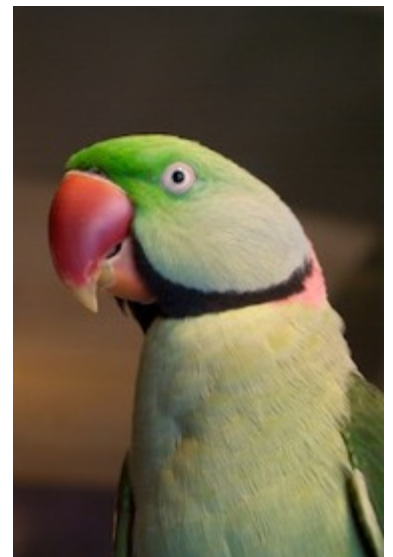
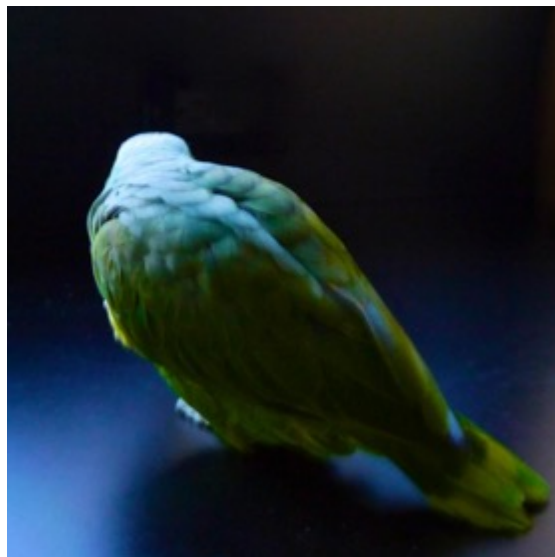


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2015 Annual Report



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**Introduction:
From Factory Farm to Sanctuary**



Nine years ago as Foster Parrots Founder, Marc Johnson, and Executive Director, Karen Windsor, stepped carefully around the filth and debris that littered the old, abandoned property known as Chickadee Farms, it was impossible to imagine anything positive ever coming from such a tragic and decrepit place. Now, as this old farm continues to transform and blossom, it is known for the promise and hope it brings rather than for the lives it once extinguished.

The 2015 year has been one of Foster Parrots' most exciting and challenging years yet. Physical sanctuary development has been in full swing through most of the year, throwing some daunting obstacles in our path in regards to program implementation and routine operations, but also forcing us to re-examine and re-shape our vision for the growth of the organization. The result has been a clearer, more well-defined plan forward and a stronger foundation under our feet. Through all of these changes the Foster Parrots Family continues to grow as a community of like-minded people with common values and a shared dream of creating a world in which the guiding principles are compassion for animals and respect for the planet.

Foster Parrots, Ltd. Mission & History



Foster Parrots, Ltd. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue and protection of unwanted and abused companion parrots and other displaced exotic animals. Working on many levels to bring critical services to birds and animals in transition, we offer life-long sanctuary care for unadoptable parrots and other exotics at our permanent care sanctuary facility, The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary, and provide adoption services for well-socialized parrots who desire human companionship. Our educational initiatives seek to connect children and adults alike to animal and environmental issues, to nurture empathy, and to inspire a sense of personal responsibility and accountability toward the care of our earth and our animals. A staunch advocate for parrots as wild animals, Foster Parrots' conservation work in Central and South America keeps parrots and other animals safe in their natural habitat, and also embodies our ultimate message: *parrots and all wild animals should be free.*

Founded in 1989 and formally incorporated in 1999, Foster Parrots, Ltd. is the largest avian rescue organization in the northeast. We are accredited by **The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries** and are a founding member of one of the country's leading avian advocacy and information organizations, **The Avian Welfare Coalition**. One of the most widely recognized and reputable parrot rescue organizations in the country, Foster Parrots has worked collaboratively with organizations like **The Jane Goodall Institute**, **Born Free USA** and **The World Society for the Protection of Animals** in our quest to bring assistance to captive parrots who have long suffered the consequences of pet trade exploitation and public misinformation.

In 2007 Foster Parrots established the **New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary** on 15 acres of rural land in Hope Valley, Rhode Island. With 8 additional acres acquired in 2013, the facility now encompasses 23 acres and serves as the permanent sanctuary arm of the organization and the center for our regional humane education initiatives, student internships, and adoption program. Nearly 400 parrots representing more than 50 different avian species currently reside at the sanctuary.

