Wow. The year 2017 was quite a year of growth. It started in April with a new fundraising event, *Wild About Wildlife*, which was a lot of fun and set a new standard for FWH fundraising. The turnout was great; the food was exceptional; and, the music was festive. We hope for bigger and better in 2018.

In July, we began a partnership with the Brevard Zoo Animal Health Department in the form of a veterinary internship program. We now have weekly visits from a board certified zoological medicine veterinarian and a veterinarian intern, with the opportunity for consultations between visits. This has stepped up our ability to help our patients, giving them the best chance for survival.

In the midst of all this growth, we had a significant interruption named *Hurricane Irma*. She knocked us down but not out. We still have some repairs to complete but bounced back fairly well within weeks.

Several grants were awarded this year. Two were for replacing an outdoor enclosure and a third purchased two sets of commercial washers and dryers. And then, in October we were a beneficiary of a significant bequest from one of our long-time supporters. This donation was greatly appreciated and came just as we had located a used radiology machine that could fit our needs. After being without an x-ray machine for about four years, this was a huge step forward for patient care.

In November, we had our biggest *Hoot in the Park* event to date. The weather was great; the turnout was terrific; and, the dog lure course was as exciting as ever. None of these changes could have happened without the support of our wonderful friends and neighbors. Here's to a great 2017 and hopes for an even better 2018.

Tracy Frampton
Executive Director
In September, as many of you know, FL was visited by a little thing called Hurricane Irma. As the largest and most powerful storm in recent history, we were extremely lucky when Irma weakened as she approached the state.

**Hurricane Irma**

However, we were not completely spared. The Hospital did received some damage which included downed and damaged fences, roof damage, and many downed tree limbs. On top of that, we were also without power for nearly 5 days.

Here are a few photos from that week.

Our facility took in over 190 squirrels in the 2 weeks following Irma.
# Patient Species List

**Total Admissions: 4,967**

## Mammals
- 791 Eastern Gray Squirrels
- 588 Virginia Opossums
- 364 Eastern Cottontail Rabbits
- 243 Northern Raccoons
- 222 Marsh Rabbits
- 19 Brazilian Free-tailed Bats
- 16 Nine-banded Armadillos
- 16 Northern Yellow Bats
- 8 Eastern Moles
- 7 Seminole Bats
- 5 Southern Flying Squirrels
- 4 White-tailed deer
- 3 North American River Otters
- 2 Southeastern Myotis Bats
- 2 Bobcats
- 2 Gray Myotis Bat
- 1 Hispid Cotton Rat
- 1 Southern Short-tailed Shrew

## Reptiles
- 113 Gopher Tortoises
- 37 Florida Softshell Turtles
- 30 Peninsula Cooters
- 19 Eastern Box Turtles
- 11 Florida Red-bellied Cooters
- 8 Common Snapping Turtles
- 5 Florida Mud Turtles
- 4 Chicken Turtles
- 3 Black Racers
- 3 Diamondback Terrapins
- 2 Banded Water Snakes
- 2 Mississippi Map Turtles
- 2 Striped Mud Turtles
- 1 Green Turtle
- 1 Ring-necked Snake
- 1 Yellow Rat Snake

