprofit organization in 2003 and separated from CSU in late 2006.

The RMRP retains close ties to the clinicians at CSU, who perform the more complex procedures and surgeries some of our patients require. Our Rehabilitation Director, Gail Kratz, meets every week with our supervising clinicians to ensure each patient has a perfected course of treatment.

Though rehabilitation was the initial focus, it became apparent that education and research would be essential to complement the mission.

The years have seen a great evolution of the education program. It began as a handful of permanently disabled birds, dubbed Educational Ambassadors, and a small number of informational programs. It has expanded to twenty Educational Ambassadors spreading our message during hundreds of presentations each year.

Research has an ever-expanding role to further the knowledge base of not only the RMRP but those entities we work with. Each year sees the addition of more research to help find solutions to the problems facing today's raptor populations.

Going forward, we hope to expand the services that the RMRP provides for the surrounding areas. There is so much more we can do for wildlife, and you can help.



Left: This Red-tailed Hawk was stricken with West Nile Virus. Because of the efforts of RMRP and our amazing supporters, he was returned to the wild.







# Cornerstones of a Mission

## Rehabilitation

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Seeing a raptor fly back into its natural environment is awe-inspiring, encouraging us to carry on. We have been widely recognized for providing an excellent standard of care.

Our staff has more than 75 years of combined experience in healing raptors. Our close relationship with CSU is extremely valuable as they also provide diagnostics, medical procedures and surgery for our more challenging cases.

A Second Chance at Freedom is the goal of every admission.

## Education

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We know our educational programs are essential to the health of our community and the environment. We present nearly 200 days of environmental education programs and public outreach exhibits in the region each year.

Through these efforts, people learn about the importance of conserving raptors, wildlife, and wild places.

These programs inform and educate thousands of audience members, who also experience the awe of seeing these inspirational birds at arm's length.

## Research

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We believe we must learn as much as we can about the raptors we care for and the diseases and hazards that affect them in the hope to find solutions.

The large number of injured raptors we see provides for the ongoing collection and analysis of data.

Raptors are an important part of our environment, and as the top of the food chain, they are key indicators of the health of their surrounding ecosystem. By studying them, we discover the presence of toxic substances, hazards, diseases, and potential solutions.



# Every Day, A Life Depends on You

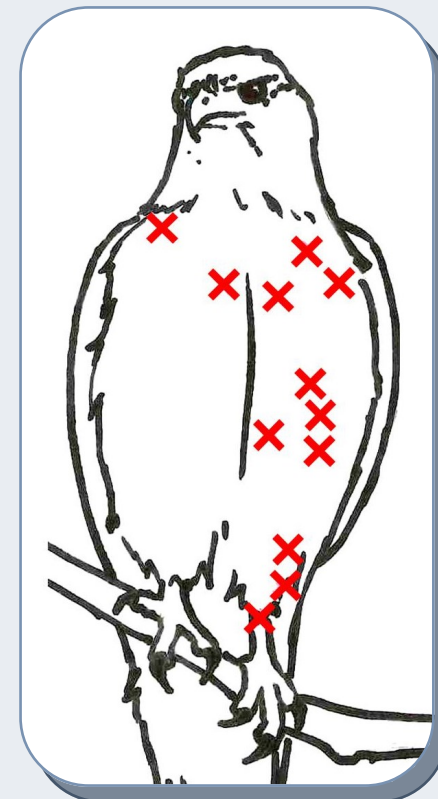


*“You CAN change the future for wildlife. Especially the one that needs you today.”*

*-Judy Scherpelz, Executive Director*

**Left:** A Red-tailed Hawk heals after being shot.

**Right:** The hawk had thirteen pellet wounds scattered across his body.



## Torn From the Skies

There are times when a patient's injuries are so unbelievable, you can't imagine how the bird survived. This Red-tailed Hawk is one of those patients.

He had been found on the side of a busy road, so was presumed to be hit by a car when he was rescued. However, during his exam it was obvious that his injuries were much more sinister.

Pellets from a gun pierced his skin, some deep enough that they couldn't be removed except with invasive surgery. He was extremely lucky. The ammunition used was steel and not lead, and none of the pellets had punctured his internal organs or broken his bones.

