



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

SUMMER 2019

Naturally CONNECTED



New Structure for Wildlife Rehabilitation Patients

People's curiosity about wildlife draws thousands of children and families to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center each year. Offering wildlife rehabilitation services for the public, exhibits indoors and outdoors, and live animal programs led by specialists, the



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Center rewards this curiosity with up-close encounters with native species.

For the first time in its history, a new feature in the Wildlife Gardens gives visitors insight about wildlife rehabilitation and the importance of our human connection to native species.

As the only wildlife rehabilitation facility in Cuyahoga County, the Center treats over 1,500 ill and injured animals each year with the goal



For the first time in the Center's history, visitors can see wildlife rehabilitation patients from the Center's Wildlife Gardens.

of releasing them back into the wild. Wildlife rehabilitation is performed in the Center's on-site facility which is not publicly-accessible to provide the best environment for the injured animals and to comply with state and federal permits. The new rehabilitation structure allows public viewing through specialized one-way glass that prevents the animals from seeing visitors. Treated by CollidEscape, this glass makes it possible for the animals to recover in a stress-free environment and avoid window collisions.

The new wildlife rehabilitation structure was created for songbirds, small raptors and mammals to recover from their injuries and to prepare for release back into the wild, which is the

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last phase of treatment. Animals that cannot be released due to their injuries often become a part of the Center's animal collection, serving as ambassadors for their species in education programs and on exhibit. All permanent resident animals that are featured in programs and permanent exhibits are not releasable.

This structure was made possible by an anonymous donor so that conditions and outcomes for rehabilitating wildlife can be improved. With an open roof and an assortment of natural materials, wildlife are provided a safe, realistic environment

prior to release. This new feature complements the other exhibits in the Wildlife Gardens which show permanent resident animals.

"Wildlife rehabilitation gives people a direct connection and impact on the native species that share our landscape," says Executive Director Catherine Timko. "Increasing awareness and improving outcomes for animals shows our visitors that we all have the potential to affect our environment through education and action."

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is a member of the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association,

the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council. The Center is able to display animals and perform wildlife rehabilitation services under permits from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



A Northern Cardinal preparing for release.

Companies Investing in the Center

Thank you to the many corporations and small businesses that invest in Lake Erie Nature & Science Center's educational mission. Sponsorships of family events, company matching gifts, corporation grants, special event rentals and off-site meetings are among the many ways the business community makes investments in educational programs. These valuable programs benefit their employees and their families, their clients and their customers.

To learn more about how your company can invest in science education for children while benefiting employees and customers, please call us at 440-871-2900. The Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID #34-0845030.

Thank you to our family program sponsors this year

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Mechanical Engineering Badges for Girl Scouts

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is excited to welcome local Girl Scouts to the world of mechanical engineering. The Center's 2019-2020 programming will include two new mechanical engineering badges for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts where they will learn about physics, build their own bots, paddle boats and balloon cars, then test and analyze their results. These additions complement the Center's array of nature-based programming and introduce young girls to the many opportunities in the STEM field.



Women's Board Welcomes New Treasurer



Pictured left to right: Women's Board President Karen Huhndorff, Former Treasurer Marianne Wagner and Treasurer Barb Mikolajczak.

The Women's Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center welcomes Barb Mikolajczak as Treasurer. The Center thanks Marianne Wagner for her years of dedicated service and congratulates Barb on her new role.

Started in 1954 by six women, the Women's Board has grown to over 25 members of all ages, skills, experiences and talents who continue to support the Center and its mission through service, community awareness and fundraising.

Those interested in joining the volunteer group are invited to attend monthly meetings at the Center on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. For more information, please call 440-871-2900.

2019 – 2020 Officers:

President, Karen Huhndorff
Vice President, Christine Hansen
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Center Releases New Video

Last December, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center released a four-minute promotional video to share our mission and the value of nature-based education for children and families. The video captures the multitude of ways children, families and students of every age are making lasting connections with the natural world and building lifelong passions for discovery at the Center. The video was made possible through the generous support of BakerHostetler, Rockport Senior Living and Fusion Filmworks. View the Center's new video by visiting www.lensc.org.



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Congratulations Project Wildlife Class of 2019!

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center congratulates the Project Wildlife Class of 2019 including Robert Amsdell of Lake Ridge Academy, Paige Burns of Westlake High School, Mia Centuori of Rocky River High School, Sarah Krofta of Olmsted Falls High School, Sofia Motelka of St. Joseph Academy, Isabella Teter of Lorain High School, Will Triplett of Rocky River High School and Alyssa Veverka of Olmsted Falls High School.

The Center is the only organization in Northeast Ohio that gives teenagers hands-on experience with wildlife rehabilitation and animal care. Project Wildlife serves as a valuable career experience and introduces students to the wide variety of opportunities available in the field. The majority of this year's graduating seniors plan to continue their education by pursuing degrees in the areas of biology, environmental science, veterinary medicine or related studies.