Program Review

**Sanctuary Program:
The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary
\$265,843**



The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary is the permanent sanctuary arm of the organization and the center for all of the activities of Foster Parrots, Ltd. Having been under development since January of 2007, this facility encompasses nearly 25,000 sq. ft. of space and currently offers 38 large interior aviaries, 24 corresponding outdoor aviaries, 3 open concept areas, quarantine and medical rooms, 2 full service kitchens, a large education hall and two offices. Our land encompasses 23 acres of field, forest and wetland.

Our resident population of parrots and other displaced exotic animals numbers over 400. This number includes 51 Amazons, 47 macaws, 40 cockatoos, 21 conures, 39 Quakers, 150 parakeets, cockatiels and lovebirds, 4 Senegals, 5 African greys, 8 lorikeets and 18 miscellaneous species (caiques, eclectus, ring necks, etc...). Our non-avian residents include 7 Sulcata tortoises, 9 aquatic turtles, 2 bunnies, a Patagonian cavy, a swan, 2 geese, and one three-foot long female iguana named Zilla.

In 2015 Foster Parrots received over 400 requests from people who were no longer able or willing to continue to care for their parrots. We brought 20 of these birds into the sanctuary, adopted 11 parrots directly out of the sanctuary and helped to orchestrate dozens of transfers and adoptions through our associate organizations in the NEPPCO Adoption Network. We can never thank our partner organizations enough for the work they do and for their dedication to the welfare of parrots in our region.

Foster Parrots & The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary employed 9 people in 2015, all of whom were responsible entirely or in part for the direct care of the birds and animals. An average of 30 – 35 regular, well-trained volunteers dedicate themselves to the lives of the parrots each week. These incredible people form the Foster Parrots Family. They are the heart and soul of the organization, and the reason why we can say that, at our facility, the lives and experiences of each individual bird and animal under our care matters.



Facility Development 2015 – The Lola Legacy \$63,852

When Foster Parrots moved from Massachusetts to Rhode Island in 2007, we set out to transform an old chicken farm formerly known as “Chickadee Farms” into a place of peace and safety for hundreds of parrots and other displaced, captive exotic animals. This was the culmination of **The Lola Project**, Foster Parrots’ inaugural campaign to establish a lifetime care facility for unadoptable parrots. Lola, an old, wild-caught macaw who had suffered terrible abuse and isolation before coming into our care in 2002, was Foster Parrots’ mascot and symbol for all parrots in captivity who languish in darkness and in loneliness – and then have their day in the sun. Lola passed away peacefully in February of this year.

At the beginning of this journey we could not have anticipated the extent to which Foster Parrots would grow in demand as a rescue and educational resource for the community and region. With this increase in demand and our expansion of public services, the need to update the sanctuary building to meet current public safety, fire and ADA regulations become necessary if we hoped to continue to act as a resource for not only our surrounding community but for the animal welfare community at large.

Over the past year we have undertaken the following:

- Renovation of our Quarantine and Medical rooms.
- North Hall renovations including work station, utility closet and laundry.
- Creation of a “geriatric ward” for our elderly parrots.
- Installation of 13 emergency fire safety doors and a series of handicap ramps throughout the sanctuary.
- Further development of our Community Garden including our new Memorial Garden where beautiful etched stones and flowering plants honor the memories of sanctuary residents who have passed, and offers our supporters a special place to memorialize cherished pets who have passed away.



A great deal of work still lies ahead if we hope to meet additional mandated code requirements. Over the next year Foster Parrots will be seeking funding for installation of a whole house fire alarm system, 2 firewalls, a main entrance handicap ramp and no fewer than 3 new aviaries that will help improve the quality of life for some of our special needs birds.

Humane Education & Community Outreach - \$30,979

Foster Parrots kicked off the 2015 year with a demanding education schedule, starting with our National Bird Day Open House event. We welcomed over 100 community members to the sanctuary for a day of guided tours, educational table presentations and opportunities for involvement in the lives of sanctuary birds through volunteerism, adoption and advocacy.



Foster Parrots joined the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and The Avian Welfare Coalition in the production of a Shelter Outreach webinar series that culminated in a dynamic conference, “Raising Standards of Captive Exotic Bird Care” held at Tufts University on March 28th. Organized by Foster Parrots and the AWC, the conference featured speakers, Dr. Anthony Pilny from The Center for Avian & Exotic Medicine in New York, Dr. LoraKim Joyner from One Earth Conservation, Dr. Hank Wiestma from Coventry Animal Hospital in Rhode Island, Foster Parrots Education Director, Michele Parrett and AWC President, Denise Kelly.

