

Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina

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Message from the President



Photo By: Michelle Ray

Wow is it December already? Where did this year go? As we get ready for Christmas, Hanakkah, Kwanzaa, New Years and our next symposium, I'd like to take this time to thank all of the many volunteers out there who donate their time, money and effort to give the countless animals that need assistance a chance in this world. The biologists and "experts" say that we don't make a difference in the numbers of wildlife that we rehabilitate each year but I like to think that to each individual animal that we attempt to help we do make a difference.

The symposium committee is in full swing right now finalizing all things for our upcoming symposium. This year should prove to be a great time as we find ourselves back at the NSCU Vet School. If you haven't already signed up, please visit our website where you will find links to sign up as well as to book your hotel. Please don't let money stop you from coming. We offer scholarships to two members each year that covers the attendance fee and the hotel lodging fee. You can find the link for the application on the front page of our website under Scholarships.

Many of you may have heard the news that Jean Chamberlain's husband, Bob, passed away shortly after Thanksgiving. He had been battling a muscle wasting genetic condition for many years. Bob was an avid birder and especially liked rehabing raptors. Bob and Jean married shortly after graduating from college and spent time in Africa teaching before coming back to North Carolina where Bob owned a rental company in High Point before retiring. I will truly miss his weekly emails containing the latest news on raptors or interesting animal stories from across the globe that he found on line or that came across one of the list serves that he belonged to. I will never forget moving the raptor flight cages in pieces from Oakridge, NC to Tobaccoville, NC when he and Jean moved many years ago. Luckily we had built them in sections that could be taken apart and piled on a trailer. The hard part was lugging the 8 X 8 sections from the top of the hill where the house and drive way was down a narrow valley footpath and up the other side to another flat area on their property. Bob was a member of Wildlife Rehab Inc. where he enjoyed talking to the public about raptors. When his health declined, he would still show up at our educational events and sit in a chair holding one of our educational screech owls so that he could talk to the people about the birds. Bob was an amazing person. He was an intellectual, kind, compassionate, gentle, sensible, reliable and honest person but most of all he was my friend and he will be missed greatly by all those who knew him.

I wish each of you the best holiday season ever and a very prosperous New Year! Hope to see all of you at the symposium!

-Carla Johnson



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Exhibitors Wanted for WRNC 2015 Symposium

Wildlife groups, centers, shelters and facilities from all over North Carolina, as well as our WRNC members personally, are invited to set up an exhibit table displaying information about your place and the work you do with wildlife. What an opportunity for free publicity!

You are also allowed to sell your wildlife-related merchandise, gift shop items, and other hand-made items (the groups last year said they did very well and made a LOT of money for their organizations.) If you did not participate last year, please consider taking the opportunity to do so at the 2015 Symposium in January and set up a table. This is a great opportunity to show the other members what you and/or your group can do.



Photo By: Michelle Ray

We had over 200 people at last year's symposium - we anticipate even more attendees for 2015. Members and attendees are always looking for rehab items, supplies, t-shirts, books, pictures, etc. to take back home from their trip. Jewelry, craft items, etc. also were big sellers, as were baked goods. People spend because it is for a good cause - yours!

In order to participate during the 2015 Symposium, simply complete both pages of the Exhibitors Contract and send them in to reserve a table. Because of the overwhelming responses, we may have to limit each group to one table. The contract can be found on the WRNC web site: www.ncwildliferehab.org under the symposium information section. Email or mail the completed contracts to me so that your table will be reserved. Anyone who participates at your table must wear a name tag. They should register online and indicate they are attending as an exhibitor. Also indicate group affiliation. We look forward to those who participated last year to return again, and we hope to see new faces and more groups at the Symposium in January.

Please call me (910-326-6432) or e-mail me (Oneil9734@yahoo.com) to let me know if you or your group is interested in reserving a table for either one day or both days. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Remember that there is no fee for being an exhibitor if you are associated with a non-profit organization or an animal group.

Time is running out - the Symposium will be here before you know it: January 23rd -25th! Information about the location (the NC State Vet School) and directions can be found on the WRNC website, at www.ncwildliferehab.org

-Toni O'Neil, Raffle Committee



Photo By: Michelle Ray

Cage Grant Information



Photo Submitted By: Linda Bergman-Althouse

The due date for the two WRNC Cage Grants is January 5th. The application can be found on the WRNC web site at: http://www.ncwildliferehab.org/programs/CageGrant_ModificationSep2013.pdf.

