

# Wings Over Wasatch

## Capital Campaign Prospectus

Building Utah's First Dedicated Raptor Rehabilitation Center

**Campaign Goal: \$5,000,000**

*[Pie Chart: Wings Over Wasatch Capital Campaign \$5 Million Investment Breakdown]*

Wasatch Wildlife Center

Summit and Wasatch Counties, Utah

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## Wings Over Wasatch – At a Glance

- **The Gap:** Summit and Wasatch Counties have no dedicated raptor rehabilitation center with 100-foot flight barns, hummingbird micro-aviaries, or bat rehabilitation spaces—injured wildlife often faces long transports and lower survival rates.
- **The Solution:** Acquire and transform a 5–10 acre agricultural property into Utah's first dedicated raptor rehabilitation campus, with on-site veterinary care, species-specific facilities, and Operation Sentinel Sky for veterans.
- **The Campaign:** \$5,000,000 capital campaign to fund property acquisition, facility development, equipment and infrastructure, endowment and reserves, and contingency and project management.
- **Projected Impact:** Treat 150–200 raptors annually with higher release rates, care for hundreds of hummingbirds and bats each year, serve 40–60 veterans through Operation Sentinel Sky, and engage 2,000+ students annually in conservation education.

## Our Mission

Wasatch Wildlife Center serves as the wildlife emergency hub for Summit and Wasatch Counties—providing intake, triage, and stabilization for injured and orphaned wildlife. As Utah's first dedicated raptor rehabilitation facility, we offer specialized on-site care and flight conditioning for birds of prey, bats, and hummingbirds. Through expert clinical treatment, innovative programs like Operation Sentinel Sky—our veteran-focused raptor rehabilitation initiative—and a sustainable conservation tourism model, we create pathways for healing, education, and wildlife advocacy.

## Campaign Vision

We're raising \$5 million to acquire and transform an existing farm or ranch property into Utah's first dedicated raptor rehabilitation center—with specialized programs for bats and hummingbirds. For over a decade, Wasatch Wildlife Center has answered the call for injured raptors, orphaned hummingbirds, and wildlife in crisis across Summit and Wasatch Counties. Now we're ready to establish our permanent home. We're seeking an existing agricultural property with buildings we can adapt—barn structures for rehabilitation flight spaces, outbuildings for veterinary care, land for education and release sites. This is more than a facility. It's a legacy for wildlife, a resource for our mountain community, and a beacon for conservation in the Wasatch.

## What This Means for the Community

With this campus in place, we expect to treat significantly more wildlife locally, reduce transport times and stress for injured animals, create meaningful conservation roles for veterans, and provide hands-on science education for thousands of students in Summit and Wasatch Counties each year.

## Detailed Investment Breakdown

### Property Acquisition — \$1,750,000 (35%)

#### Strategic Property Acquisition for Rapid Implementation

Acquiring an existing agricultural property with adaptable structures accelerates our operational timeline by 18-24 months compared to new construction. This approach enables phased implementation: basic rehabilitation services begin immediately upon acquisition while facility enhancements proceed, ensuring continuous wildlife care throughout the development process. We're targeting 5-10 acre properties with existing barn structures suitable for flight conditioning conversion, outbuildings for veterinary clinic adaptation, and established utility infrastructure. Market conditions in Summit and Wasatch Counties position suitable properties in the \$1.5-2 million range. Selection criteria

include water rights, emergency access, and appropriate natural setting for wildlife release protocols. **We are actively working with local land trusts, conservation organizations, and county governments to explore opportunities for property donation or partnership arrangements that could reduce acquisition costs while advancing shared conservation goals. Such partnerships would allow campaign funds to be reallocated toward enhanced facilities and programs.**

*Your support helps us: Maximize timeline efficiency and begin serving wildlife immediately while building toward full operational capacity.*

## **Facility Development — \$1,600,000 (32%)**

### **Creating Specialized Healing Spaces**

Transforming agricultural buildings into a world-class wildlife rehabilitation center requires specialized design and construction. Our largest single investment will be converting existing barn structures into raptor flight conditioning spaces—these must be at least 100 feet long to allow eagles and other large raptors to build the wing strength and endurance they need to survive in the wild. We'll build a modern veterinary clinic with surgical suite, radiology capabilities, ICU units, and isolation wards for disease management. The Micro Aviary will provide temperature and humidity-controlled environments specifically designed for Utah's migrating hummingbirds, while the Twilight Roost will offer specialized light-controlled spaces for bat rehabilitation. Education and viewing areas will allow the public to connect with wildlife conservation while respecting the animals' need for minimal human contact during recovery. Climate control systems, specialized lighting, acoustic treatments, and infrastructure upgrades ensure every species receives care tailored to their unique rehabilitation needs.

