

# ALABAMA WILDLIFE CENTER

# WILDLIFE TIMES



# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who attended or supported our 2024 "For the Birds" Annual Charity Gala. This year's event was nothing short of an incredible night, together raising more than \$35,000 and creating lasting memories with folks who share a dedication to wildlife preservation. This event was not just a fundraiser; it was a celebration of our collective efforts to protect and rehabilitate Alabama's avian inhabitants. Your generosity ensures that our wings at AWC are spread even wider, enabling us to reach further into our mission of protecting our native birds.

At the Gala, we officially launched our capital improvement campaign and announced that we have begun a complete renovation of our clinic. In 1987, Anne Miller moved the Alabama Wildlife Center from her home to inside Oak Mountain State Park Foothills Restaurant. With little funding and a lot of help from volunteers, the kitchen inside the restaurant was converted into the first wildlife rescue hospital in Alabama. Since then, more than 100,000 injured mammals, reptiles, and birds have entered our clinic, in critical need of care.

Now, more than 35 years later, our clinic is finally getting the makeover it so dearly deserved. Join us on April 20th, as we host a renovation reveal ceremony and open house. This ceremony is more than just a showcase of new facilities; it's a celebration of what we can achieve together. It's an opportunity to come together as a community, to share in the joy of our accomplishments, and to set our sights on the future. We invite you to join us for this momentous occasion, to see firsthand the impact of your loving generosity, and to continue writing this incredible story of conservation and care.



**Chris Sykes**  
Executive Director



# "FOR THE BIRDS" AWARDS

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: DR. FRIDDLE



Dr. David Friddle, the visionary founder of Alford Avenue Veterinary Hospital, exemplifies compassion and dedication in his profession. His pioneering spirit extended beyond traditional veterinary care, as he became the first veterinarian to offer free services to Anne Miller at the Alabama Wildlife Center. Throughout his career, Dr.

Friddle has been instrumental in aiding countless mammals, reptiles, and birds, embodying a commitment to wildlife conservation and welfare. His ongoing support, including free services and involvement with AWC's educational birds, underscores his indispensable role in the accomplishments and continued success of the Alabama Wildlife Center.

## SERVICE EXCELLENCE: BECCA GUTHRIE

Becca Guthrie and her family have long cherished their visits to the Alabama Wildlife Center and Treetop Nature Trail, fostering a special connection with the birds there. Following her children's growth into adulthood, Becca embarked on a volunteer journey with AWC, engaging deeply in the clinic, the baby bird nursery, and particularly at TNT. It was at TNT where she found her niche, with the birds visibly excited by the sight of her approaching red car, highlighting a bond that went beyond casual observation to one of mutual recognition. This profound relationship with the Treetop Ambassadors played a pivotal role in Becca's battle with cancer, providing her with a unique source of comfort and strength during challenging times. Now, in a heartwarming continuation of tradition, her son brings Becca's 8-year-old granddaughter to visit the birds, ensuring that the family's legacy of love and care for these avian friends endures across generations.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Renovation  
Reveal  
Celebration

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 20, 2024  
12 PM**





# RENOVATION REVEAL CELEBRATION

You're cordially invited to join us for a momentous occasion – the ribbon-cutting and unveiling ceremony of the Alabama Wildlife Center's newly renovated areas! We'll be showcasing our transformed rehabilitation clinic, state-of-the-art mews, upgraded bathrooms, and enhanced education shed. Come witness the culmination of months of hard work and dedication as we unveil these remarkable improvements. Together, let's celebrate the future of wildlife conservation and the important role these renovated spaces will play in caring for Alabama's precious wildlife.





# BABY BIRD SHOWER

MAY 11TH, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us as we host our annual Baby Bird Shower! Come celebrate all the newborn baby birds being cared for in our nursery.

There will be live raptor encounters, children's activities, cake & refreshments, and much more!

*For our baby bird wish list, please visit our website!*

AWC SUMMER CAMP  
**2024**



**1ST - 3RD GRADERS**

July 8 - 12

**4TH - 6TH GRADERS**

July 15 - 18

*To register your child, please visit our website!*

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## FOUND AN INJURED BIRD?

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