Foster Parrots continued through the year with a wide variety of community education initiatives including participation in Rhode Island's Pets & Vets series, collaborative presentations with The Potter League Animal Shelter in Newport and a series of elementary and middle school presentations. The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary serves as a teaching and internship resource for Tufts University Advanced Avian Elective students and other institutions such as Boston College, Providence College and the University of Rhode Island.



Each year in September Foster Parrots' annual Fall Fundraiser Extravaganza welcomes close to 300 guests for an all-day festival event that offers more than opportunities to invest. Sanctuary tours, educational tables and a wide variety of guest non-profits provide a compelling educational experience while guests enjoy the live music of The Adam Ezra Group, extensive raffle and silent auction, a delectable vegetarian/vegan buffet and sponsored beer and wine bar.



Adoption Program – Not Currently Funded



Growing our adoption program is the single-most valuable thing we can do to significantly maximize our effectiveness as a rescue organization and *help more birds!* Currently, our Adoption Program remains unfunded. While we began the 2015 year with an enthusiastic volunteer Adoption Committee, interest and participation has waned and management of adoption activity has fallen primarily on Karen.

Several years ago, in order to broaden the landscape for adoption in the region, Foster Parrots founded the **Northeast Parrot Placement Cooperative (NEPPCO)**, a network of parrot rescue organizations, humane shelters, veterinarians and parrot clubs working together to share information and help more birds find good quality adoptive homes. This model collaboration has

been an extremely valuable resource for Foster Parrots – especially in light of our own limited ability to conduct adoptions at this time.

In the months ahead we will enhance our ability to manage adoptions by establishing our Adoption Center. The planned space for the center will be the large Ed Hall Aviary, which will be set up to accommodate up to 8 adoptable parrots at a time and will incorporate visitor seating and other elements creating a comfortable atmosphere where people and birds can get to know one another prior to finalizing the adoptions. The center will enable us to manage our adoptable population separately from our resident population.

In order to operate our program effectively we will need to explore the possibility of securing funding to support the salary of a full-time Adoption Director. This will be one of our grant funding goals over the next year.

**Conservation:
Hatched To Fly Free: Avifauna Reintroduction Alliance
Costa Rica 2015 - \$12,919**

Project Background:

With a decade of macaw conservation field experience under his belt, New Zealand born conservationist, Chris Castles pioneered breeding and release techniques for Costa Rica’s embattled macaws that emphasized sustained human support, assessment of the unique, individual needs of each fledgling, and a soft release process that has resulted in an unprecedented 95% - 100% survival rate for scarlet and great green macaws released by Chris and his team of biologists in Costa Rica.



Acting as a fiscal sponsor, in 2014 Foster Parrots formed a partnership with Chris Castles in order to establish “**Hatched To Fly Free**”, a new avian rescue and rehabilitation project located on the Osa Peninsula on the southern pacific coast of Costa Rica.

Despite the fact that Costa Rica leads the way in setting standards for wildlife and environmental conservation in Central America, illegal poaching continues and native parrot species including scarlet

macaws (*Ara macao*), great green macaws (*Ara ambiguus*) and yellow-naped Amazons (*Amazona ochrocephala*) have been hit hard by the illegal trade. Once prolific throughout the country, it is estimated that less than 2000 scarlet macaws and fewer than 400 great greens remain in the wild in Costa Rica. Yellow-naped Amazons have all but disappeared in the Guanacaste region and into Nicaragua to the north. Macaws remaining in the wild exist in highly fragmented populations, having been impacted by deforestation, urbanization and other aspects of human development. Reforestation and habitat preservation are critical elements in the survival of parrots and other flagship species in CR.

