

Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary



2025 IMPACT REPORT



880

injured and orphaned animals
admitted for care in 2025. How
many will we admit in 2026?



64

unique species treated.

3,220

wildlife hotline calls
answered from over 90
different jurisdictions.



Patients admitted from

55

different cities and counties.



43

wildlife education programs
presented throughout our region.



500,000+

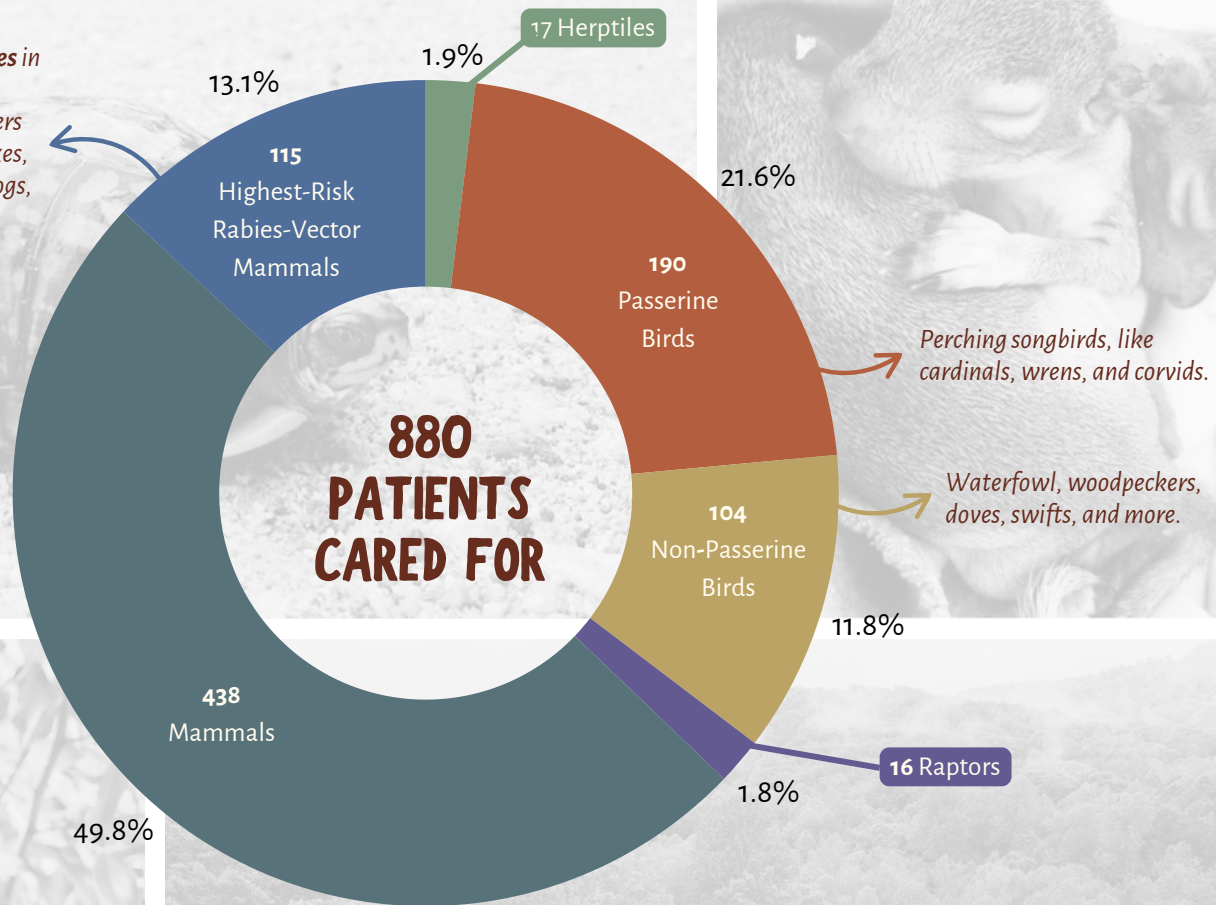
mealworms fed to our patients
last summer.

200

guests joined us at our Sanctuary
Soirée at Pollak Vineyards.

