

# ON THE *Wing* NEWSLETTER

## Peeking In...

### On You, Our Cherished Friend

Dearest Friend,

In these challenging times facing COVID-19 and major disruption to our lives, I wanted to take a moment to share my hope that you are all safe and well. We worry about you, as you are family and the reason the RMRP has continued to operate for over thirty years.

Due to your generosity and compassion at the end of 2019 and at the 2020 Gala, the RMRP is safeguarded for now. We continue to push forward and look into the future of our program and opportunities to further provide services our community.

Current uncertainty has us preparing for a hard year to come. The RMRP depends on our outreach and educational programs for income, especially during the summer months.

We anticipate many (if not all) of our public appearances to be cancelled in the coming months as our community fights back against COVID-19 in the best way we can: staying home.

Be assured that our raptor rescue and rehabilitation efforts are ongoing, even though we have decreased our staffing to limit the number of people in the facility at one time.

**Read on to see how we are focused to continue to care for raptors in these uncharted times...**

With Greatest Gratitude,

Carin Avila  
Executive Director

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Carol Galloway*

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# CONCERN CAUSES CANCELLATIONS

## RMRP's Education and Outreach on Hold



### COVID-19 Shuts Down Schools and Events

#### RMRP Uncertain of Summer Income

The spring and summer months are typically very hustling and bustling at the RMRP in many ways. Our education and outreach teams are our all over Colorado and Wyoming giving presentations and appearing at events and festivals. The rescue and rehabilitation team gears up for our busiest time with patient caseload peaking between May and September.

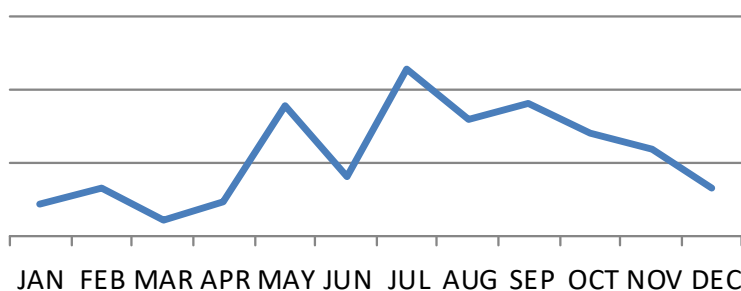
Educational programs and public outreach are 2 of the top 3 income earning activities in these months. *With the closure of schools and cancellation of public events such as festivals, we have a growing concern about making ends meet over the summer.*

These concerns will continue as long as COVID-19 continues to be a hazard in our country. It is in the best interest of everyone to not gather in large groups, practice social distancing, and stay at home as much as possible. Many of our beloved supporters are affected by these closures as well—losing their livelihood as restaurants and businesses have closed due to coronavirus. This may affect donations and how the RMRP will operate in the coming months.



*Above: RMRP typically gives an education program nearly every day in April. Due to school closures, many, if not all, education programs will be cancelled in April 2020.*

### 2019 Education and Outreach Income



*Above: Education and outreach account for a large percentage of the RMRP's income over the summer months.*

If closures continue through the summer and fall of 2020, **the RMRP stands to lose as much as \$70,000, or 13% of our total income, just from loss of outreach revenue.**

**Check out the last page to see how you can help.**



# RAPTOR RESCUE & REHABILITATION



## Revving Up For Busy Season Amidst Uncertainty

### No Rest for Rehab Team

#### Caseload About to Skyrocket

With the busiest time of year rolling in, the rehabilitation team is working to implement procedures that will keep people safe while still allowing the rescue and care of injured raptors that need us to continue without sacrificing quality care, or worse having the inability to provide care for raptors in need.

We are currently operating with an extremely streamlined skeleton crew so that no more than 4 volunteers and staff are in the facility at any one time. **The decrease puts more pressure and workload on these essential personnel.** Despite this, we want to be absolutely sure our staff, interns, and volunteers stay safe during this health crisis.

Although we are no strangers to biosecurity, we are typically focused on preventing the spread of disease between our patients, not between the people caring for them.

The precautions we have put in place to help protect the small, essential group of hard working individuals is **using up resources such as disinfectant, bleach, gloves, and masks at a much higher rate than normal.**

We expect the caseload to pick up soon. We are projecting another 300 sick and injured raptors will come through our doors this year. We ready ourselves to care for them, no matter what the challenge.



*Above: American Kestrel released in early March after recovering from general trauma. She is but one of the around 300 raptors the RMRP expects to care for this year.*

“The bottom line is that we are operational and at the ready for the raptors that need us.”  
-Michael Tincher, Rehabilitation Coordinator

# SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP

## Create Hope in an Uncertain Time



### Save Lives at NO COST to You

Ways to Help With Limited Income—Your Regular Shopping Can Make a Difference



#### Register Your King Soopers, City Market, or Kroger Card for Community Rewards:

To enroll: Access your account online. At the bottom of the page, under the “Community” heading, click on Community Rewards. Click the “Enroll Today” link and fill in the information for RMRP.



#### Do Your Normal Online Shopping Using Amazon Smile:

Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and login to your account. At the top of the page will be a link that says “Supporting”. Click the link to choose the RMRP!

#### Cast Votes on Target Circle:



Access your Target account online or through the app. Enroll in the Target Circle program to earn votes with your normal purchases. Cast your votes for the RMRP. The more votes RMRP receives, the bigger portion of the grant we receive. Voting runs from April 1-June 30, 2020.

## Giving a Stable Foundation

Your Support Means So Much

### Become a 1987 Club Member

One of the best ways to create a stable base of operations for the RMRP is to give a monthly gift. Becoming a part of the 1987 Club, our monthly donor club, will make you a foundation for the RMRP in our time of need. Plus, get fun membership bonuses!

- ◇ Simply fill out the enclosed envelope and mail to RMRP, or become a member online at [www.rmrp.org/donate](https://www.rmrp.org/donate). ANY monthly pledge amount makes you a member!

### Donate A Single Gift

Be assured, your support at any level is an investment in the future of raptors and their conservation. Simply use the enclosed envelope or go online at [www.rmrp.org/donate](https://www.rmrp.org/donate).

### Wish List

With many items becoming harder and harder to obtain, please check out our wish list at [www.rmrp.org/donate/wish-list](https://www.rmrp.org/donate/wish-list) if you are able to supply any of the items we need to continue our mission.

The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. We strive to inspire the appreciation and protection of raptors and the spaces where they live through excellence in rehabilitation, education, and research. We are supported by donations from caring people like you, who want to make a difference in the world.