*Your support helps us: Build healing spaces where wildlife can recover with dignity and the highest standard of clinical care.*

## **Equipment & Infrastructure — \$750,000 (15%)**

### **The Tools of Healing and Flight**

State-of-the-art medical equipment is essential for diagnosing injuries, performing life-saving surgeries, and monitoring recovery. This category includes digital radiography for detecting fractures and internal injuries, surgical instruments, anesthesia systems, laboratory equipment for disease testing, and specialized rehabilitation tools. Beyond medical care, we'll construct outdoor flight enclosures where recovering raptors can practice hunting behaviors and build stamina before release. These predator-proof aviaries must be large enough for full-speed flight while providing natural perching and safe landing zones. Site development—including accessible parking, roadways, drainage systems, native landscaping, and interpretive signage—ensures visitors and volunteers can safely support our mission while wildlife patients receive undisturbed care.

*Your support helps us: Equip our team with the diagnostic and rehabilitation tools that mean the difference between life and death for injured wildlife.*

## **Endowment & Operating Reserves — \$700,000 (14%)**

### **Ensuring Long-Term Sustainability**

Building a facility is only the beginning—we must be able to operate it for decades to come. This portion of the campaign establishes financial stability through two mechanisms: **Operating Reserves (\$400,000)** provide 6-12 months of essential expenses, protecting against seasonal fluctuations in wildlife intake, unexpected equipment failures, and emergency situations. **Operating reserves will fund initial critical staffing including a part-time veterinarian, ensuring clinical excellence from day one while we establish sustainable revenue streams.** Wildlife doesn't stop getting injured during economic downturns, and this reserve ensures we can always answer the call. **Program Endowment (\$300,000)** generates approximately \$15,000 annually in perpetuity to support Operation Sentinel Sky—our veteran-focused raptor rehabilitation program—and educational initiatives. This endowed funding means these transformative programs will continue serving veterans and inspiring the next generation of conservationists long after the capital campaign concludes.

*Your support helps us: Build not just for today, but for the next 50 years of wildlife conservation in the Wasatch Mountains.*

## Contingency & Project Management — \$200,000 (4%)

### Planning for the Unexpected

Responsible capital campaigns include contingency funding for unforeseen construction challenges, code compliance requirements, and professional project management. Converting agricultural buildings to meet the stringent standards required for wildlife rehabilitation and veterinary care often reveals hidden issues—outdated electrical systems, structural reinforcements, or environmental remediation needs. Professional fees for architects, engineers, permits, and legal compliance ensure we build a facility that meets all regulatory requirements for wildlife rehabilitation, veterinary medicine, and public safety. Project management keeps construction on schedule and on budget, coordinating the complex dance of contractors, inspectors, and specialized wildlife facility consultants.

*Your support helps us: Build wisely and professionally, ensuring every dollar is spent with accountability and expertise.*

## Projected Impact (Once Fully Operational)

- **Raptors:** 150–200 raptors treated annually, with improved release rates thanks to dedicated 100-foot flight barns and on-site veterinary care.
- **Hummingbirds & Bats:** Intensive, species-specific care for hundreds of hummingbirds and over 100 bats each year during migration and hibernation seasons.
- **Veterans:** 40–60 veterans per year engaged through Operation Sentinel Sky, gaining conservation skills, purpose, and peer community.
- **Students & Community:** 2,000+ students annually participating in STEM and conservation programs, plus public visitors engaged through carefully designed viewing and education areas.
- **Public Engagement:** Free flight demonstrations in our outdoor amphitheater showcasing raptor flight mechanics and natural behaviors, evening bat education programs during migration season, micro aviary hummingbird events celebrating these tiny migrants, and exclusive wildlife release ceremonies where visitors witness recovered animals return to the wild.

