

RHODE ISLAND PARROT RESCUE



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

CONTENTS

Executive Statement	1
Leadership Team & Board of Directors	2
Volunteers	3
Our Impact	4
Year in Review	5
Fundraisers	6
Financials	7
RIPR Graduates	8
Success Highlight	9

Resilience.

Resilience is what pushed Rhode Island Parrot Rescue through 2021 and allowed us to remain focused on the goals we have for our rescue's future.

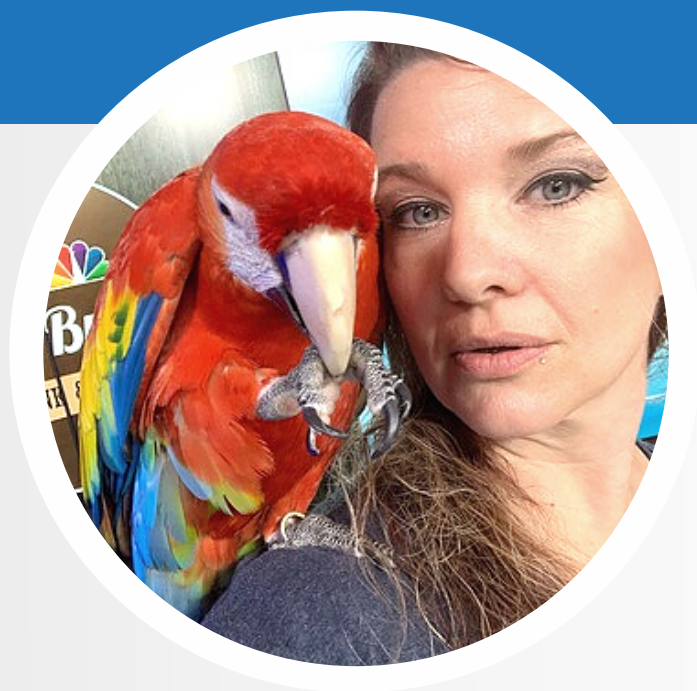
We didn't skip a beat, and we are very grateful for our small but mighty team of dedicated volunteers. They have continued to eagerly give their time, support, and love - even in the face of inclement weather, travel bans, and our strict COVID-19 protocols.

Parrots are resilient too. We work together with trust and confidence to get through times that may seem difficult. Engaging with the parrots in our care allows both human and animal to move past hardships with perseverance, and encourages all of RIPR's staff and volunteers to continue to strive towards achieving our mission.

Armed with the proper tools, RIPR will continue to see improvement in the quality of our flock's lives and the positive effects these creatures have on the humans who put so much effort into caring for them.

It truly takes a village.

CORRIE BUTLER, FACILITY DIRECTOR



STAFF & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Corrie Butler
Facility Director

Christine Spannedo
*Assistant Manager,
Adoptions Specialist*

Nathaniel Mollica
Development Manager

Michelle Lavoie, *Treasurer*
Shannon Somyk, *Secretary*

Dr. Anne Bourke

John Robinson

Bev Penny

Valerie Ashley

Diane Conyers

Shawna Difranco

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Veterinary services provided by Dr. Anne Bourke of **Northeast Bird Clinic**

Additional medical support provided by **MSPCA-Angell**

Financial accounting provided by volunteer **Michelle Lavoie**

Fundraising coordination provided by volunteer **Stacy Inman**

Marketing direction provided by volunteer **Victoria Greenleaf**

Technical support provided by volunteer **Cory Schnepfer**

Enrichment assistance provided by volunteer **Grayson DeBlasi**

RIPR Handmade operations provided by volunteer **Kristie Solecki**

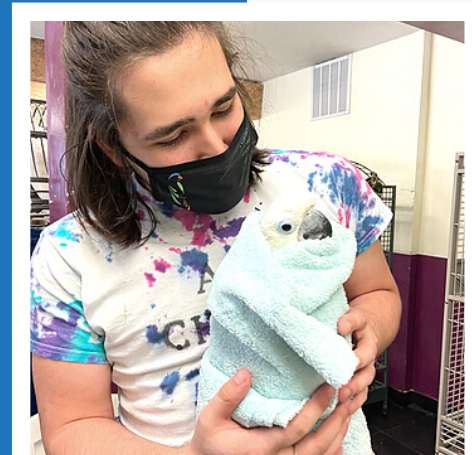
Facility maintenance provided by volunteer **Ray Young**

Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS

Ari Alexandre
Liz Almeida
Jocelyn Aroche
Valerie Ashley
Sheila Blanchette
Taylor Boone
Jenn Buttlar
Maureen Byrnes
Tina Campbell
Heidi Carla
Kaitlin Carnahan
Karen Colby
Brian Comer
Diane Conyers
Cheryl Cotoia
Rhonda Crabtree
Cam Davis
Grayson deBlasi
Shawna DiFrancesco
Ash Esqueda
Jaclyn Galligan
Kim Grace
Victoria Greenleaf
Tammy Hamel-Taylor
Stacy Inman
Gina Johnson
Marie Lailer
Kathy Lapre
Michelle Lavoie
Carlos Lazcano
Tiffany Lounici
Brad Marr
Karyn Martier

Mary McGarry
Shawna McMahon
Debra Mitchell
Bettina Packard
Mo Pierre
Emily Pinner
John Robinson
Nicole Rodi
Blake Rogers
Katherine Rogers
Keyana Rohani
Natalia Rozman
Jonathan Salimeno
Sandy Salimeno
Julianne Saunders
Cory Schnepfer
David Seigal
Jann Sepulveda
Kaitlynn Six
Kristie Solecki
Chanel Sosa
Lylah Stein
Deanne Stewart
Chris Talyor
David Tsitrin
Melodie Vasquez
Laura Venditelli
Meg Warburton
Sandra Watkinson
Juliana Webber
Alissa White
Ray Young
Luisa Zapata



A HOME FOR PARROTS WHO NEED A SAFE PLACE TO LAND.



Rhode Island Parrot Rescue is the only 501(C)3 non-profit in Rhode Island to focus exclusively on rescuing, rehabilitating, and placing exotic birds into qualified homes.

82

Intakes

86

Adoptions

\$145,975.97

Funds Raised

WHAT WE DO

RESCUE | REHABILITATE | ADOPT | EDUCATE

RIPR takes in birds who need new homes through no fault of their own. Working with our dedicated partners and volunteers, we provide each new flock member with a balanced diet, a warm, safe environment, enrichment, and medical care.

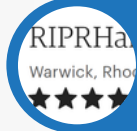
We ensure that each and every new arrival and longtime resident alike gets exactly what they need to thrive while they await their new homes.