This is a wonderful benefit of being a member of WRNC. You get the opportunity to apply for \$300 to help you build a brand new cage to expand your services, or make the necessary repairs and improvements to an existing cage which will help you with your wildlife rehabilitation.

We award two grants annually and the application process is not complicated. The information and directions for applying are ready for you to complete and send in by email or mail. This allows the Cage Grant Committee to check your references and determine if all the information is in your application. You do have to be fairly specific about how the funds will be used, and you have to abide by the current "Minimum Standards Guidelines" for new cages.

I don't think I've ever met a fellow rehabilitator yet who didn't want another cage, or a larger cage, or needed to fix something. Think about your Wish List for 2015 - is there a pre-release cage on there? Then apply for the WRNC Cage Grant before January 5th!!!

Applications should be sent to: Carolina Raptor Center, Attention: Mathias Engelmann, PO Box 16443, Charlotte, NC 28297 or mengelmann@carolinaraptorcenter.org

-Toni O'Neil



Photo Submitted By: Linda Bergman-Althouse

Buy Your Raffle Tickets!



Photo By: Michelle Ray

**Raffle to be held Saturday evening
After the last session (5:30 PM)**

**Tickets: \$1.00 each – or
6 tickets for \$5.00**

and yes,

13 tickets for \$10.00

Plus even better.....

28 tickets for \$20.00 (best value!!!)



Photo By: Michelle Ray

"We've Gone Galapagos Blue!!!!"

Our new T-Shirts are in and will be available during Symposium 2015!!!! We've selected Blue again, but a totally different shade of blue. This is a deep, rich color that announces our WRNC applique quite nicely. We still have our Cedar (brick red) and Heather Indigo Blue (light blue) available as well.

Our initial Steel Green T-shirt is sold out now, but it had a good run! The new shirts in multiple sizes from small to XXL are \$12.00 and the remaining inventory of Cedar and Indigo will be \$10.00 each. Don't forget to pad your budget to make sure you pick one (or a few!) up. Besides personally wearing one proudly to let people know who we are and what we do, they make excellent Christmas presents, too! My family members (who are scattered: IL, TX, OK & CA) always want the new one when it comes out!! Check them out, and get yours early during the Symposium to ensure your size is available!! I'll be wearing mine, and I want to see you in yours!

-Linda Bergman-Althouse, WRNC T-Shirt Guru



Photo By: Linda Bergman-Althouse

Newsletter Editor and Committee Members Wanted

WRNC is currently in immediate need of volunteers for the newsletter committee. If you are interested in volunteering your time to produce the quarterly newsletter, please contact Carla Johnson at wildlife2@aol.com or Linda Bergman at lbergman@ec.rr.com.

-Michelle Ray



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-WRNC

Chimney Swift Tower Grant Deadline



Photo Submitted By: Linda Bergman-Althouse

The deadline of January 5th to apply for a Chimney Swift Tower Grant is right around the corner! The opportunity for monetary assistance is available through our organization to effect much needed alternative habitat for Chimney Swifts in our North Carolina communities for wildlife rehabilitators who are WRNC members who have the room and want to increase the excellence of their rehabilitative process.

Construction of alternative habitat for our feathered environmental partner, the Chimney Swift, encourages them to return and thrive in our state. If you or your organization have noticed the loss of Chimney Swift habitat (possibly due to the capping of chimneys) or a decrease in numbers of Chimney Swift presence, you or someone you know may also see the need and choose to construct and

maintain a Chimney Swift tower to entice the residency of Chimney Swifts, acrobatic insectivores who vacuum the sky at dawn and dusk ridding our areas of pesky flying bugs, especially the dangerous mosquito. WRNC offers a \$300.00 grant and the Paul & Georgean Kyle book, "New Habitat for America's Mysterious Birds (A Construction Guide)" to assist you or your group in the undertaking of this valuable conservation project and can award three grants per year. Please refer to WRNC's website <http://ncwildliferehab.org> for details of eligibility and application requirements for this grant programs. For further questions feel free to contact the WRNC Chimney Swift Tower Grant Coordinator, Linda Bergman at 910-346-8345 or lbergman@ec.rr.com.

