Illinois Raptor Center

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Serving the wildlife and people of Illinois since 1991.

Grant Agreement #12-R01W Final Report
Replacement of Intensive Care Units
Submitted by Jane Seitz, Executive Director
January 6, 2012

Project Objective:

Replacement Intensive Care Units to help provide basic lifesaving hospital care for orphaned and injured wildlife who are unable to control their own body temperature. The immediate availability and use of a warming unit can mean the difference between life and death of an orphaned or injured animal. New units will prevent the IRC directors and volunteers from having to use heating pads that are unreliable, dangerous to an animal that is unable to move and unsafe to leave on overnight and unattended. Digitally controlled heating elements are more precise and reliable than the older units now in use ever were. New units are safe for the animal and have no openings that will let an animal find its way out or to further injure it.

Completed Project Description

Intensive Care Units (3) were purchased online from Petiatric.com on 12/30/2011 and were delivered on 01/05/2012. The name of the unit is the Nursery Hospital III/B, Complete. They measure 17"x17"x24"and combine quality materials and sophisticated electronics to provide the very best environment for our wildlife patients. The units offer compact controls and the most accurate way to set and monitor temperature with setting and inside reading digitally visible on the top front. The temperature controllers are commercial grade, field-tested and have been proven in industrial and commercial applications. Each unit has two outlets for auxiliary use and can be turned on and off by way of switch on the top front of the unit. Night lights can be used in these outlets to better observe and care for the animals. The units also have humidity drawers that provide humidity to the air in the unit. The intensive care units are ready for the 2012 season.

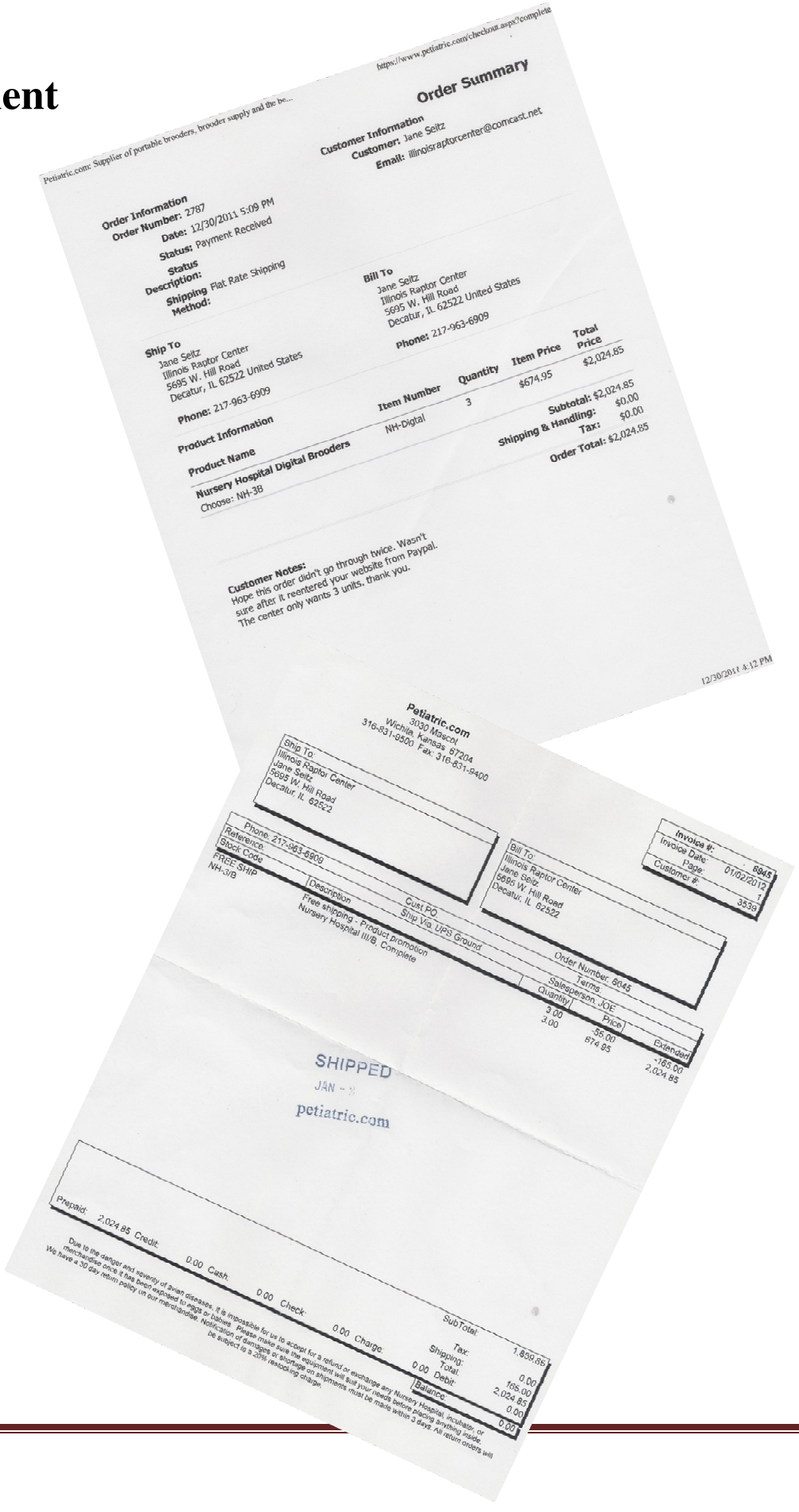
Total reimbursement requested is $2,000.00