## Birds
- 245 Mourning Doves
- 222 Northern Mockingbirds
- 158 Common Grackles
- 127 Blue Jays
- 115 Eastern Screech Owls
- 101 Brown Pelicans
- 95 Northern Gannets
- 81 Ospreys
- 81 Red-bellied Woodpeckers
- 62 Royal Terns
- 58 Great Blue Herons
- 55 Laughing Gulls
- 51 Red-shouldered Hawks
- 39 Chimney Swifts
- 38 Black Vultures
- 37 Sandhill Cranes
- 29 Herring Gulls
- 28 Anhingas
- 26 Carolina Wrens
- 26 Fish Crows
- 22 Common Yellowthroats
- 22 Great Horned Owls
- 21 White Ibis
- 19 Northern Cardinals
- 18 Cory’s Shearwaters
- 17 Double-crested Cormorant
- 16 Cooper’s Hawk
- 16 Sooty Terns
- 14 Wood Ducks
- 13 Greater Shearwaters
- 13 Mottled Ducks
- 12 Black-bellied Whistling Ducks
- 12 Boat-tailed Grackles
- 12 Red-eyed Vireos
- 12 Yellow-throated Warbler
- 11 Green Herons
- 10 Downy Woodpeckers
- 10 Ovenbirds
- 10 Ring-billed Gull
- 10 Yellow-billed Cuckoos
- 9 Barred Owls
- 9 Common Loons
- 9 Loggerhead Shrikes
- 9 Sandwich Terns
- 9 Yellow-rumped Warbler
- 8 Audubon’s Shearwater
- 8 Cattle Egrets
- 8 Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers
- 7 Gray Catbirds
- 7 Pileated Woodpeckers
- 6 Great White Egrets
- 6 Least Terns
- 6 Turkey Vultures
- 5 Wood Storks
- 5 Brown Thrashers
- 5 Common Moorhens
- 5 Killdeer
- 5 Purple Martins
- 5 Ruddy Turnstones
- 5 Snowy Egrets
- 4 Bald Eagles
- 4 Black Scoters
- 4 Black Skimmers
- 4 Common Nighthawks
- 4 Great-Crested Flycatchers
- 4 Peregrine Falcons
- 4 Ruddy Ducks
- 4 Brown Boobies
- 4 Brown Noddlies
- 4 Common Sandpipers
- 3 American Redstart
- 3 Barn Swallows
- 3 Common Ground Doves
- 3 Forster’s Terns
- 3 Least Terns
- 3 Merlins
- 3 Northern Parula
- 3 Pied-billed Grebes
- 2 Belted Kingfishers
- 2 Black-throated Blue Warbler
- 2 Bridled Terns
- 2 Cape May Warblers
- 2 Crested Caracara
- 2 Greater Black-backed Gulls
- 2 Red-necked Phalarope
- 2 Sanderlings
- 2 Soras
- 2 White-tailed Tropicbird
- 1 American Bittern
- 1 American Coot
- 1 American Goldfinch
- 1 American Kestrel
- 1 American Robin
- 1 Bachman’s Warbler
- 1 Black and White Warbler
- 1 Black-bellied Plover
- 1 Black-Crowned Night Heron
- 1 Blackpoll Warbler
- 1 Blue-headed Vireo
- 1 Bonaparte’s Gull
- 1 Caspian Tern
- 1 Clapper Rail
- 1 Common Gallinule
- 1 Eastern Phoebe
- 1 Grey Kingbird
- 1 Hermit Thrush
- 1 Hooded Merganser
- 1 Horned Grebe
- 1 Indigo Bunting
- 1 Least Sandpiper
- 1 Lesser Black-backed Gull
- 1 Lesser Scaup
- 1 Limpkin
- 1 Little Blue Heron
- 1 Northern Fulmar
- 1 Northern Waterthrush
- 1 Palm Warbler
- 1 Pomarine Jaeger
- 1 Prothonotary Warbler
- 1 Red-billed Tropicbird
- 1 Red-breasted Merganser
- 1 Red-headed Woodpecker
- 1 Red-winged Blackbird
- 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak
- 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- 1 Short-billed Dowitcher
- 1 Snail Kite
- 1 Surf Scoter
- 1 Tricolored Heron
- 1 Virginia Rail
- 1 Wilson’s Snipe
- 1 Wilson’s Storm Petrel
- 1 Winter Wren

**This list does not include non-native species**
We see thousands of patients each year, every one with a story. Here are a few memorable ones from 2017.

Red-Shouldered Hawk, patient number 17-0049 was admitted on January 8. It was brought to our facility for care after being observed sitting on the ground. During our initial exam of the patient, it was discovered that the majority of its feathers were in poor condition, cause unknown, making it unable to fly. The patient had to complete a full molt of its feathers and undergo flight conditioning before being deemed ready for release. On July 24th, after 182 days in care, we were excited to see our patient flying free once again.

Gopher Tortoise, patient number 17-0164, was admitted on January 23rd with severe damage to its carapace sustained from a vehicle strike. Her wounds were treated and once healed, she was given time in a pre-release enclosure to re-acclimate to a natural environment. After 276 days in care, she was released back to the wild on October 20th.