-Linda Bergman-Althouse



Photo Submitted By: Linda Bergman-Althouse

Congratulations Lessie Davis

NWRA Board of Directors Award

Lessie Davis, NC- - for managing and editing several books for publication through NWRA; for contributing her skills and expertise to the NWRA audit team; and, for working for the past 16 years to help make each symposium successful, including registration coordinator for many of those years, writing and editing materials, and providing essential assistance to the Symposium Coordinator

-Submitted By Toni O'Neil

Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee is accepting suggestions now for the annual board of directors election that is held annually during the banquet meeting at the symposium in January. If you are interested in running for the board, or know someone that you think would be a good board member and be willing to work to help all the WRNC members throughout the year, please submit the names to the committee. You can email your information to either Toni O'Neil at oneil9734@yahoo.com or Linda Bergman at lbergman@ec.rr.com

-Toni O'Neil

Pearls of Wisdom



Everyone likes to save money - why spend it if you don't have to? Some of the simplest toys and enrichment activity items for our non-releasable education animals and birds, and even for the animals in rehabilitation, can be made from ordinary items and items we normally would throw away. So stop and think before you pitch it out. See how creative you can be. The local thrift store is a great place to shop to find items - usually for about a quarter - and that's a very nice price, indeed!

Toilet paper or paper towel cardboard tubes can be packed with food items and then twist the ends to seal them (don't staple, tape, or glue - can harm animals!) We use them packed with hay for our rabbits, or make rattles with corn and sunflower seeds for the crows. We stuff them with mice for the vultures. You can also use small cardboard boxes for the same purpose. They enjoy the challenge of ripping the cardboard open to get to the prize inside.

Small plastic tubs (such as yogurt or cream cheese containers) can be filled with water and then add pieces of fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, grapes, etc. and frozen. During the summer it also helps keep the animals cool as they play with them to get to the buried treats.

-Toni O'Neil



It's Freezing Outside!

When temperatures dip below freezing in the winter, try this great idea to keep outdoor water bottles from freezing: Take a plastic water bottle (glass bottles will shatter if they do freeze), wrap with a chemical hand warmer, wrap the hand warmer and bottle with aluminum foil to hold in place and to hold the warmth in. Slide the wrapped bottle into a sock.



Hang the wrapped bottle on the outside of the cage, under a tarp if possible to block the wind. If it is going to be cold and wet, put a plastic bag between the sock and the bottle to keep the sock from freezing to the bottle. You can also wrap most of the metal drinking nozzle with duct tape to keep it from getting too cold, so tongues don't stick to the nozzle. (Think A Christmas Story)



-By Betty Ray Holloway, Submitted By Cathy Burns (Photos By: Betty Holloway)

Three Simple Reasons to Attend the WRNC Symposium

For me January and February are the only months of the year that I have to take it easy (relatively speaking). The holidays are over, there is a lull in the wildlife season and I finally have some time to get some “normal” things done before the beginning of the next wildlife season. So why take one whole weekend out of the final few that I have left before everything goes nuts again, to immerse myself in even more wildlife stuff?



Photo By: Bonnie Graham

Well, besides wildlife being a very big part of my life in general, there are three other things that keep me coming back:

1. The educational opportunities. No matter how many years I have been rehabilitating wild animals, I know that there is always something new to learn, and the WRNC annual symposium presents a wonderful opportunity to do it.
2. The people. It is the only time of year that I get to see all of my wildlife friends in the same place. The networking opportunities are endless. You never leave a symposium without making at least a few new rehab contacts, as well as a few new friends. I like to consider it a nice weekend getaway with my wildlife friends, to see my wildlife friends.
3. The Raffle! The more tickets I buy, the better my chances are of winning enough supplies and other cool things to make up for the money I spent on raffle tickets!

Whatever your reasons are, I can't wait to see you at the 2015 WRNC Symposium!

-Michelle Ray

Baby Bobcat Calls on the Wildlife Hotline



Photo Submitted By Carla Johnson

When a couple of calls came in on the Wildlife Rehab Inc. (WRI) hotline concerning baby bobcats, everyone was excited and wanted to help because no one in our group had ever had the chance to rehab a baby bobcat.