A Years' Worth of Growth



JANUARY

Fundraising Leader appointed



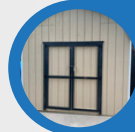
FEBRUARY

Launch of RIPR Handmade on Etsy



MARCH

Marketing Manager appointed

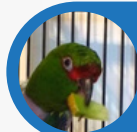


JULY

Installed our new storage shed



Bear, the second to last Weston, CT bird, was adopted



AUGUST

Cricket, the final Weston, CT bird, was adopted



SEPTEMBER

Website update went live



Development Manager appointed

FUNDRAISERS

Operation California



*\$975.00

Summer Raffle



*\$4,475.00

Annual Giving Day



*\$5,340.00

401 Gives



*\$9,321.00

Yard Sale



*\$1,760.00

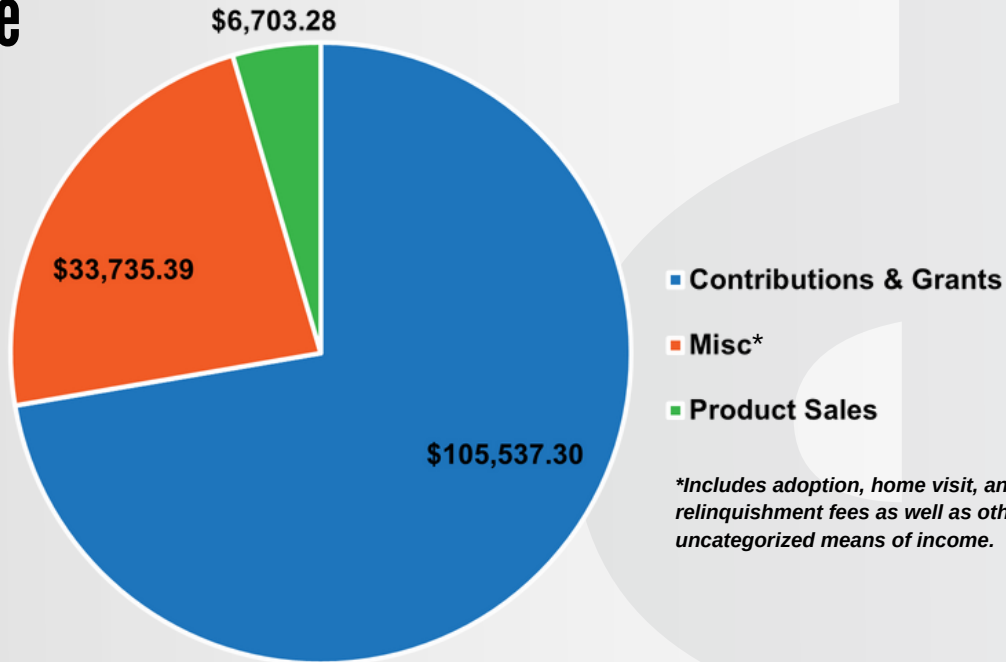
Giving Tuesday



*\$3,080.00

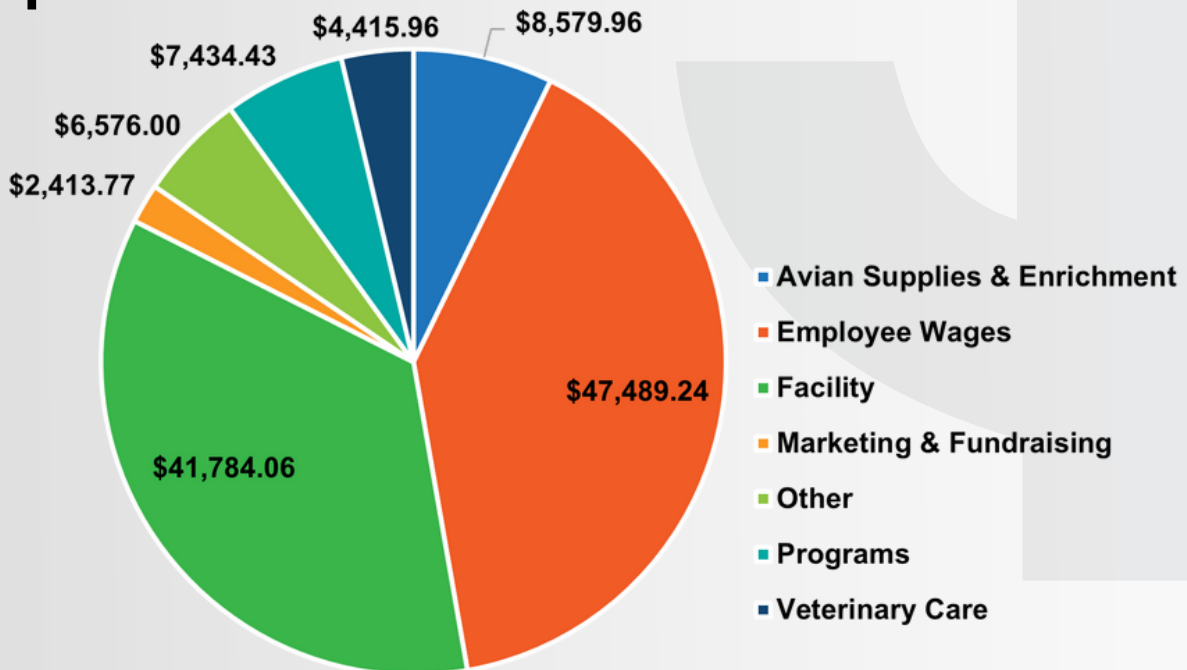
2021 FINANCIALS

Income



**Includes adoption, home visit, and relinquishment fees as well as other uncategorized means of income.*

Expenses



Operating Totals

TOTAL INCOME	\$145,975.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$118,693.42