## Sustainable Tourism Model

Wings Over Wasatch is designed as a year-round, weather-independent tourism attraction that will draw 20,000-25,000 visitors in early years, scaling to 50,000+ annually at maturity. Our multi-species model—featuring raptors, hummingbirds, and bats—creates broader visitor appeal and extended dwell time compared to single-species facilities. Projected annual revenue of \$1.45 million in Years 1-2 will grow to \$3.7+ million by Year 5, supporting operational costs and ensuring long-term sustainability. Premium experiences like raptor flight demonstrations, wildlife release events, and photography workshops generate revenue while deepening visitor engagement with conservation.

## Campaign Momentum & Early Support

- ✓ **2025 Toyota Land Cruiser** \$57,828 Wildlife rescue vehicle
- ✓ **Major Gift Commitment** \$80,000 Facility development
- ✓ **Partnership Development** In Progress Veterinary education

**Total Early Commitments: \$137,828+**

These early commitments position us well to secure leadership gifts and foundation support in the next phase of the campaign.

## Strategic Partnerships & Collaborative Resources

Wasatch Wildlife Center maximizes community impact through strategic partnerships that enhance our mission while ensuring fiscal responsibility. These collaborations extend our reach, reduce operational costs, and position us as a regional hub for wildlife conservation.

### Veterinary Education & Clinical Collaboration

**Our direct partnership with Utah State University School of Veterinary Medicine provides veterinary consultation, surgical support, and collaborative research opportunities.** We are developing relationships with veterinary colleges throughout the region to create hands-on wildlife medicine training opportunities. Through partnership with Park City's worker housing programs, we can provide affordable accommodation for veterinary interns and visiting researchers—eliminating a significant barrier to participation without the capital expense of building on-site housing. **Our facility will support wildlife medicine research, providing opportunities for graduate students and researchers to study raptor rehabilitation outcomes, flight biomechanics, disease surveillance, and conservation medicine—advancing the field while improving patient care.** Our collaborative approach connects us with board-certified veterinary specialists, wildlife pathologists, and rehabilitation experts across the Intermountain West.

### Conservation & Wildlife Agencies

- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources - Wildlife rescue coordination and disease surveillance
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - Migratory bird rehabilitation and raptor monitoring
- Local Land Trusts - Habitat preservation and release site identification

### Community & Educational Partnerships

- Summit & Wasatch County Schools - Educational programming and STEM curriculum
- Park City & Local Municipalities - Emergency wildlife response coordination
- Tourism & Recreation Partners - Wildlife awareness and responsible recreation

### Veteran & Military Networks

Operation Sentinel Sky connects veterans with raptor rehabilitation for mutual healing and conservation training through partnerships with veteran service organizations and military transition programs.

## Why Partnerships Matter

✓ Reduced operational costs • ✓ Enhanced credibility with donors • ✓ Expanded reach • ✓ Sustainable impact • ✓ Educational excellence

## When You Invest in Wings Over Wasatch

When you invest in Wings Over Wasatch, you're not just helping us build a facility—you're creating a permanent resource for wildlife, veterans, and students in the Wasatch. **Your leadership gift at any level, and especially gifts of \$100,000 and above, will help secure the property, build the specialized spaces our patients require, and ensure we can operate with excellence from day one.**

## Ways to Give

- **Multi-Year Pledges:** Commit your gift over 3–5 years to maximize impact.
- **Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs):** Recommend a grant to Wasatch Wildlife Center for the Wings Over Wasatch capital campaign.
- **Gifts of Stock:** Contribute appreciated securities to potentially reduce capital gains tax.
- **Corporate & Foundation Gifts:** Partner with us through sponsorships, grants, and matching gifts.
- **Legacy Gifts:** Include Wasatch Wildlife Center in your will, trust, or beneficiary designations to support wildlife for generations.

Wasatch Wildlife Center is governed by an engaged Board of Directors and advised by partners in wildlife medicine, conservation, and veteran services to ensure that this campaign is executed with transparency and accountability.

## For More Information

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