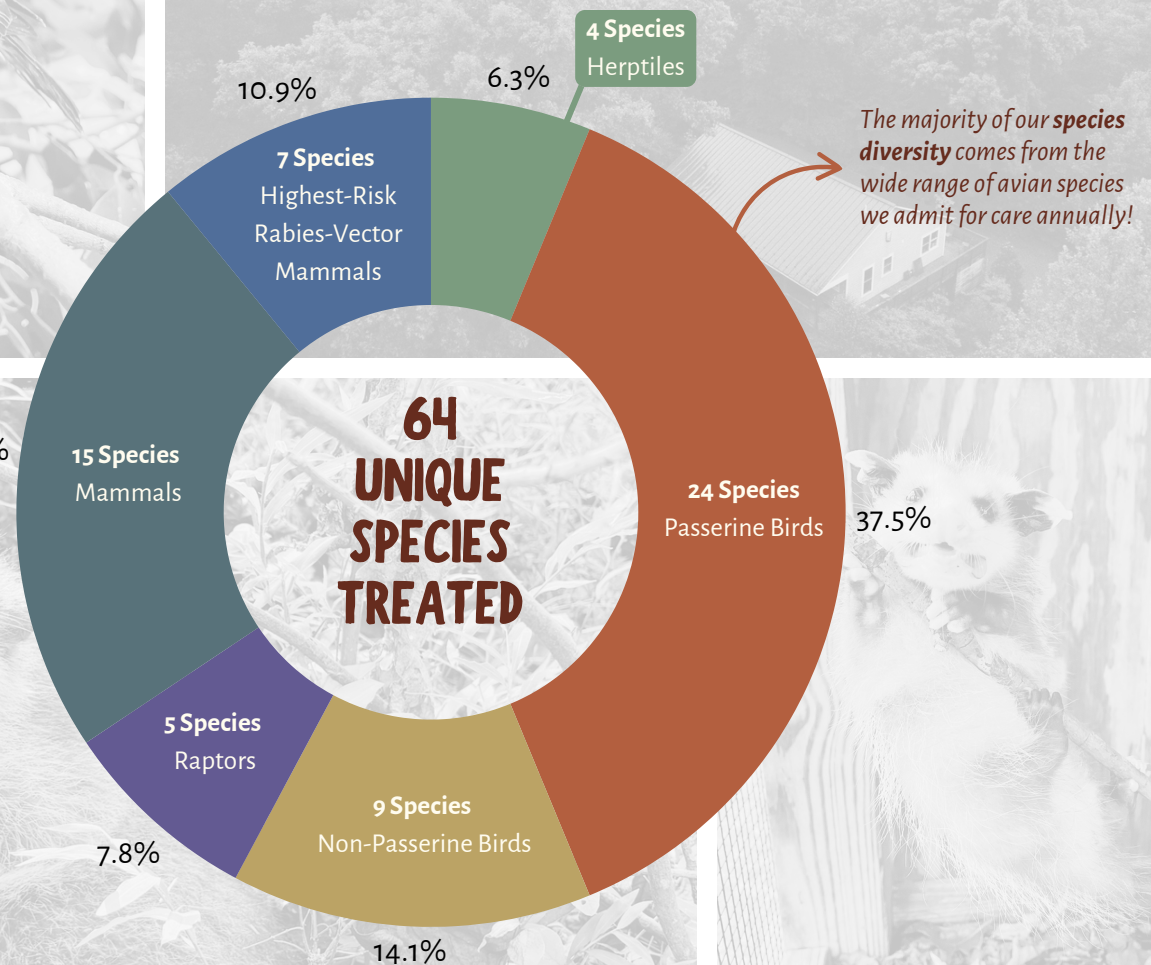


The Sanctuary **specializes** in caring for these patients which few other rehabbers work with, including foxes, raccoons, bats, groundhogs, and skunks.



