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Please support the Wildlife Rehab Center. The number of animals served each year continues to increase, the resources to support the work have not. Veterinary care, community education and inclusive science-based summer learning programs are made possible with generous private donations and 20,000 hours of volunteer work each year. However, that generosity is not enough to meet the demand for facility upgrades necessary to remain a veterinary resource for the region's injured wildlife.

The \$1.5 million requested in this proposal would allow Chintimini to upgrade its pathways, education facilities and animal enclosures. This work will create a sustainable long-term funding stream because it will make the Center a destination for visitors wishing to learn more about wildlife, interact with non-releasable animal ambassadors and learn about conservation and preservation of Oregon wildlife. Funding will also help make needed upgrades to the hospital facility to support the growing patient demand.