3 units @ $674.95 = $2,024.85 (shipping was free)
$24.85 Paid with Illinois Raptor Center funds
Total amount of reimbursement requested from the Special Wildlife Fund Grant is $2,000.00

THANK YOU!

Attachments: receipts, grant announcements and payment request certification

Receipts:
Order & Payment
Shipment



Petiatric.com: Supplier of portable brooders, brooder supply and the be... https://www.petiatric.com/checkout.aspx?complete

Order Summary

Customer Information
Customer: Jane Seltz
Email: illinoisraptorcenter@comcast.net

Order Information
Order Number: 2787
Date: 12/30/2011 5:09 PM
Status: Payment Received
Status Description:
Shipping Method: Flat Rate Shipping

Ship To
Jane Seltz
Illinois Raptor Center
5695 W. Hill Road
Decatur, IL 62522 United States
Phone: 217-963-6909

Bill To
Jane Seltz
Illinois Raptor Center
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Decatur, IL 62522 United States
Phone: 217-963-6909

Product Information	Item Number	Quantity	Item Price	Total Price
Product Name				
Nursery Hospital Digital Brooders	NH-Digital	3	$674.95	$2,024.85
Choose: NH-3B				

Subtotal: $2,024.85
Shipping & Handling: $0.00
Tax: $0.00
Order Total: $2,024.85

Customer Notes:
Hope this order didn't go through twice. Wasn't sure after it reentered your website from Paypal. The center only wants 3 units, thank you.

12/30/2011 4:12 PM

Petiatric.com
3030 Mascot
Wichita, Kansas, 67204
316-831-9500 Fax: 316-831-9400

Ship To:
Illinois Raptor Center
Jane Seltz
5695 W. Hill Road
Decatur, IL 62522

Phone: 217-963-6909
Reference:
Stock Code
FREE SHIP
NH-3/B

Bill To:
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Jane Seltz
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Decatur, IL 62522

Invoice #: 6945
Invoice Date: 01/02/2012
Page: 1
Customer #: 3539

Cust PO:
Ship Via: UPS Ground
Order Number: 8645
Terms:
Salesperson: JOE

Description	Quantity	Price	Extended
Free shipping - Product promotion	3.00	-55.00	-165.00
Nursery Hospital III/B Complete	3.00	674.95	2,024.85

SHIPPED
JAN
petiatric.com

Prepaid: 2,024.85 Credit: 0.00 Cash: 0.00 Check: 0.00 Charge:

SubTotal: 1,859.85
Tax: 0.00
Shipping: 165.00
Total: 2,024.85
Debit: 0.00
Balance: 0.00

Due to the danger and severity of avian diseases, it is impossible for us to accept for a refund or exchange any Nursery Hospital, incubator, or merchandise once it has been exposed to eggs or babies. Please make sure this equipment will suit your needs before placing anything inside. We have a 30 day return policy on our merchandise. Notification of damages or shortage on shipments must be made within 3 days. All return orders will be subject to a 20% restocking charge.