Several years ago WRI received a call about a baby bobcat that was “trapped” under a trailer. Several of us discussed the situation and decided to send a local rehabber out to see if she could determine what kind of animal was making the noise. The rehabber heard something crying under the trailer so she took flour and sprinkled it all around the holes that lead underneath. The rehabber went back the next day and did not see any evidence of anything coming or going, so she called and asked for further instructions. We decided that a group of us would go out and check out just what was going on underneath this trailer.

Armed with a fiber optic camera, shovels, Kevlar gloves and a carrier, we left W-S that Sunday morning and headed to Yadkinville. Arriving at the trailer, the owner’s son met us and was very concerned that the baby bobcat was starving to death, since it had been a couple of days since he first heard the cries. We walked around the home to see if there were any holes big enough for us to gain entrance to the underside, all the time listening for the cries. All of the sudden, a noise came from under the trailer and one of our rehabbers stated that it sounded just like a bobcat that she had heard many times up in the Brushy Mountains of NC.

We determined that the noise was coming from underneath, just inside the front door. In order to access this area, someone would have to go under the deck. The son told us to tear the deck off if we had to, so we did. We then dug a hole to gain entrance to the underside, and since I was the smallest person there, it was decided that I should don the Kevlar gloves and take the fiber optic camera to see if I could locate the baby. At the time I was so excited to try and help out this poor baby bobcat, what I wasn’t thinking about was what this baby might do to me once I found it.

Squeezing through the hole was a task in itself. I fed the camera up through the insulation, as the person monitoring the feed kept saying “all I see is insulation”. The noise continued and by this time I had convinced myself that the sound was growing weaker. Once fully under the trailer, I knew that the baby had to be right above me so I started pulling out insulation in hopes that I would locate the baby.

During the entire “rescue mission”, the Brushy Mountain native had been sitting right inside the front door, banging on the floor when the sound occurred so that I’d know where to concentrate my insulation pulling efforts. The only other thing in the trailer was a computer which sat right inside the front door to the right on a desk. After demolishing the deck, excavating a hole big enough for me to squeeze through and pulling out all the insulation in the area under the front door, the Brushy Mountain native placed her ear to the floor right under the desk. As more insulation was pulled out, she waited for the noise again and when she heard it, I hear this loud bang and a voice that says “you’re not going to believe where this noise is coming from”.

Baby Bobcat Calls Continued..

When the noise occurred this last time, it came from above the Brushy Mountain native's head scaring her so bad that she jumped up slamming her head into the bottom of the desk (the loud bang).

Upon looking under the desk, she spotted two speakers hanging down from the computer. Apparently the computer was set up to make this bobcat noise at certain times and the noise has been coming from these two speakers the entire time.

Five hours later, one demolished deck, and one totally filthy rehabber, the son didn't want to believe us. So, we had him sit by the speakers and wait for the next "bobcat noise" to occur before he would let us leave. I can laugh about it now though at the time I was disgusted that it took us that much time and effort to determine the source of the "baby bobcat" cries.

Our next bobcat call also came from Yadkinville. This time the baby bobcat was under the callers vehicle on the carport. I called the Brushy Mountain native and asked if she wanted to go on another bobcat rescue. We asked the woman to send us a picture of her baby bobcat (see photo on page 4). Having never seen a baby bobcat before, I immediately emailed the picture to Nina Fischesser for confirmation because I knew that she had some babies at her facility. The mother in the meantime explained to us that there was a female bobcat hit in the road just down from their house and after the mother got hit, this baby showed up begging for food. After waiting a bit for Nina to get back to me, The Brushy Mountain native and I convinced ourselves that this was indeed a baby bobcat, so we headed out once again to Yadkinville.

Arriving at the home, a little girl came out to greet us and told us that they had been feeding the baby cut up hot dogs. I'm standing there with Kevlar gloves on and the Brushy Mountain native is holding a cage. We must have looked like a sight to these people as the little girl bends down and picks up this "baby bobcat" and hands it to the Brushy Mountain native. Immediately the baby bobcat starts purring and rubbing all over the native as she says to me, this can't be a baby bobcat.