Cases like this tell the RMRP that our work is needed now more than ever. The education that the RMRP provides is essential to prevent incidents like these. It's only by inspiring love of wildlife that we can hope to protect it.



# 2016 Rehabilitation Statistics

## Admission Species and Numbers

Red-tailed Hawk	57
Great Horned Owl	55
Swainson's Hawk	41
American Kestrel	26
Cooper's Hawk	31
Common Barn Owl	21
Sharp-shinned Hawk	10
Bald Eagle	6
Long-eared Owl	5
Burrowing Owl	4
Eastern Screech Owl	4
Golden Eagle	4
Merlin	3
Rough-legged Hawk	3
Saw-whet Owl	3
Ferruginous Hawk	2
Northern Harrier	2
Osprey	2
Prairie Falcon	2
Mississippi Kite	1

**Total Number of Admissions: 292**

## Rescue Cities

<b>Colorado:</b>	Loveland
Akron	Milliken
Atwood	New Raymer
Ault	Nunn
Bellvue	Orchard
Berthoud	Pierce
Briggsdale	Platteville
Commerce City	Roggen
Crook	Sedgwick
Eaton	Severance
Evans	Sterling
Fort Collins	Timnath
Fort Lupton	Walcott
Fort Morgan	Wellington
Galeton	Wiggins
Gill	Windsor
Greeley	<b>Wyoming:</b>
Grover	Casper
Haxton	Cheyenne
Johnstown	Glenrock
Keenesburg	Laramie
Kersey	Lusk
LaSalle	Pine Bluffs
Livermore	Saratoga
Longmont	Sinclair

## Types of Injuries and Numbers

(Categories are not mutually exclusive)

Fracture	121
Head/Spinal Trauma	63
Emaciated	43
Hit by Vehicle	26
Window Strike	22
West Nile Virus	21
Barbed Wire	10
Gunshot	8
High Voltage Trauma	7
Caught by Cat	5
Leg Hold Trap	4
Lead Positive	4
Methane Burner	2
Oiled	1

**The total number of Bird Care Days in 2016 was 9147.**

For every day a bird is cared for by the RMRP, we count it as a "Bird Care Day." The total number of Bird Care Days is calculated from the day the bird arrives to the day it is released back to the wild, or is humanely euthanized due to its injuries.



# Service to Our Community

## Making Strides in Raptor Protection and Conservation

Here are just some of the ways you have enabled RMRP to continue our mission to save wildlife. Last year, the RMRP was able to take part in the following services to our community and environment:

**24/7 Emergency On-Call:** The RMRP is reachable every hour, every day of the year for people who have concerns about injured raptors. We also help direct people with other types of birds and animals to their closest wildlife rehabilitator.

**Welfare Checks:** Many situations call for a professional eye to assess a raptor with a potential problem. Many of RMRP's staff often drive out to do situation assessments when a concerned member of the public calls about a possibly injured or distressed raptor and we cannot resolve the incident over the phone. From young owls stuck in window wells, to downed trees possibly containing a nest of distressed nestling hawks, our team can help find a solution.



*Above: RMRP teaches a raptor identification class for Colorado Parks and Wildlife employees.*

*Below: An owl that was stuck in a hole dug by a utility company returns to the wild.*



**Colorado Parks and Wildlife Raptor Training:** Officers and volunteers at CPW are given training on identification and safe capture and transport of raptors so we can work together to ensure the best care for raptors in our area.

**Powerline Safety:** Raptor powerline deterrents and supplemental perches are tested at the RMRP using live raptors. This helps many companies understand how their designs will work to save wild raptors from electrocution and high voltage trauma risk.

**Energy Companies Consulting and Training:** RMRP hosts professional workshops providing education to energy companies, plus we do consulting with field operatives to help resolve and prevent conflicts with raptors.



# Service to Our Community

**Raising Awareness:** We strive to alert our surrounding community to problems that wildlife of our area face. We use outreach, educational conservation programs, and publications to help others understand how they can make a difference in wildlife conservation.

**Golden Eagle Rescue Network (GERD) - Partners for Raptor Transport:** RMRP coordinates with GERD to respond immediately to help injured raptors in the Southeastern Wyoming area.