River Otter, patient 17-1325, was admitted on April 14th after being transferred from another rehabilitation facility. She was originally found alone and tangled in a roll of wire mesh. River otters are such charismatic animals, and she was certainly no exception. It was very rewarding getting to observe her experience so many firsts while at our facility; her first time swimming, her first time catching live food, and finally her first taste of freedom. She returned to the wild on August 30th after spending 136 days in care.

**Gopher Tortoise**, patient number 17-4252 was admitted on October 1st with a fractured carapace caused by a vehicle collision. This tortoise’s care was truly a community effort. She was rescued by Wild Florida Rescue who transported her to Donna Craig, DVM, of Outback Mobile Vet, for assessment. With the help of her husband, Dale Craig, CVT, of Brevard County Sheriff’s Office Animal Services, they were able to repair and stabilize the shell. She was then transferred to our facility where she continued the rehabilitation process. On December 22, after 75 days in care, she was able to return home for the holidays.
Volunteer Summary

Being a small non-profit organization, with thousands of patients coming through our doors each year, we would not have the success that we do, without our amazing volunteers. Volunteers contribute in every capacity and functionality of this hospital and the time they donate is invaluable. With their hard work and dedication, our patients receive the best care possible and our hospital runs in peak shape year-round.

In 2017, the hospital saw a decrease of 10.05% in volunteer hours performed from the previous year. A large portion of this was due to cleaning up old records and adding hours to the previous year. The hospital also implemented new training classes for all new volunteers entering the facility, as well as designed new advanced training classes for those wishing to further their animal care knowledge and increase their volunteering capabilities with us at FWH.

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers who helped in 2017 and I look forward to working with all of you and many more in 2018!

Chelsea Hohlweg
Volunteer Coordinator

Total Hours: 15,393.08
Value: $371,588.84
Since it’s inception in 2016, our volunteer-based Cadre for OutReach and Education (CORE) has been increasing awareness about the Florida Wildlife Hospital and animal safety in community. In 2017, FWH doubled the number of programs we attended in the community and reached over 6300 individuals. Some of the programs we conducted were at nursing homes, schools, camps, business events, and community festivals.

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In 2016, Florida Wildlife Hospital extended an invitation to volunteers to assist our staff with fundraisers throughout the year. Comprised of both staff and volunteers, the team that was created was exceptional. The team meets bi-weekly to discuss plans for upcoming events, ideas for new events, and ways to improve past events. From adding new, larger fundraisers, to enhancing our existing fundraisers, the efforts of this committee really shined in everything they accomplished in 2017. Raffle prizes are more elaborate, events are more organized, and the results are reflective of all of the hard work this team contributes.

Going forward, we are excited to see how far this committee takes our future events and what new ideas they will bring to our organization.
FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2017 = $21,967

- Wild About Wildlife: $13,471 (27%)
- Baby Shower: $2,514 (12%)
- Hoot in the Park: $5,955 (61%)

The year 2017 was a banner year for fundraising events. We started off by hosting our first ever *Wild About Wildlife* event which was fun and delicious. We hope to grow the event in 2018. If you didn’t attend last year, you missed out on some great seafood prepared by Laurilee Thompson of Dixie Crossroad, hopping music by The Tree Frogs, and lively raffles and auctions. Tickets are on sale now for 2018. We also have room for Event Sponsors. Contact FWH if you would like to learn more about the different sponsorship levels and what you will receive for your support.

In May, we had our 11th Annual *Baby Shower*. Income is not as critical at this event because this is a time when we receive lots of supply donations, just like a real baby shower. Malabar Berri-Patch was a great supporter at this event, with face painting and lots of enthusiasm.

Then in November, we hosted our 4th Annual *Hoot in the Park*. This event includes a dog lure course provided by Swift Paws, vendors, food, and pet photos with Santa. We were in a new location within Wickham Park. Attendance and income at this event was the highest ever. And it was a lot of fun.
The Florida Wildlife Hospital & Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) organization that depends primarily on private donations – not federal, state, or local government funding – for its programs and services. The Hospital works hard to be an effective and efficient non-profit – we strive to keep our administrative and fundraising costs to a minimum so that we can do the best job possible as a wildlife hospital.

Here’s a snapshot of the Hospital’s income and expenditures for 2017:

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TOTAL INCOME FOR 2017 = $487,550.60
Our new radiology machine has helped us better diagnose and treat hundreds of patients this year.