Hearing this statement made the little girl squeal with delight to her mom "that means we can keep it!" I guess the mom's deal with the little girl had been that if it was a bobcat they couldn't keep it, but if it wasn't the little girl could have a new pet. Before we left the little girl had to walk us around the house showing us all of her "pets" which included a box turtle, toad and dog.

The next day, Nina emailed me a picture (see above) of a real baby bobcat and told me that one the size of the one I emailed her about, wouldn't be purring but would be trying to rip our faces off. I guess it wasn't meant to for us to experience a baby bobcat....and that might be a good thing.

-Carla Johnson



Photo By: Nina Fischesser

Animal Help Now

In 2011, the newly formed nonprofit Animal Watch decided to focus its work on a specific, pressing problem – the difficulty of finding appropriate and timely help for animals in distress. This effort produced Animal Help Now (AHNow), a groundbreaking web-based application (www.animalhelpnow.org) and free smartphone application (search Apple's iTunes store for "animalhelpnow") that directs people who have encountered injured or distressed animals to the nearest, most appropriate help.

The program started in Colorado, serving domestic and wildlife emergencies. It then expanded to Texas. In the summer of 2014, Animal Help Now's wildlife emergency service was expanded to cover the entire United States through both the website and the iPhone app. The Android app will follow in the first quarter of 2015.

Not knowing where to go for help with an animal emergency carries many costs, including:

Putting animal lives at risk. In emergency situations, minutes can mean the difference between life and death, as can knowing whom to call.

Creating additional stress to a person who already is in a stressful situation. Stress is inherently undesirable, but it also can lead to poor decision making, which can endanger not only the animal, but the person, too.

Creating an undue burden on helpers – including wildlife rehabilitators, 911 operators, etc. – who unnecessarily spend time referring callers to appropriate helpers.

Making the public less likely to help animals in need.

AHNow directly addresses this societal need, increasing the capacity of compassionate members of the public to assist wildlife. The human desire to help is clearly evidenced by the number of animals brought to wildlife rehabilitation centers, but the human capacity to help is limited by one's knowledge of where to go and what to do.

AHNow provides instant access to an extensive network of what the organization calls "helpers" – wildlife rehabilitators, rescues, and hotlines, as well as humane wildlife control operators and veterinarians who treat wildlife.

The program is location and time specific, directing users to the nearest available helpers. The phone app works even when the user does not have cell or WIFI access. North Carolinians will be particularly pleased to know that the app helps stranded and entangled marine animals.

AHNow's rehabber data is created from state and federal licensee lists and other public information sources. Compiling North Carolina data was of course challenging, due to the fact that many if not most of the rehabbers on the state's list are not actual wildlife rehabilitators.

Animal Help Now Continued..

Some of the many benefits of AHNNow for wildlife rehabilitators:

You have control over the information shared with the public regarding your rehabilitation facility and the ability to update this information any time - no more waiting for lists to be updated!

Your profile allows you to control the time of day you receive calls (your “hours of operation”). It also allows you to indicate exactly which animals you accept. No more calls about animals you don’t take and less time spent referring to other rehabbers!

Your information is not listed in search results during hours you set as “closed” - no more 3am calls!

User search results are based on the user’s location so you receive the calls that are “in your own backyard”, not hundreds of miles away! Not to fear, your address is not displayed unless you specifically request it to be.

You can indicate whether or not you occasionally are willing to transport.

You can include published notes such as “Currently accepting injured animals only. No orphans.” in your profile.

You can use AHNNow as a referral tool to quickly find help for anyone with a wildlife emergency anywhere in the country.

AHNNow is fast - it directs users to nearby, open helpers that accept the species in need of help - cutting down on critical care time lost and time animals are in the hands of the public!

Your privacy is paramount to AHNNow. The organization displays only the information you want displayed. AHNNow does not share your contact information with any organizations, businesses, or government agencies.

Kai Williams, executive director of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, states: Animal Help Now connects the public directly to wildlife rehabilitators. It’s a great leap forward in providing wildlife assistance!+

AHNNow encourages you to review and update your information - your profile will include some default values, such as the hours during which you are willing to take calls from the public, that you may want to change. You can review and modify your profile by clicking the Helper Login button in the upper right corner of the animalhelpnow.org window, from a desktop or laptop computer.

Your profile is password protected. If you don’t have your username and password, you can get them by contacting Elena at elenar@ahnow.org or (518) 871-1231.

