



Belize Wildlife & Referral Clinic

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2016 Belize Wildlife & Referral Clinic (BWRC) Charitable Services in Numbers

Dear Partners in Conservation:

As a charity one of BWRC's main objectives is to support the Belize Forest Department and partners in carrying out its' mandate as it relates to wildlife. BWRC provides all examination, treatment and rehabilitation for rescued or imperiled government owned wildlife, as well as in field support to approved conservation partners, training and educational outreach FREE of any charge. This includes field rescues, relocation and emergency response as well as support for approved research efforts. Regardless of this being provided as a charitable service we compile invoices for each patient or training session to track the value of services provided to our different partners. This assists with our fundraising and grant writing and is shared at the end of the year with our partners, including you.

We will attach QuickBooks reports by partner and encourage you to ask any questions you may have. The reports are summarized in order to keep the amount of information manageable, but we will gladly share itemized reports with you upon request. For now, you can see service values listed by individual patient and the identification is to be found under "memo" where you can see the first 2-3 letters of the species name (eg. GI = Green Iguana, MHP = Mexican Hairy Porcupine, WFP = White fronted parrot, etc.)

We are excited to share that this charitable value provided by BWRC has increased every year. While in our first months in 2012 BWRC was able to provide 11,291 Bz worth of charitable services to our partners, in 2013 this number rose to 25,689 Bz, 2014 charitable services logged amounted to 35,011 Bz, in 2015 the value reached 46,870 Bz. This demonstrates the increased demands, increased awareness about the service availability and our ability to develop sustainable income sources. As we complete our fourth year since inauguration we continue to develop and grow and work towards the ten-year goal of establishing BWRC as a sustainable, permanent organisation assisting in wildlife medicine and conservation independent of its founders' involvement.

So who were our main charity clients and what were those services provided to them in 2015?

1. Belize Forest Department – Wildlife Program, logged under Government of Belize - GOB

All wildlife patients treated at BWRC or in the field, unless logged under a partner organization (Wildtracks, FCD, Green Iguana, Tamandua Refuge, TIDE, BFREE, BRC). This also includes emergency response for imperiled wildlife or requested assistance in the field (primate relocation, confiscation assistance and others) and training conducted for FD officers and staff.

Total value 2015: **27,360.15 \$Bz**

2. FCD/S6 Friends for Conservation and Development & Scarlet 6 Biomonitoring Team – Macaw Protection Efforts

All assistance provided to the joint Scarlet Macaw Rearing program including training for staff and interns, repeated health checks in the field, extractions of at risk chicks and frequent health care and husbandry at field laboratory.

Total value 2015: **10,390.00 \$Bz**

3. Wildtracks

All primates brought in by Wildtracks for examination and surgeries at BWRC as well as several patients seen at Wildtracks including one manatee and relocations for release (peccaries, deer).

Total value 2015: **4,082.31 \$Bz**

4. Green Iguana project

All green iguanas examined, hospitalized and treated at BWRC as well as training session for new staff. This value does not include our monthly visits to the project to conduct basic health checks on all animals since those are conducted within our wildlife medicine and conservation courses with visiting students.

Total value 2015: **2,858.95 \$Bz**

5. TIDE – Toledo Institute for Development and the Environment

BWRC was elated to assist TIDE with the care and rehabilitation of a critically ill Hickatee turtle that was released in June 2015 after 6.5 months of care.

Total value 2015: **1,027.54 \$Bz**

6. Tamandua Refuge

BWRC provided examination and treatment for 2 injured rescued tamanduas who in the care of specialized rehabilitator Ella Baron recovered completely.

Total value 2015: **569.52 \$Bz**

7. BFREE – Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education

BWRC invited by BFREE to join the medical team for the Hickatee Breeding Programme and Dr. Isabelle as a member of the Hickatee Conservation Network since 2012 joined international experts for Hickatee health checks at BFREE.

Total value 2015: **527.50 \$Bz**

8. BRC

BRC requested BWRC assistance for their educational ambassador animals in December 2015 and we gladly agreed.

Total value: **55 \$Bz**

Total value of logged charitably services provided in 2015: 46,870.97 \$Bz

This was made possible thanks to the support of countless individuals, businesses, fundraising and grant support, as well as our sustainable income sources from visiting student groups facilitated by our partner the Wildlife Institute and domestic referral patients seen at BWRC.

BWRC logged more than 5500 volunteer hours in 2015. Our biggest grant in support of medical care for wildlife amounted to 20,000 Bz thanks to the Summerlee Foundation and our annual Gala raised over 11,500 Bz. Please refer to our recently shared first Newsletter for further info on our annual income through referral services and international educational programs.

BWRC only plays a tiny part in the puzzle of conservation. Thank you for your Partnership without which our work would not be possible.

Sincerely

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