RIPR GRADUATES



BEAR

Bear, oh Bear. The bodini amazon with quite the reputation! Like a true amazon, this guy either adored you or despised you at first. As his stay at RIPR went on, he became more accepting of others, and he found his sweetheart in our Marketing Manager Victoria! Bear waited almost five years for a home of his own after being rescued from Weston, CT. Fun fact: Victoria discovered his band number traces back to pre-1994! The stories Bear could tell if he could (actually) talk!

CHIRPIE

When we first met Chirpie, our thoughts were, "wow she's so quiet for a cockatoo!" But this 50-year-old lady was just being shy. Since being adopted by Tony and Monique in February, Chirpie has found her voice, her confidence, and her home. Every day, she sits atop her ever expanding throne and keeps watch at the window. Chirpie keeps herself busy chewing up a never-ending supply of cardboard and wooden toys. Sometimes it might take half a century, but RIPR's mission is dedicated to ensuring that our birds will find their homes!



CRICKET

Cricket the slender-billed conure was rescued out of Weston, CT in 2016. Exactly one month before his five year rescue anniversary, Cricket found his home! Cricket had a lot working against him: he plucked his feathers, he wasn't hand tame, he was a senior bird, and he was at RIPR for over four years. He hid behind his mate Mushu, who loved the limelight. Unfortunately, Mushu passed earlier this year due to old age, and Cricket was left on his own to wait for someone to actually SEE him. At the end of the summer, he found his person. Sue couldn't stop thinking about Cricket and all the hardships he had been through. She began to see the personality he had kept hidden. She had all the patience and time in the world to win Cricket's trust and become his forever friend. Since then it's been happily ever after!

SUCCESS HIGHLIGHT

"It's been several months since The Count and Rosie's life changed completely. "

In September, RIPR took in a pair of macaws who had been in their home for 41 years. Their owners were in their 80s and suffering from declining health, and it was a tragic situation for all involved.

When The Count, a hyacinth, and Rosie, a ruby macaw, arrived, we quickly realized that The Count was in pretty rough

shape. It was revealed he had mobility issues caused by arthritis, and the inability to use the rear toes on both feet, which made it difficult to grip or perch. He is totally blind in his right eye, and has partial blindness in his left. The Count has also been fighting a chronic respiratory illness that requires medication twice daily, as well as eye drops. On top of all of this, he also has a heart murmur that can be heard across the room.

Rosie was in much better physical condition, but mentally she was in a state of confusion. The life she had known for 41 years had just been flipped upside-down and now everyone and everything she knew was gone. Due to The Count's condition and rehabilitation needs, their care team decided to house them side-by-side in separate enclosures. Rosie felt lost and alone and would lash out at staff because it was the only way she knew how to express herself.

Over time, Rosie has learned to trust the shift leads at RIPR and she is the biggest, goofiest sweetheart. She enjoys riding on our sweatshirt hoods like a macaw backpack!

It's been several months since The Count and Rosie's life changed completely. The Count has bad days and good days. His care is ongoing and his health condition is slowly improving. Both macaws are on a much better diet than before, although The Count continues to be stubbornly picky. We have found that he loves baby food, bananas, and the freeze dried fruits and veggies from Christine's Chop Shop.



RESCUE | REHABILITATE | ADOPT | EDUCATE

Rhode Island Parrot Rescue

2141 West Shore Road

Warwick, RI 02889

riparrots.org