**Wildlife Commission:** Rehabilitation Coordinator Michael Tincher works closely with wildlife commissioners and regularly attends commission meetings to help ensure that rehabilitation issues and raptor populations are considered in state regulations to best protect and serve wildlife.



***Above:** Raptor powerline deterrents are set up in a flight cage at RMRP to be tested with live raptors. This data will help save wild raptors from electrocution.*

***Inset:** Some deterrents doing their job at keeping raptors safe.*

**Professional Science Masters Program (CSU):** Students that are part of the PSM in Zoo, Aquarium, and Animal Shelter Management have the opportunity to learn at the RMRP with our knowledgeable staff as mentors. Director Judy Scherpelz also teaches several classes for the students to expand their knowledge of wildlife non-profits.

**Thank you to those who help us give these amazing creatures the help they deserve.**

**Thanks to:**  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Wyoming Game and Fish  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Colorado State University  
Veterinary Teaching Hospital  
Exotics Department  
Westridge Animal Hospital  
Cheyenne Pet Clinic  
Teton Raptor Center  
EDM International, Inc.  
Powerline Sentry, Inc.  
Xcel Energy  
Noble Energy  
Poudre Valley REA



# Death Defying Feats

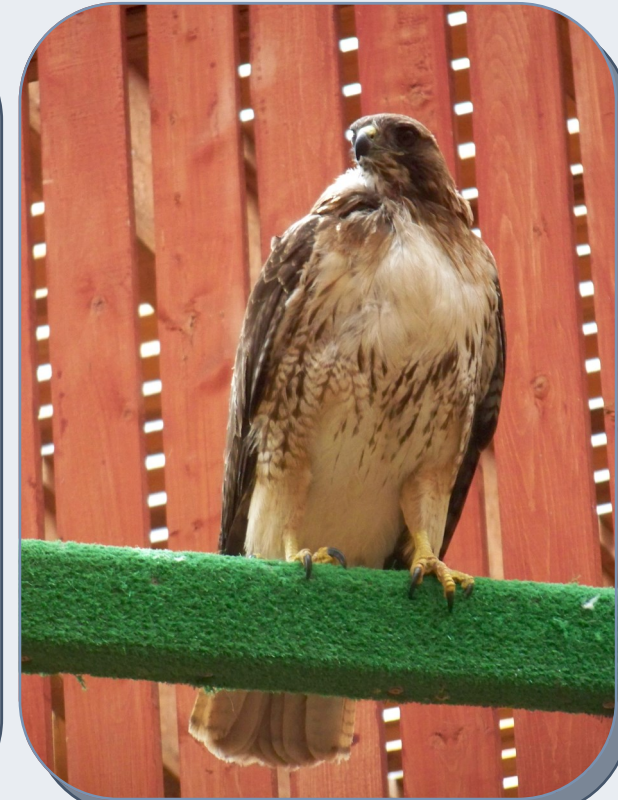
## Red-tailed Hawk Survives Horrible Wounds

**Near Right:** Red-tailed Hawk on admission after being hit by a car and attacked by another hawk. Severe wounds litter his body.

**Far Right:** Up at last. After several weeks of healing, the hawk is much stronger and his wounds are nearly healed.

**Below:** The hawk needed surgery and months of wound care to heal all of its wounds.

**Bottom Right:** Freedom! Thanks to the hard work of staff, volunteers and supporters, this hawk had everything he needed to go home.





# Education & Outreach

## Education

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program's Education and Outreach programs are essential to the future health of our community and the environment.

Formal educational programs are delivered in to children's groups (e.g. schools, Boy Scouts, and church groups) and adult and family groups (e.g., wildlife-interest groups, seniors, and public library programs).

Our programs at the public libraries in Fort Collins have become their best attended events. Education Director Carin Avila has a fan club that makes sure to never miss one of her educational programs.

## Outreach

Both Education and Outreach Programs teach about raptors and conservation, enabling audiences to experience the awe of seeing these inspiring birds at arm's length.

Our outreach program reaches tens of thousands of visitors to festivals all over Colorado. From Open Houses held at the RMRP, to local farmer's markets, to huge festivals like the Boulder Creek Festival, the RMRP strives to reach as many people as possible to spread our message.