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Press Release

Illinois Raptor Center Receives Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant

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The grant is titled "Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund – Maintenance of Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities That Take Care of Threatened or Endangered Species Grant." It is funded through the Illinois Wildlife Preservation fund check-off at the bottom of the IL 1040 state income tax returns and is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Other IL1040 check-offs include Child Abuse Prevention, Alzheimer's Disease Research, Assistance to the Homeless, Penny Severns Breast, Cervical, and Ovarian Cancer Research, Military Family Relief, Illinois Veterans' Home, Diabetes Research, Hunger Relief, and the Crisis Nursery Fund.

Wildlife Preservation Grants may be used for repair, replacement and maintenance of existing wildlife rehabilitation buildings and equipment. The IRC has received preservation grants in past years to replace an outside water line, to replace a freezer and to purchase replacement locks for cages.

The Illinois Raptor Center was established in 1991 as a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit organization. In 1994 it purchased a 10 acre property along the Sangamon River in Decatur. The facility is home to 25 permanently injured birds of prey that are used in conservation education programming. Its wildlife hospital cares for hundreds of wild animals every year. State endangered American Bitterns, Bald Eagles, Barn Owls, Short-eared Owls, and Peregrine Falcons have been among the patients admitted to the IRC in recent years. The facility has grown to 15 acres and further expansion is being planned for 2012.

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Press release was picked up by the Decatur Tribune and was also on their website

8 Community News

DECATUR TRIBUNE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

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Alpha Zeta Chapter's Christmas Dinner and Upcoming Book Club Meeting Dec. 19

The Alpha Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will have its Christmas dinner at Jimmy Ryan's on Monday, Dec. 19. Social hour will begin at 6:10, with dinner and dessert following. Bring a wrapped re-gifted gift for the lotto drawing. Call Sharon by Friday, Dec. 16 for reservations.

Book Club will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at Panera Bread at 6:10. The book to be read is "Remarkable Creatures" by T. Chevalier. For additional information, call 454-4575.