Phase I: 2014 – 2015 Project Expenses



Land Purchase, Surveying, Legal Fees

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| • Land Purchase – 3 hectares (7 ½ acres) Osa Peninsula | \$145,000 |
| • Topographer/Surveyor | \$2,400 |
| • Legal Fees, permits, Applications | \$2,100 |
| • HTFF Legal Filing Costs | \$650 |

Land & Property Development

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| • Security Gates | \$1,800 |
| • Road | \$2,000 |
| • Boundary Fence | \$800 |
| • Bulldoze, Grading | \$650 |
| • Trees and Plantings | \$2,500 |
| • Land Prep, Maintenance & Labor | \$1,700 |



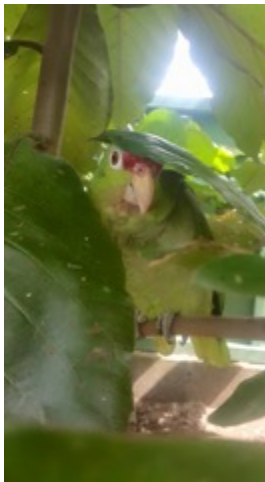
Infrastructure Development & Equipment

- Aviary Construction 25 x 38 \$13,000
- Vehicle Maint. & Repair \$ 5,250
- Non-Profit Filing, Legal Fees \$ 1,200

**Total 2014 – 2015 Expenses
\$179,050**

2015 HTFF Rescue Activity

Although the project is in its early stages without full infrastructure, HTFF is the Osa’s only facility specializing in avian rescue and rehabilitation. Rescue activity commenced in 2015 with the rescue and rehabilitation of a hatchling roadside hawk, a juvenile crimson fronted conure, a blue headed pionus, two red lored Amazons and an injured fledgling scarlet macaw. Construction for the project continues.



Phase II: 2016 Development Goals and Projected Expenses

Staff Accommodation – 2 cabins	\$17,000
Nursery, Medical & kitchen	\$40,000
Water & Sewer Systems	\$4,000
Solar Power System	\$12,000
Generator	\$5,000
Breeding Aviaries x 4	\$22,000
Community & Sanctuary Aviaries Amazons	\$9,000
Aviary parakeet	\$6,500
Rehab, special	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total 2016 Projected Expenses	\$121,500

One Earth Conservation & Ministry - \$14,425



Foster Parrots is proud to partner with One Earth Conservation as a fiscal sponsor and enthusiastic advocate for the tireless work of Rev. Dr. LoraKim Joyner throughout Central America. Working in Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Belize, One Earth Conservation works to save some of the last remaining parrot species in these countries by embracing the essential connection between humans, animals and the earth.



“Mujeres Conservacionistas”

The Extraordinary Impact of Women in Conservation

While field conservation and the sciences have traditionally been the realm of men, it is the women working in conservation who bring the depth, the deeply invested passion for all forms of life and the powers of empathy, intuition, and raw emotion to the field. These are the forces that empower women in conservation. They are also the forces that can shatter and potentially incapacitate us.

Foster Parrots, One Earth Conservation and professional women from throughout the U.S. and Latin America have joined together to initiate an alliance of female conservationists whose incredible contributions to conservation and the unique struggles they face as women in their fields can be shared in written stories, poems, video conferences and meetings.