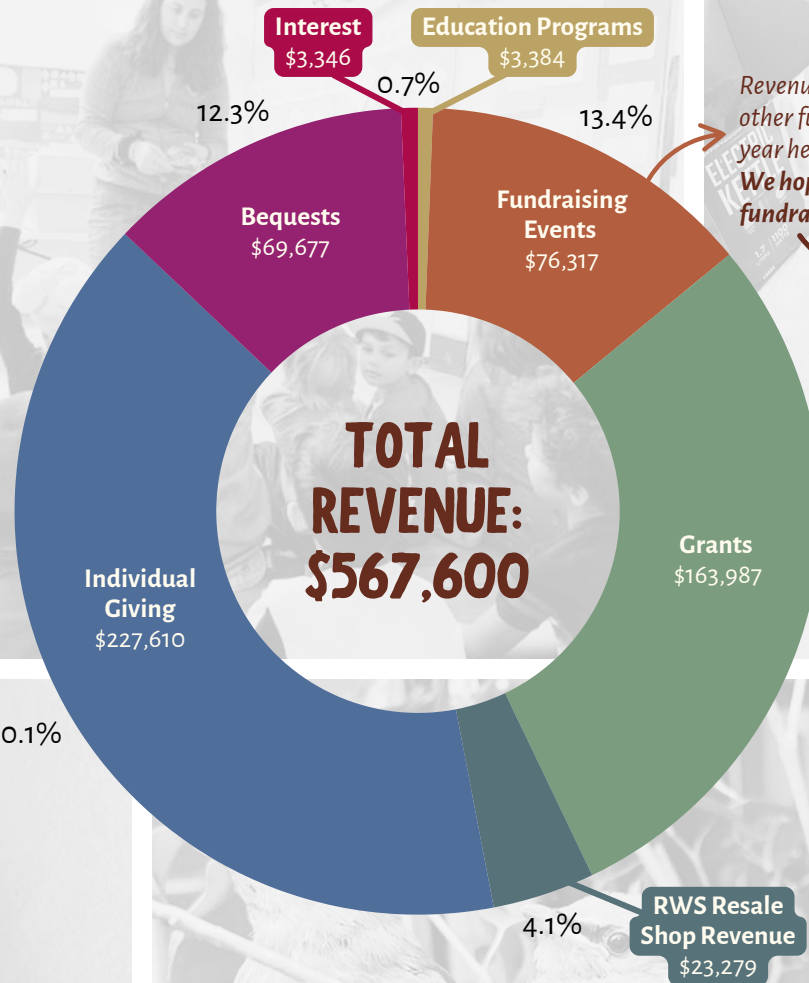
THANK YOU

to all of the incredible folks who rescued a wild animal or helped transport a patient in need to the Sanctuary last year!



789

donors gave to RWS in 2025. **That's a record number of annual donors at the Sanctuary!** Thank you so much for your lifesaving gifts. We hope to continue earning your support.



Revenue from our Sanctuary Soirée and other fundraiser events throughout the year help support vital patient care costs! We hope you'll join us at this year's fundraiser on October 2, 2026.



THANK YOU

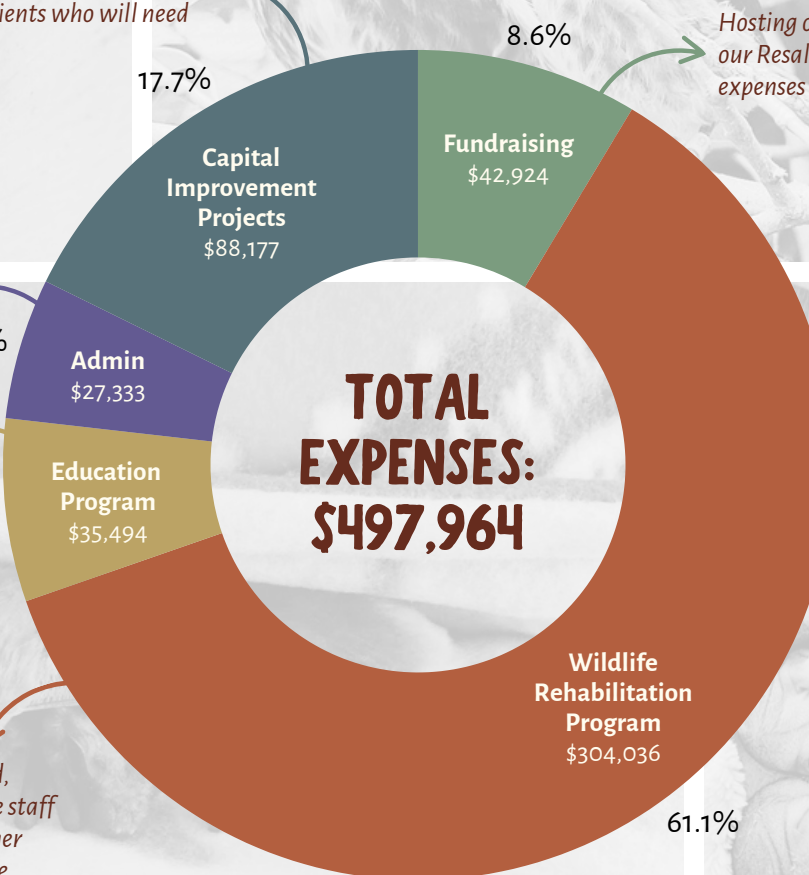
to every single person who donated money, supplies, and time to the Sanctuary this year. **Our work is only possible thanks to donors like you!**