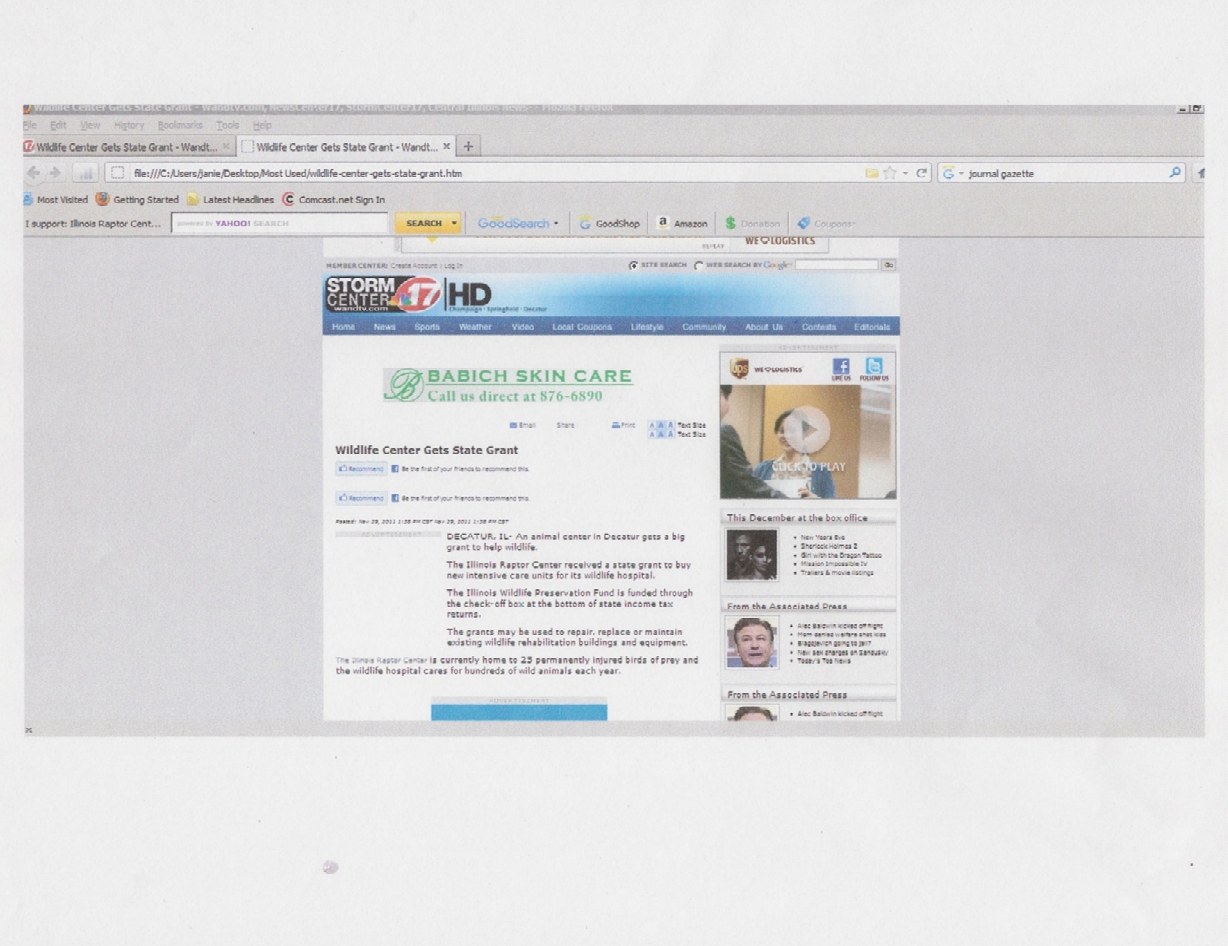
University with a Commercial Music degree. He is the CEO of Dream Vizion Productions.

He has played piano and trombone at numerous events throughout the States and overseas. For additional information, contact him at www.dreamvizionproductions.com.

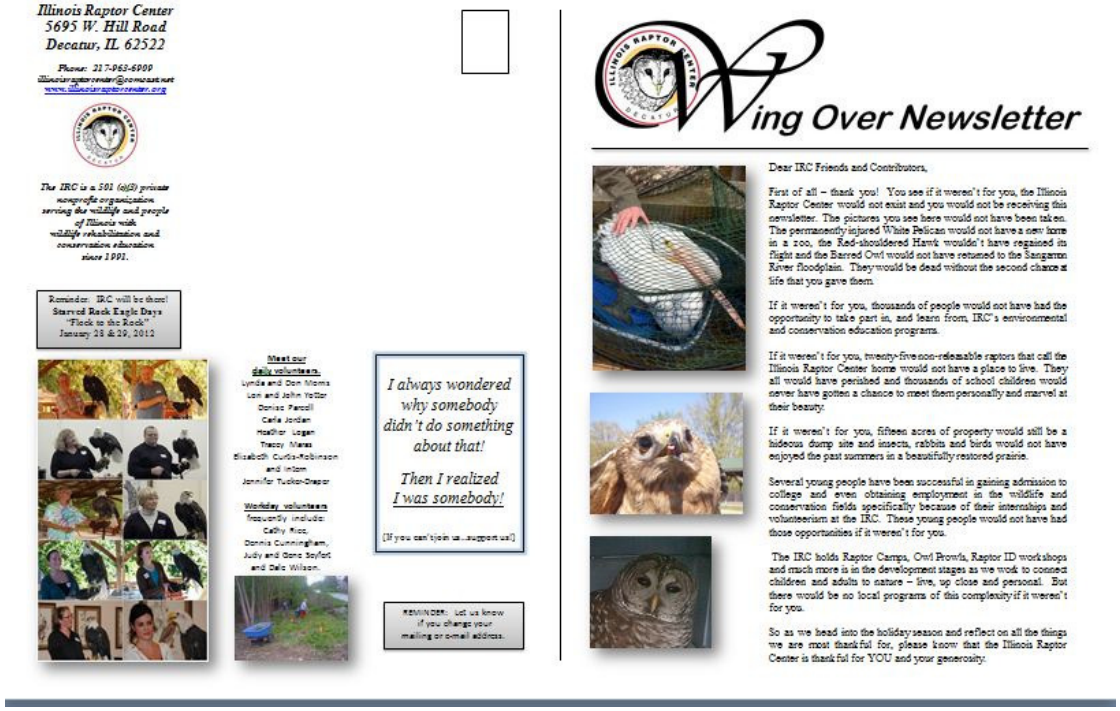
Pizza Day Fundraiser to Benefit Community Living Services Program Of Macon County Resources