For more information on how AHNNow benefits wildlife, see the short (pre-national expansion) video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WotxiLcOr20>. Note that AHNNow’s domestic emergency service is available only in Colorado and Texas.

-David Crawford, Executive Director

-Submitted By Halley Buckanoff

A Day In "Possum Holler"

Early to bed and early to rise, I stumble to the shop under starlit skies.

Dishpan hands from washing food bowls and dishes, (A dishwasher's on my list of unfulfilled wishes).

I'm mixing formula before the crack of dawn, chopping veggies with a sigh and a yawn.

Dishing the poop, let me give you a WARNING, there is NOTHING like possum poop in the morning!

Cleaning the cages of soaked paper and litter, All the while being watched by a beady-eyed critter.

Now they're climbing up the sides of their cages, I fumble through placement of newspaper pages.

They will tear the fresh pages to shreds in a minute, But that doesn't matter, if your heart is really in it.

The food is served, the cages all set, Now it's time for the weigh-in, Am I having fun YET?

The scales are readied with a box to hold'em, I can't get a reading, but I dare not scold them.

They won't be still, they climb, and they fidget, But eventually the scale settles down on a digit.

The weights all recorded and the paperwork is done, I walk out of the shop and I'm greeted by the sun.

Well, not EXACTLY the sun I must truthfully say, But the glow in the East tells me it's on its way.

I shower, dress and breakfast, I'm ready for the day, Then it HITS me, suddenly, right out of the blue,

Did I just get a whiff of. . . " MARSUPIAL POO"???

CAN'T be on my clothes, it is NOT on my hands, Has 'possum poop polluted my olfactory glands?

Then, just as quickly it's gone, not a trace of a scent, "Just my mind playing tricks", I say with content.

BUT, in the back of my mind, I STILL have my doubt, About 'possum poop ODOR in my pores seeping out.

And I wonder if my friends and relations can smell it, So, to be on the safe side, I carry an omnivore pellet!

That way if ACCUSED of not being fragrant, And furthermore of socially being quite flagrant,

I can say with a look of shock and surprise, I look deeply into their cold accusing eyes,

"Why you may THINK that you know what you smell. But it's NOT what you think. And THAT I KNOW well!

You see, I'm a 'possum rehabber, Work with God's little critters, Whether they come in singles, doubles or litters.

I take'em in, give them food, love and caring. Same as with people, it's all about sharing."

Then as I reach into my pocket, I Say, "You were RIGHT! You COULD smell it!

But it AIN't what YOU thought, it's an omnivore pellet!

-Tom the Possum Wrangler



Photo By: Michelle Ray



Photo By: Larry Sosebee

Research Corner

Anthropogenic Injuries to Wildlife

Liz Leyvas is interested in gathering information about how much money wildlife rehabilitation centers and sanctuaries spend on native wildlife care including the cost to run the facility and pay their employees (if applicable).

The purpose of this research is to approximate an amount of money that wildlife rescue centers and sanctuaries could benefit from in the form of compensation from wind energy companies. As of today, the USFWS only has voluntary guidelines that suggest compensation as a form of mitigation. Campaigns to enforce these guidelines are currently underway. When the wind industry starts compensating, they should have data on a real number that they can disperse to wildlife rehab centers. The findings of this research will be presented at the Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife (CWW) in Berlin in March 2015.

Please be aware that the expense estimates would be presented in summary format so no one will know just how much each facility spends. If you are interested in helping out and would like to send the information to Liz, then here are the details Liz is looking for:

Total annual cost to run the facility (includes employee wages, medical supplies, water, heat, maintenance, etc.)

Approximate number and percent of animals that arrive with presumed anthropogenic sources of injury (car, electric poles, wind turbines, buildings, cat-caught, etc.) Please indicate if you receive any turbine-collision animals (amount of patients not necessary).

Average number of permanent native residents per year and the amount of care?

What would you do if you had more money?

Liz will be taking a gross estimate of total costs divided by these specific animals to get a proportional amount of money (in the form of dollars/year) that goes toward their rehabilitation.

Contact Liz Leyvas at eleyvas2@gmail.com or 858-774-4702 with questions. Submit your information by email via eleyvas2@gmail.com

-Submitted By Toni O'Neil