Thanks to your support, we were able to complete two meaningful renovation projects to prepare our facility for the thousands of future wildlife patients who will need our lifesaving care.

Keeping the lights on, paying for insurance, and other less glamorous (but necessary!) expenses at RWS.

Educational print materials, program staff wages, ambassador care, and other expenses associated with our public outreach program.

Wildlife rehab supplies, animal food, enclosure maintenance, animal care staff wages, internship program, and other expenses covering direct patient care.



Hosting our fundraiser, rental payments for our Resale Shop booth, and other essential expenses for securing our mission's future.

Our Reserves: The RWS Board of Directors continues to meet best practice benchmarks by maintaining 3-6 months of operational reserves. This enables us to prepare for unexpected changes in the economy and local environment. We feel this is particularly prudent given the extended "baby seasons" we are experiencing in Central Virginia, with higher patient loads and increasing threats of emerging zoonotic disease.

CAPITAL RENOVATIONS AT RWS

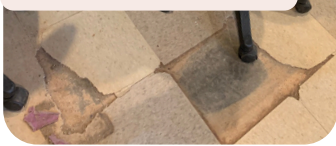
NEW CARE ROOM FLOORING

We traded the crumbling tiles in our wildlife nurseries for hospital-grade sheet flooring which will provide a safe, clean environment for years to come.

OUR RENOVATED NURSERY

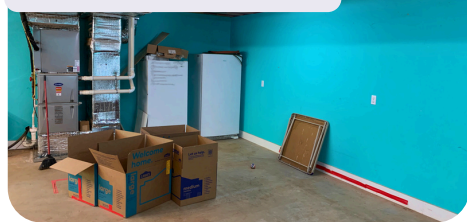


OUR FLOORS BEFORE



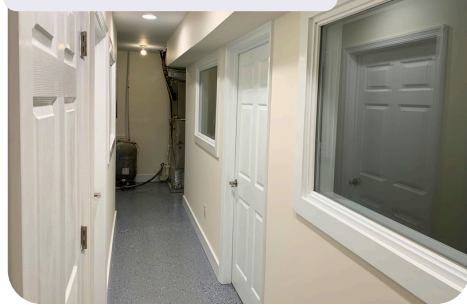
BASEMENT TRANSFORMATION

OUR BASEMENT BEFORE



As we continue to break admission records, we need more space! Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to transform our walkout basement from storage space into three state-of-the-art animal care rooms – doubling our indoor space.

OUR BASEMENT AFTER!



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

We have many more projects to accomplish! They include:

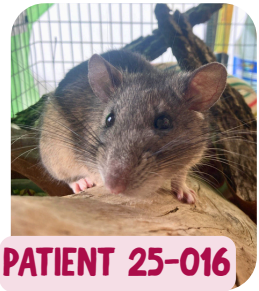
- **Expanding** our raptor flight enclosures
- **Hiring** a designated wildlife educator
- **Renovating** our wildlife kitchen
- **Planning** a new facility for education and patient intakes

...and more! We hope you'll consider donating to our vital work at Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary this year.

NEW FACES

AN RWS FIRST

We treated a rare Allegheny Woodrat for the first time and successfully released her back to the wild! Every patient released from this Near Threatened species is a conservation win.



PATIENT 25-016

HI, CHARLIE!

Thank you to the caring donors who won our new Yellow-Bellied Slider ambassador's naming rights at November's Sanctuary Soirée!



CHARLIE

AS SEEN ON TV

In 2025, we were invited to have a weekly segment on Charlottesville's NBC29 news! Tune in every Thursday at 4:45pm to learn about what's happening at the Sanctuary and how you can help wildlife year-round. Not local to RWS? Livestream anywhere on NBC29's website!



Thank you for caring about critters and conservation!