Being face-to-face with our Educational Ambassadors is a powerful motivation to learn more about conservation.



# 2016 Education & Outreach Statistics

## Types of Programs and Numbers

Formal Programs	122
Educational Tours	40
Informal Educational Outreach	44

**Total Number of  
Education/Outreach Days: 206**

*“Change comes through  
education, from the effort  
each of us take to make  
the world a better place.”*

*-Carin Avila, Education Director*





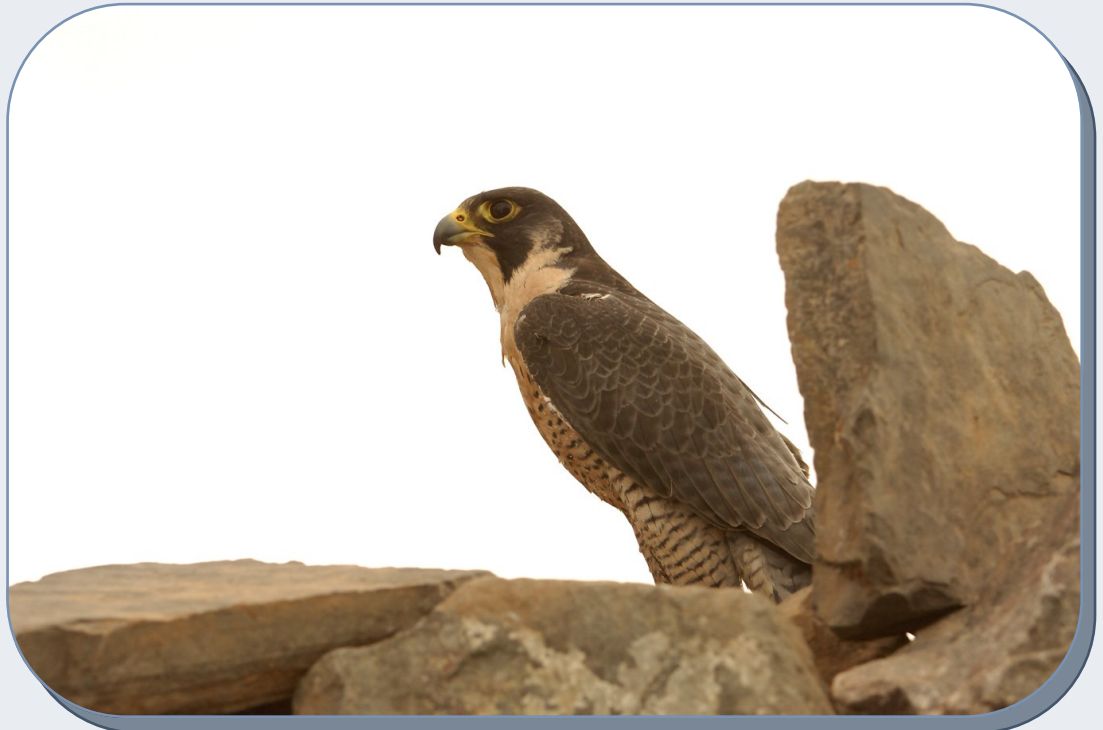
# Education Power Houses

## Educational Raptors Inspire Hope

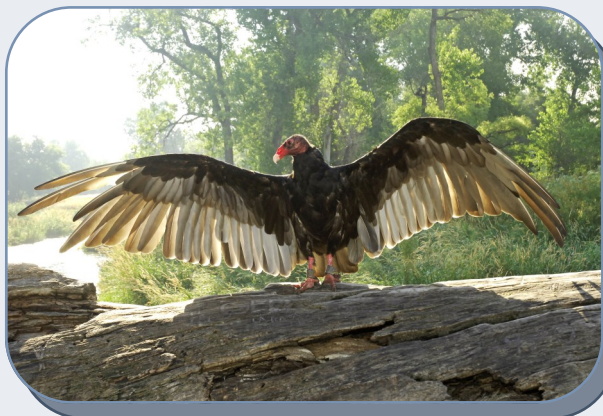
Looking into the eyes of an eagle from barely three feet away is an experience that cannot be forgotten. Educational Raptors are one of the greatest tools you can use when trying to spark enchantment with the wild.