"We are so proud of our



Pictured from left to right: Robert Amsdell, Will Triplett, Sofia Motelka, Wildlife Program Specialist Christine Barnett, Sarah Krofta, Paige Burns and Alyssa Veverka. Not pictured: Isabella Teter.

graduating seniors who have provided a combined 21 years' worth of service hours to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center," says Wildlife Program Specialist Christine Barnett. "They have demonstrated an amazing amount of skill in the areas of animal care, wildlife rehabilitation, beekeeping, education and presentation."

Launched in 2015, Project Wildlife provides service learning opportunities for high school students throughout the Greater Cleveland area to learn the basics about wildlife education, animal

care and wildlife rehabilitation. After undergoing an application and interview process, accepted students are trained to properly clean enclosures, prepare food and examine the health of resident animals, including birds of prey, mammals, fish and reptiles. As they advance through the program, students can choose from three learning tracks based on their personal interests: wildlife research, wildlife rehabilitation or public wildlife education.

The Center wishes the Class of 2019 the best of luck in their future endeavors!



Volunteer Spotlight – Colleen Bumba

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Volunteer Colleen Bumba was featured in the March/April 2019 issue of *Northeast Ohio Boomer and Beyond*, sharing the Center's advice for coexisting with baby wildlife during the springtime. Bumba began volunteering at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center in 2015 after retiring from practicing small animal veterinary medicine at Detroit Dover Animal Hospital. Thank you Colleen for sharing important wildlife information with the community.



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

Leaving your legacy at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

What is a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift that is made in a will or a trust which directs funds to a charity of your choice upon your passing. It is one of the most popular ways to make a gift that will live on after you. A gift made by a bequest can be a specific dollar amount or percentage.

Why give through a Bequest?

It does not affect asset or cash flow during one's lifetime because it is payable upon the donor's passing. It is revocable meaning that it can be changed at any time. It is private because wills and trusts are not filed or made public until passing.

How do I make a bequest gift?

You should seek the advice of an attorney to create a will or trust or to add language to your existing documents to make the bequest.

To make a bequest to the Center in your will or trust, the organization should be named as Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Tax ID number 34-0845030, located at 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH 44140.

Please contact us at 440-871-2900 with any questions.

Grateful Family Leaves a Legacy at the Center

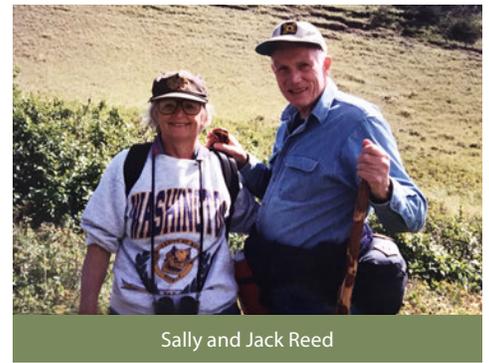
Like many people in our community, Jack and Sally Reed spent family time visiting Lake Erie Nature & Science Center with their children. These weekly visits created lasting memories for their children that are fondly remembered today. Some of Reed's own children shared recollections of their visits to the Center:

Elizabeth Reed Makman: "My favorite memory as a child was holding the snakes at the Center. I learned how they eat, move and function. It was fascinating! My parents believed in the importance of teaching youth about the nature around them."

Kathy Reed Allaire: "For me it was the birds of prey. Up close they were so majestic and big! My parents instilled in all their children a passion for nature and conservation."

Ann Reed: "Even my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren have enjoyed the Center."

Over the years, Jack and Sally made donations to the Center to support what they valued about their family's experiences — free admission, live animal



Sally and Jack Reed

exhibits, hands-on programs and classes for children of every age. They were lifelong learners and passionate about nature.

The family's support of the Center now lives on in perpetuity through a gift which was made by a bequest in the Jack Reed Trust this year. A bequest is a provision in a will that can direct a contribution to a nonprofit organization upon passing. The Reed bequest was directed to the Center's endowment fund where it will help to support the Center for generations to come.

Elizabeth reflects, "Teaching kids about nature leads to adults who understand the importance of conservation. That's something that gets more important every year." With this generous bequest gift to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, the Reed family's interest in nature education will be realized through programs, exhibits and classes for thousands of children and grandchildren, now and in the future.

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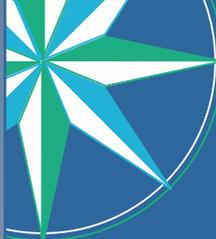
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CREATURES OF THE NIGHT
Saturday, August 24, 2019 | 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Let your wild side fly and join us as we celebrate native nocturnal wildlife under the stars.

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