

WILDLIFE RESCUE AND EDUCATION CENTER AND GOPHER TORTOISE HOSPITAL

441 S Woodland Boulevard, DeLand, adjacent to Conrad Park Baseball Field and FloridaWild Veterinary Hospital

It is critical to establish the Center for the following reasons:

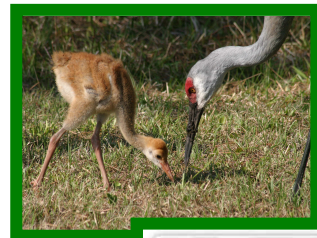
- Space is limited at FloridaWild Veterinary Hospital for sick, injured, and recuperating wildlife
- The wildlife rehabilitator for the west side is retiring the end of 2009
- The avian wildlife rehabilitator in New Smyrna is retiring the end of 2009
- A permanent gopher tortoise hospital is needed for Volusia County's west side

The Center will offer:

- The promotion of tourism in downtown DeLand
- The establishment of a downtown educational attraction open to the public
- Visitors an opportunity to experience firsthand the wildlife rescue process
- A valuable educational site appropriate for school field trips
- Hands-on educational activities for pre-school through 12th grade and for the mentally and physically challenged
- A variety of classes to promote the value of protecting wildlife and its habitat
- An internship program with Stetson, UF Veterinary School, and the Central Florida Zoo
- A partnership with Stetson's Rinker Environmental Learning Center
- Cooking for wildlife classes

The Center will feature:

- An isolation ward
- An exam room
- A wildlife observation room
- Supervised interaction with the public and healthy wildlife
- Educational displays
- A meeting room for environmental groups
- A classroom
- A flight cage for recuperating avian patients
- A fenced area for gopher tortoise recovery
- A gift shop



THE CENTER MUST RAISE \$25,000 by December 1st to be eligible to receive a matching grant to support the Wildlife Rescue and Education Center. The Center is run by ARK, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (#26-0856331) dedicated to the rescue of wildlife and abandoned domestic pets.

PLEASE MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION:

- Visit www.ARKsaves.com then its **WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER DONATION BUTTON** to make a contribution using ARK's secure PayPal Button
- Make checks out to **ARK WILDLIFE** and mail to: ARK, 441 S Woodland Boulevard, DeLand FL 32720

Detach below line to volunteer to staff the Center, feed wildlife, teach classes, be a docent.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Choice of activities: _____