Education about the conservation of wildlife and wild places is not effective without captivating the audience's hearts as well as their minds. The plight of these creatures can be brought to a more personal level when you are face-to-face with a raptor that was taken from the skies by human faults.

Educational raptors remind you that you can make a difference in the lives of these creatures. You can become an advocate for their conservation, one bird at a time.



***Above:*** This Educational Peregrine Falcon is 17 years old, and still going strong. In 2016, she participated in 63 education programs.



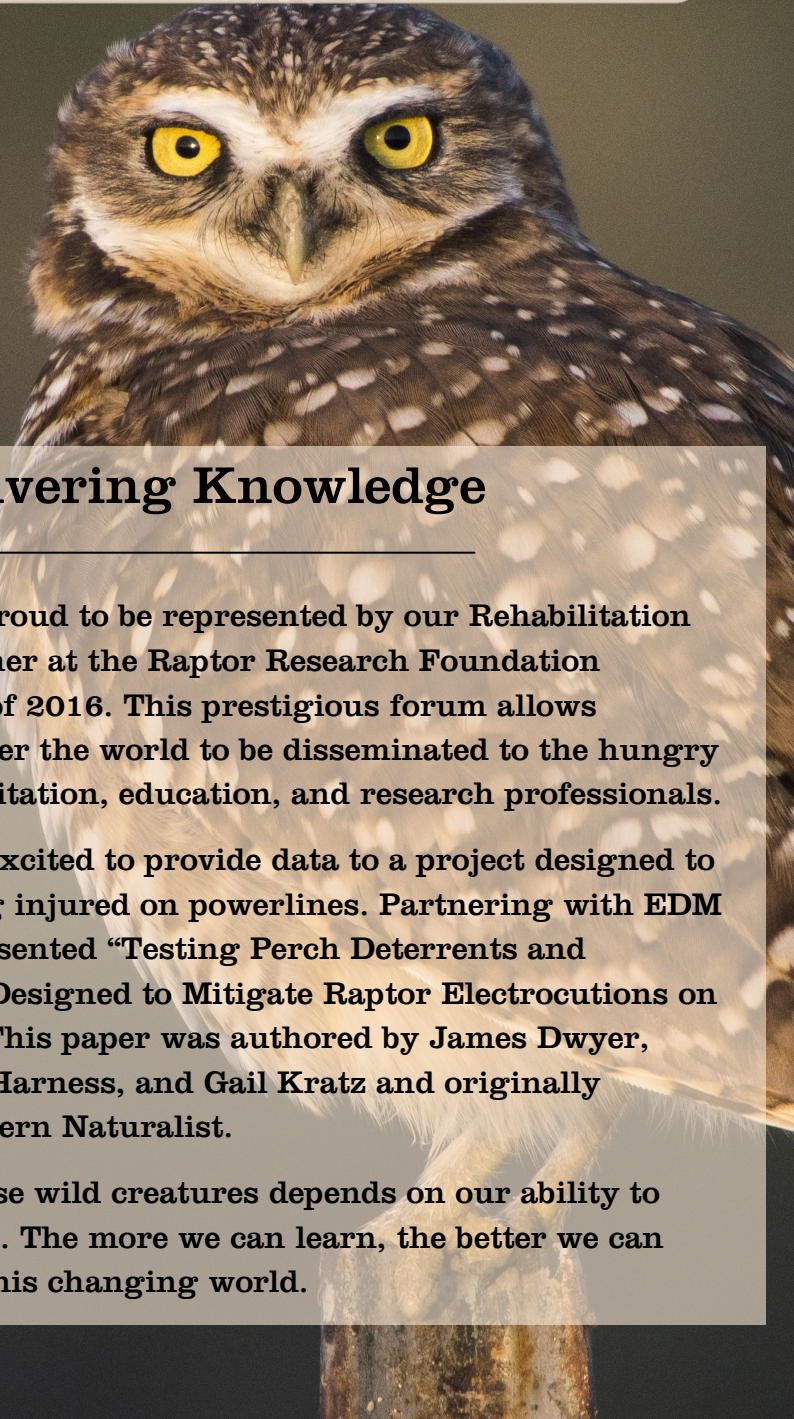
***Left:*** Coming to the RMRP in 1988, this Turkey Vulture is the oldest of our Educational Ambassadors.