A pizza day fundraiser to benefit the

The press release was picked up by WAND Nightly News and was on WAND's Website



There are 800 people on IRC's newsletter mailing list and 543 people on our e-mail newsletter mailing list.



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Reminder: IRC will be there!
Starved Rock Eagle Days
"Flock to the Rock"
January 28 & 29, 2012

Meet our daily volunteers.
Lynda and Don Moms
Lon and John Yoller
Denise Parcell
Carla Jordan
Heather Logan
Tracey Mares
Elizabeth Curtis-Robinson and infant
Jennifer Tucker-Drepor

Workday volunteers frequently include:
Cathy Rice,
Dennis Cunningham,
Judy and Gene Seyfert
and Dale Wilson.

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that!

Then I realized I was somebody!

[If you can't join us...support us!]

REMINDER: Let us know if you change your mailing or e-mail address.

Wing Over Newsletter

Dear IRC Friends and Contributors,

First of all – thank you! You see if it weren't for you, the Illinois Raptor Center would not exist and you would not be receiving this newsletter. The pictures you see here would not have been taken. The permanently injured White Pelican would not have a new home in a zoo, the Red-shouldered Hawk wouldn't have regained its flight and the Barred Owl would not have returned to the Sangamon River floodplain. They would be dead without the second chance at life that you gave them.

If it weren't for you, thousands of people would not have had the opportunity to take part in, and learn from, IRC's environmental and conservation education programs.

