



# The Raptor Chapter Express

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Greetings and Happy Spring! We hope you are enjoying the return of our migratory birds and the greening and flowering of so many of our trees and plants. Winter has been a very dreary, rainy time and we are glad for the change!

Last year's intake of patients was the highest in our 28 years of operation: 251 patients representing 55 different species, including 7 bald eagles. Once again it was literally everything from hummingbirds to eagles! A full report of our rehabilitation work can be found on our website, [www.tracwv.org](http://www.tracwv.org). Our educational outreach was robust, reaching over 11,500 people around the State and into Virginia. Interest in our public tour days at our facility more than doubled attendance, and we expanded our venues to include more private and city parks as well as schools, colleges, universities, camps and libraries. We continue to monitor and report bald eagle nesting data in southern WV and are now also noting reports of nesting peregrines as well.

With the arrival of Staff member Jessy Perrine as our Education Assistant, we are working to expand our 2019 educational outreach further. We hope you can join us for some or all of the programs included in the fliers of this mailing! We have an ambitious list of goals for this year, including improvements for several parts of the facility (some parts are over 15 years old) and expanding our capabilities to house more non-releaseable raptor Ambassadors. TRAC also now has a YouTube channel! We've been adding videos over the last few weeks, more are coming. We hope you subscribe!

One of our goals for 2019 is to expand volunteer opportunities on site. Our March 23 Volunteer Day was our first for the year. Thank you to Tony Dunlap and his daughter Madie Dunlap of Tornado, WV for their hard work clearing sticks, branches and logs from the grounds. We ended up with 3 piles of burnable flotsam and jetsam, all about this size or larger! Thank you so much Tony and Madie - you've made a big dent in the beginning process for our expanded Ambassador mews! We plan to hold more of these special volunteer days this year, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for notices of upcoming dates and times. (BTW: these volunteer days will be great for gals and guys in Scouts!) If you missed participating in the March one, our next Volunteer Day is in April.



We are very excited for 2019 here at TRAC! We hope you can join us for a program, get involved volunteering either on-site or as a transporter for patients, schedule our "Wings of Wonder: WV Birds of Prey" program for your camp, group or school or share information from our Facebook page. Members help pay to keep the lights on and to keep the medications for our patients in stock. Please consider becoming a member today or renewing your membership. See the reverse on this page for more information. It takes all of us together to help wild birds. Thank you!!! - Wendy Perrone, TRAC Executive Director