***Right:*** This 26 year old female Swainson's Hawk is a hard working Education Ambassador with the additional job of being a foster parent for orphaned or injured young hawks.





# 2016 Research



## Delivering Knowledge

The RMRP was proud to be represented by our Rehabilitation Coordinator Mike Tincher at the Raptor Research Foundation Conference in October of 2016. This prestigious forum allows information from all over the world to be disseminated to the hungry minds of raptor rehabilitation, education, and research professionals.

This year, we were excited to provide data to a project designed to save raptors from being injured on powerlines. Partnering with EDM International, Mike presented "Testing Perch Deterrents and Supplemental Perches Designed to Mitigate Raptor Electrocutions on Electric Power Poles." This paper was authored by James Dwyer, Michael Tincher, Rich Harness, and Gail Kratz and originally published in *Northwestern Naturalist*.

The future of these wild creatures depends on our ability to understand them better. The more we can learn, the better we can secure their future in this changing world.

Research is a way for the RMRP to help increase the world's knowledge of raptors and the environment. We are involved in several ongoing projects, and we hope our contributions will continue to advance the conservation of raptors and the places they live.

## Projects: (primary investigators listed in parenthesis)

- ◇ Enhanced surveillance of West Nile Virus and Avian Influenza. (Nick Komar, CDC)
- ◇ Measurement data supporting the ongoing study of the taxonomic status of the Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk. (Allen and Clarke)
- ◇ Data collection for raptor electrocutions, electric shock victims, and methane flare burner injuries. (Harness, EDM)
- ◇ Survey of lead levels in raptors of Colorado. (RMRP)
- ◇ Raptor carcasses are sent to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to become a part of their tissue bank for genetic population studies.
- ◇ Effectiveness of raptor exclusion devices and supplemental perches to prevent raptor electrocutions. (EDM)
- ◇ West Nile Virus surveillance. (CDPHE)
- ◇ Wing measurements for dimension of raptors on electric utility poles (RMRP)
- ◇ Monitoring of Avian Influenza in raptors. (USDA APHIS)



# 2016 Income Report

## Analysis of Income and Expenditures

### RMRP Income & Expense Statement

Income	2015	2016
Individual Gifts	\$271,622	\$290,704
Grants	\$37,439	\$71,777
Corporate Support	\$2,432	\$19,456
Auction	\$73,960	\$84,260
Merchandise Sales	\$20,325	\$26,624
Education Fees	\$26,931	\$22,980
Miscellaneous	\$18,936	\$982
Loan to Restructure Debt	\$100,000	NA
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$537,399</b>	<b>\$507,053</b>
Expenses	2015	2016
Rehabilitation & Research	\$213,490	\$207,004
Education	\$208,816	\$124,803
Fundraising	\$54,421	\$68,851
Program Administration	\$55,844	\$69,034
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$532,571</b>	<b>\$469,692</b>
Annual Surplus	\$5,075	\$37,361
Beginning Balance	\$7,141	\$12,216
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$12,216</b>	<b>\$49,577</b>



# Balance Sheet

December 31, 2016



## Assets

Cash	\$118,884
Fixed (net of depreciation)	-
Land	\$1,176,264
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,295,148</b>

## Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities	\$21,883
Long Term Liabilities	\$959,600
Total Equity	\$313,665
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,295,148</b>

*“In nature I find the inspiration to work toward a better world. I hope that the RMRP will open the eyes of those who meet us and inspire them to look within and be the difference.”*

*-Judy Scherpelz, Executive Director*





# Hope for the Future

In partnership with the top museum and wildlife habitat designers in the United States, Rocky Mountain Raptor Program plans to build a wildlife center in the Fort Collins area that will become a destination for children and families from all over Colorado and from around the world, a place where visitors can celebrate life and all living things.

We hope our future will continue to include those who have supported our mission in the past. The dream to create a place where people can connect with and learn about raptors cannot be realized without those who believe in taking steps to better the world.

With the help of our supporters, RMRP will continue to strive for excellence in rehabilitation, education and research.