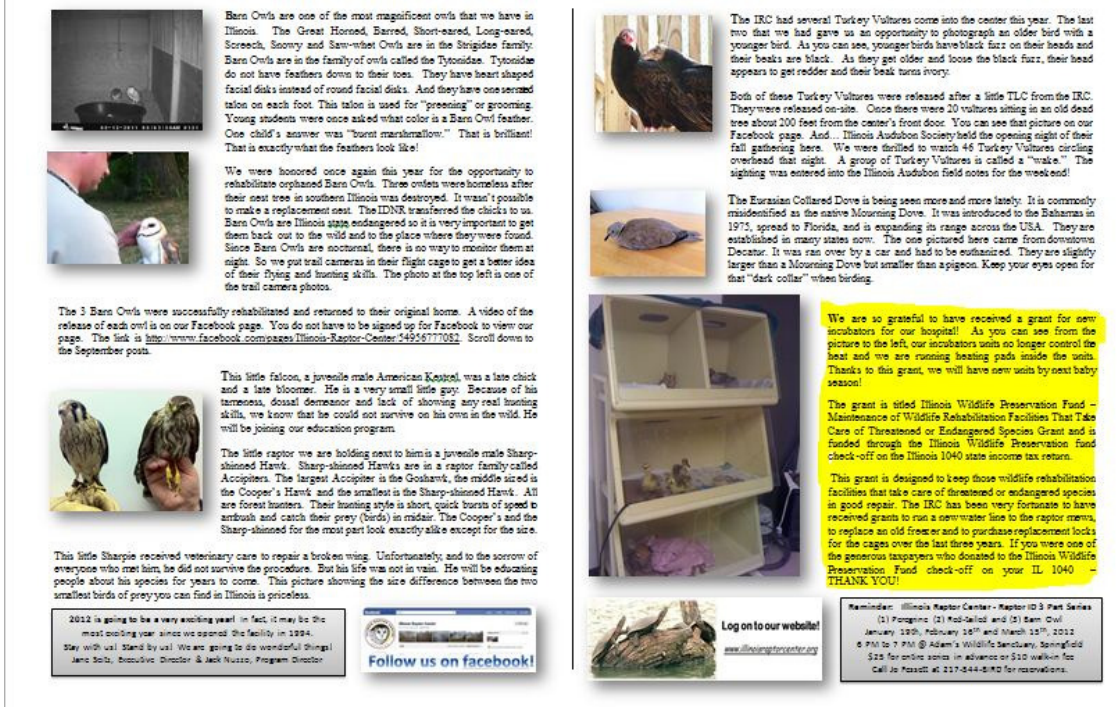
If it weren't for you, twenty-five non-releasable raptors that call the Illinois Raptor Center home would not have a place to live. They all would have perished and thousands of school children would never have gotten a chance to meet them personally and marvel at their beauty.

If it weren't for you, fifteen acres of property would still be a hideous dump site and insects, rabbits and birds would not have enjoyed the past summers in a beautifully restored prairie.

Several young people have been successful in gaining admission to college and even obtaining employment in the wildlife and conservation fields specifically because of their internships and volunteerism at the IRC. These young people would not have had those opportunities if it weren't for you.

The IRC holds Raptor Camps, Owl Prowls, Raptor ID workshops and much more is in the development stages as we work to connect children and adults to nature – live, up close and personal. But there would be no local programs of this complexity if it weren't for you.

So as we head into the holiday season and reflect on all the things we are most thankful for, please know that the Illinois Raptor Center is thankful for YOU and your generosity.



Barn Owls are one of the most magnificent owls that we have in Illinois. The Great Horned, Barred, Short-eared, Long-eared, Screech, Snowy and Saw-whet Owls are in the Strigidae family. Barn Owls are in the family of owls called the Tytonidae. Tytonidae do not have feathers down to their toes. They have heart shaped facial disks instead of round facial disks. And they have one serrated talon on each foot. This talon is used for "preening" or grooming. Young students were once asked what color is a Barn Owl feather. One child's answer was "burnt marshmallow." That is brilliant! That is exactly what the feathers look like!

We were honored once again this year for the opportunity to rehabilitate orphaned Barn Owls. Three owlets were homeless after their nest tree in southern Illinois was destroyed. It wasn't possible to make a replacement nest. The IDNR transferred the chicks to us. Barn Owls are Illinois state endangered so it is very important to get them back out to the wild and to the place where they were found. Since Barn Owls are nocturnal, there is no way to monitor them at night. So we put trail cameras in their flight cage to get a better idea of their flying and hunting skills. The photo at the top left is one of the trail camera photos.

The 3 Barn Owls were successfully rehabilitated and returned to their original home. A video of the release of each owl is on our Facebook page. You do not have to be signed up for Facebook to view our page. The link is http://www.facebook.com/pages/Illinois-Raptor-Center/54956777082. Scroll down to the September posts.

This little falcon, a juvenile male American Kestrel, was a late chick and a late bloomer. He is a very small little guy. Because of his tameness, dossal demeanor and lack of showing any real hunting skills, we know that he could not survive on his own in the wild. He will be joining our education program.

