

2012 Annual Report



In 2012 South Florida Wildlife Center (SFWC), an affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States assisted 12,582 wildlife patients from more than 255 species. These numbers make SFWC one of the largest wildlife trauma hospitals and rehabilitation facilities in the nation.

Through the use of three wildlife ambulances, which collectively log almost 7,000 miles per month, SFWC performs field rescues of imperiled, injured, and orphaned wildlife, often re-nesting to reunite baby wildlife with their frantic parents, and joyful releases back to nature of recovered patients. SFWC's main area of service covers the geographically expansive and diverse region of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. The Center's mission, *protecting wildlife through rescue, rehabilitation, and education*, ensures a best-practice model of treating Florida wildlife, as well as an array of migratory species that grace the region in large numbers during the fall and winter months.

The staff of nearly 60 professionals includes three full-time licensed veterinarians, three full-time licensed wildlife rehabilitators, and a corps of veterinary technicians and animal-care specialists all working in concert to save and return to nature successfully rehabilitated native wildlife.



Facility Infrastructure

Located on just over 4 acres of property in Fort Lauderdale, the non-profit center includes a hospital replete with state-of-the-art diagnostic and surgical equipment, a comprehensively equipped critical-care nursery for rearing of orphaned wildlife, and dozens of recovery habitats, large flight-conditioning aviaries, and a centrally located, functioning natural wetland. A new raccoon habitat welcomed its first occupants in 2012. A grand enlargement and elevation of several avian habitats was begun in 2012 to provide additional flight-conditioning opportunities and more swimming and wading area for seabirds, marsh birds, and shorebirds. Such amenities are important to the proper recovery of these patients, some of which are federally classified as threatened or endangered species.

Education

The center is also a teaching hospital, which in 2012 attracted four visiting licensed veterinarians, ten veterinary externs, four undergraduate interns, six veterinary technicians, and an array of biologists. These interns and externs hailed from international locales and the United States, enriching the teaching and learning experience and competencies of staff and students, alike. Additionally, SFWC participated in non-invasive, beneficial studies to improve the knowledge base for and outcomes of future patients.

Community Outreach

Community engagement has been a priority of the Center since its founding in 1969. Dozens of workshops covering a wide array of relevant topics were offered to volunteers and the general public. Citizens also enjoyed compassionate assistance in humanely resolving human-wildlife conflicts, in an effort to encourage a peaceful coexistence for the betterment of all. In return, the Center has benefited greatly from the helpful interest of wildlife supporters who have volunteered their time and talents, performing nearly 29,000 hours of service in 2012 to assist in the rescue and rehabilitation of their treasured wild neighbors.

South Florida Wildlife Center 2012 Financial Information

Revenue

Contributions and bequests	\$	486,290
Grants and trust contributions		273,347
Other income		1,939,376
Total Revenue	\$	2,699,013

Expenditures

Program services	\$	3,223,182
Management and general		282,924
Fundraising		185,657
Total Expenditures	\$	3,691,763

End of Year Net Assets	\$	(992,750)
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Ratios

Program services	87.3%
Management and general	7.7%
Fundraising	5.0%
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Total Programmic Efficiency