# Staff, Board and Volunteers

The dedication of these individuals, backed by the support of generous donors, has enabled the RMRP to become the leading raptor rescue and rehabilitation facility in the region.

## Staff Members:

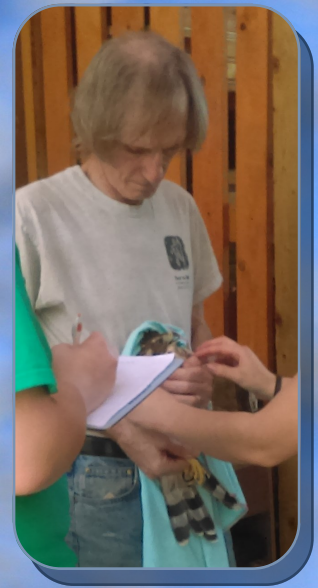
Judy Scherpelz, Executive Director  
Lisa Winta, Assistant Director  
Gail Kratz, Rehabilitation Director  
Carin Avila, Education Director  
Michael Tincher, Rehabilitation Coordinator  
Lynsey Reed, Administration Associate  
Carrie Laxson, Rehabilitation Associate  
Jessica Miller, Education Associate  
Bonnie Cleaver, Education Associate

## Board Members:

Judy Scherpelz, President  
Rick Snow  
Todd Kerr  
Dyanne Willow  
Jerry Craig  
John Reed

## Volunteers:

250 volunteers donated 30,747 hours to the RMRP in 2016. These volunteers are an invaluable resource that the RMRP thanks from the bottom of our hearts.




## Volunteer of the Year:

**Stephen Scheid**

Steve volunteered over 600 hours in 2016, always being there for raptors in need. Thank you for everything, Steve!







## The 2017 Aerie Society

The Aerie Society is a  
cornerstone giving  
community that includes  
donors who have given  
\$1000 or more to the  
RMRP in 2016.

Jim and Monica Adams  
Alice N. Jenkins Foundation  
Margo and Dean Allman  
Piper Aune  
Bernice Barbour Foundation, Inc.  
George and Barbara Biedenstein  
Christopher Bielinski and Jenny Geiser  
Big Al's, LLC  
Bonanza Creek Energy  
B. Pamela Brown  
Fred and Cynthia Burdick  
David and Alexandra Butler  
Bryan Byers  
Century Communities, Inc.  
Robert Cipriano and Lula Callahan  
Kitty Cottingham  
Ross and Jill Cunniff  
Tharon and John Deakins  
James Doyle  
Barbara Duffner  
Kenneth and Mary Dunnington  
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Carl and Judy Ferenbach  
Dennis and Geri Georg  
Barbara Green  
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Hillside Construction, Inc.  
Andrew Hornbrook  
Gene and Susan Humphries  
Infinite Wellness Center  
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John and Maria Reed  
Larry and Heather Reeder  
Vic and MC Reichman  
Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Robertson  
Sean and Alison Rogers  
Cristine Romarine and Tony Serafin  
Dwight Rus  
The Shelby Family Foundation  
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Drs. Steve Strauss and Olga Boltalina  
Russell Taylor and Mary Wilson  
Ray and Janet Thurman  
George Tomasevich  
Hadley Trotter  
Steven and Teresa Wells  
Wesch Family Foundation  
Jean and H. Denise Wilks  
Dyanne Willow and Jason Loftus  
Mike and Leslie Winn  
Eiland and Jill Wood  
Mary Catherine Wynne and William  
Humphrey  
Chapman Young, III



# Freedom's Refuge



Freedom's Refuge is a lifetime giving society that recognizes donors who have supported the RMRP throughout its 29 year history.