The little raptor we are holding next to him is a juvenile male Sharp-shinned Hawk. Sharp-shinned Hawks are in a raptor family called Accipiters. The largest Accipiter is the Goshawk, the middle sized is the Cooper's Hawk and the smallest is the Sharp-shinned Hawk. All are forest hunters. Their hunting style is short, quick bursts of speed to ambush and catch their prey (birds) in midair. The Cooper's and the Sharp-shinned for the most part look exactly alike except for the size.

This little Sharpie received veterinary care to repair a broken wing. Unfortunately, and to the sorrow of everyone who met him, he did not survive the procedure. But his life was not in vain. He will be educating people about his species for years to come. This picture showing the size difference between the two smallest birds of prey you can find in Illinois is priceless.

2012 is going to be a very exciting year! In fact, it may be the most exciting year since we opened the facility in 1994. Stay with us! Stand by us! We are going to do wonderful things! Jane Seitz, Executive Director & Jack Russo, Program Director

Follow us on facebook!

The IRC had several Turkey Vultures come into the center this year. The last two that we had gave us an opportunity to photograph an older bird with a younger bird. As you can see, younger birds have black fuzz on their heads and their beaks are black. As they get older and loose the black fuzz, their head appears to get redder and their beak turns ivory.

Both of these Turkey Vultures were released after a little TLC from the IRC. They were released on-site. Once there were 20 vultures sitting in an old dead tree about 200 feet from the center's front door. You can see that picture on our Facebook page. And... Illinois Audubon Society held the opening night of their fall gathering here. We were thrilled to watch 46 Turkey Vultures circling overhead that night. A group of Turkey Vultures is called a "wake." The sighting was entered into the Illinois Audubon field notes for the weekend!

The Eurasian Collared Dove is being seen more and more lately. It is commonly misidentified as the native Mourning Dove. It was introduced to the Bahamas in 1975, spread to Florida, and is expanding its range across the USA. They are established in many states now. The one pictured here came from downtown Decatur. It was ran over by a car and had to be euthanized. They are slightly larger than a Mourning Dove but smaller than a pigeon. Keep your eyes open for that "dark collar" when birding.

We are so grateful to have received a grant for new incubators for our hospital! As you can see from the picture to the left, our incubators units no longer control the heat and we are running heating pads inside the units. Thanks to this grant, we will have new units by next baby season!

The grant is titled Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund – Maintenance of Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities That Take Care of Threatened or Endangered Species Grant and is funded through the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund check-off on the Illinois 1040 state income tax return.

This grant is designed to keep those wildlife rehabilitation facilities that take care of threatened or endangered species in good repair. The IRC has been very fortunate to have received grants to run a new water line to the raptor mews, to replace an old freezer and to purchase replacement locks for the cages over the last three years. If you were one of the generous taxpayers who donated to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund check-off on your IL 1040 – THANK YOU!

Log on to our website!
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Reminder: Illinois Raptor Center - Raptor ID 3 Part Series
(1) Peregrine (2) Red-tailed and (3) Barn Owl
January 19th, February 16th and March 15th, 2012
6 PM to 7 PM @ Adam's Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield
$25 for entire series in advance or $10 walk-in fee
Call Jo Fassett at 217-544-8140 for reservations.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FY11 WILDLIFE PRESERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM

PAYMENT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

Grantee Information

Grantee Name: Illinois Raptor Center
5695 W. Hill Rd
Decatur, IL 62522

Grant Agreement #: 12-R01W

Amount of
Reimbursement Requested: $ 2,000.00

I certify that the goods or services specified on this request for payment were for the use of this agency and that the expenditure for such goods or services was authorized and lawfully incurred, that such goods or services meet all the required standards set forth in the grant agreement to which this request for payment relates, and that the amount shown below on this request is correct and approved for payment.

By: Jane Seitz (Signature) Date: 1-6-12

Name: Jane Seitz Title: Executive Director

Grantee F.E.I.N. / TIN: 37-1287919

Attach copies of vendor billings, proof of payment, and other necessary documentation and send the Request for Payment Certification to:

Tara Kieninger
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
1 Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

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