## Eagle's Stronghold

\$100,000 +

**Rosana Guimaraes**  
**Monfort Family Foundation**  
**Mortimer Charitable Lead Trust**  
**Mary K. Stallings Trust**



## Peregrine's Preserve

\$50,000 +

**Bernice Barbour Foundation**  
**Elinor Patterson Baker Trust**  
**August and Christel Pfeiffer**  
**The Powell Foundation**  
**Wayne and Phyllis Schrader**



## Owl's Haven

\$25,000 +

**Alice N. Jenkins Foundation**  
**Animal Assistance Foundation**  
**William and Kris Bensler**  
**Bohemian Foundation**  
**Sheila Boll**  
**John Brooke and Cheryl Teuton**  
**James Doyle**  
**Barbara Duffner**  
**Carl and Judy Ferenbach**  
**Richard Luebs**  
**Vic and MC Reichman**





*“Thank you for being the heroes  
these creatures deserve. Your  
support, in the most appropriate  
definition of literally, saves lives.”*

*-Lynsey Reed, RMRP Associate*

# Osprey's Harbor

\$10,000 +

Heman and Pat Adams  
Piper Aune  
George and Barbara Biedenstein  
BP Corporation of North America  
Bryan Byers  
Richard and Jeane Darst  
Carol Dollard and Harry Bates  
James Doyle  
Barbara Duffner  
El Pomar Foundation  
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Dennis and Geri Georg  
Robert and Carol Gocke  
Robert Gregory  
Jessica Hagewood  
Jon and Kimberly Hassinger  
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George and Margaret Janson  
Doug Johnston and Karen Uyeda  
Kennedy and Coe, LLC  
Rick and Nancy Lorenzen  
Jim and Joanne Matson  
Dr. and Mrs. John McGrew  
Dick and Lynn Minor  
Molloy Family Foundation  
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Todd and Lisa Kerr—Power Line Sentry, LLC  
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John and Maria Reed  
Larry and Heather Reeder  
Vic and MC Reichman  
Judy Scherpelz  
Rick Snow and Helen Petrak  
Rutt and Annie Bridges Family Foundation  
George Tomasevich  
The Vermont Community Foundation  
Dyanne Willow and Jason Loftus  
Mike and Leslie Winn  
Xcel Energy Foundation





*“The knowledge,  
dedication and  
passion the RMRP  
has is as infectious  
as the amazing  
raptors they care for.  
That is why we  
donate.”*

*-Helen Petrak, RMRP Supporter*

## Red-tail's Retreat

\$5,000 +

Bernie and Barb Alexy  
Margo and Dean Allman  
Alsager Animal Care Center  
Anadarko  
A-Train Marketing  
Phil and Lynn Beedle  
Maxine Benjamin, DVM  
Dr. Thomas Bennett and Jaqueline Bennett  
Frank and Carla Bennett  
Christine Berkness  
Julie Bettis  
Black-Periman Foundation  
Daryl and Helen Boggs  
Dennis Bogott  
Bonanza Creek Energy  
David and Alexandra Butler  
Robert and Ann Chlebnik  
Roberta Cipriano and Lula Callahan  
Colorado Division of Wildlife  
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Tharon and John Deakins  
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Paul and Ellen Dudek  
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Engle Family Foundation  
Trish Faubion  
Fort Fund  
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Karl and Cindy Hoff  
Shawn and Evon Holladay  
The Home Depot Foundation

Scott and Ria Hudson  
Gene and Susan Humphries  
IBM International Foundation  
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Foundation, Inc.  
Marie Kirkpatrick  
Lakin Family Foundation  
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Ed William Lewis  
Hal Litoff  
Charles and Gail Lowrie  
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Mabbitt  
Ron Malm and Tandie Opsal  
Bruce and Susan McGill  
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McIntyre  
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Russell Taylor and Mary Wilson  
Michael and Christine Thomas  
Rebecca Van Pelt  
Steven and Teresa Wells  
Wesch Family Foundation  
Wild Birds Unlimited



*“When a life is in your hands,  
you do what you have to so  
they pull through.”*

*-Mike Tincher, Rehabilitation Coordinator*



# The Legacy of Freedom Society

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The Legacy of Freedom Society honors those donors who have chosen to give a future gift by including RMRP in their will to ensure their legacy will live on through the freedom of raptors.

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Barbara and Bernie Alexy

James T. Alsop

Elizabeth A. Armour

Susan Baker and Stephen Scheid

Maxine Benjamin, DVM

Mara Blatt

Bob Bixler and Colleen Shannon

Dave and Kerry Brookman

Fred and Cynthia Burdick

Amie and Benji Durden

Bob Francella

Bob Heer

J. Michele Hogan

Gene and Susan Humphries

Bob Janis

Barbara Jones

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