Financial Highlights 2015

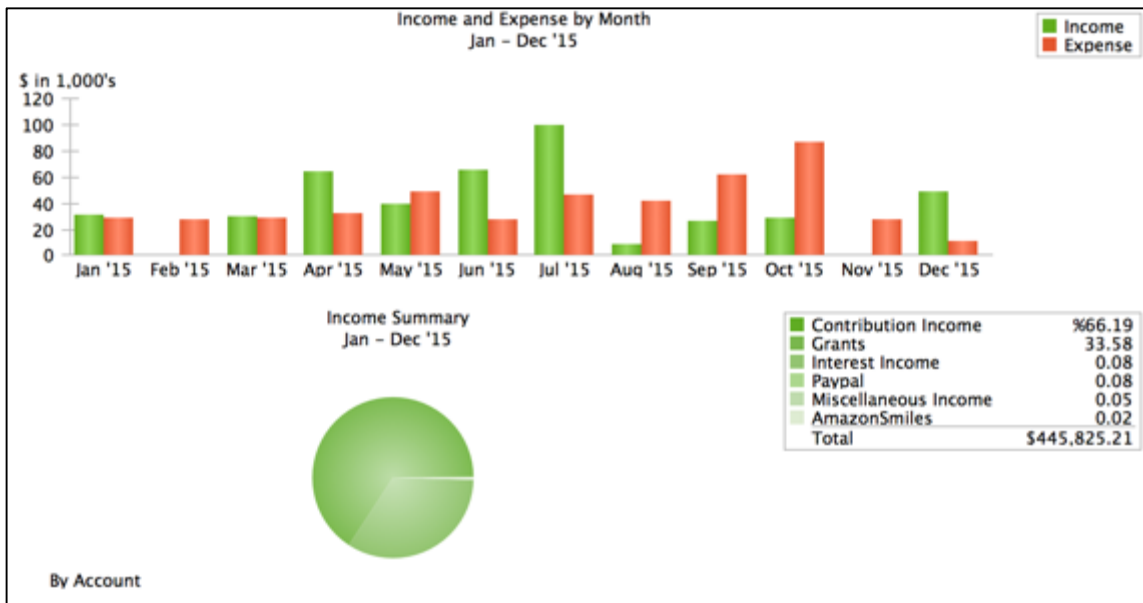
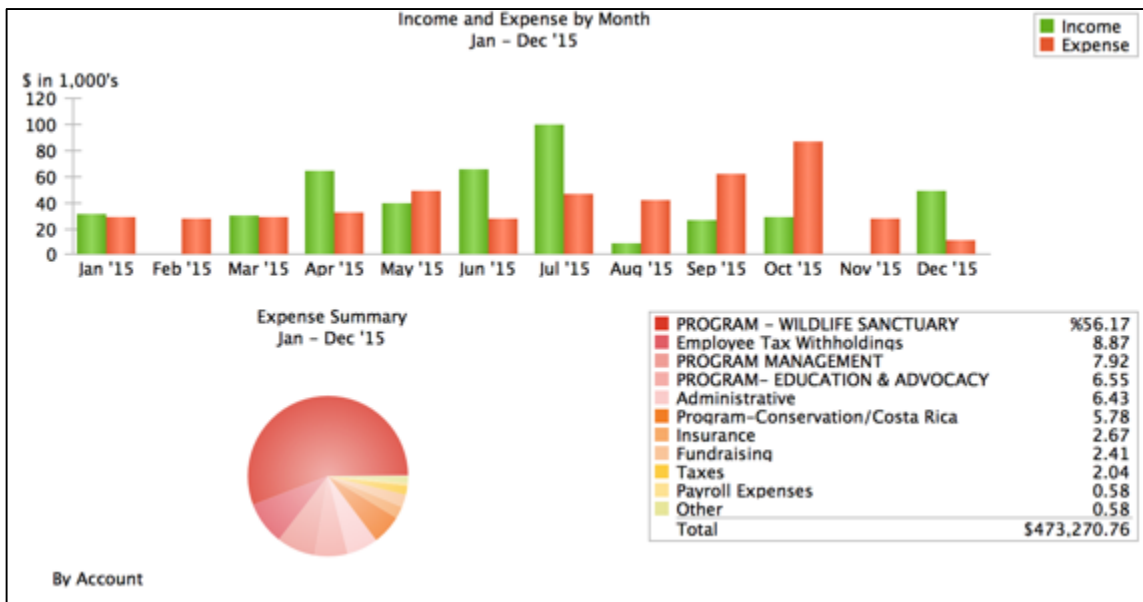
Income Information

Contribution Income	
Restricted	\$ 22,145
Unrestricted	<u>\$272,934</u>
Total Contributions	\$295,079
Total Grants	\$149,700
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,046</u>
Total Income	\$445,825

Expense Highlights

Administrative & Office	\$ 30,444
Fundraising	\$ 11,394
Sanctuary Program	\$265,843
Humane Education Program	\$ 30,979
Conservation Programs	\$ 27,344
Program Management	\$ 37,501
Employee W/H & Tax	\$ 47,468
Insurance	\$ 12,649
Real Estate Taxes	<u>\$ 9,649</u>

Total Expense **\$473,271**



Our Generous Supporters

Every donation made to Foster Parrots, no matter how big or small, is vital to the continuation of the organization and to the care of uncountable parrots inside our walls, across the country and internationally. The most modest of donations are valued as dearly as the largest, and we bear great responsibility in ensuring that every penny is spent wisely and has the intended impact on the lives of the birds and animals we serve. Our supporters are all a part of The Foster Parrots Family. Here is only a partial presentation of our contributors. To these people, and to everyone who supports our work, we can never thank you enough for caring about the birds.

\$500 - \$1,000 Level

Eli Akerstein - \$500
Sheryl & Scott Berg - \$500
Leland Brennan - \$500
Cheryl Bricker Ciampa - \$1,000
Mary Brown - \$500
Linda Brunner - \$700
Malinda Chouinard - \$1,000
Michele Christensen - \$1,000
Camilla Cochrane - \$500
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Craig Cowles & Irene Sinteff - \$1,000
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Susan Davis - \$1,000
Dorian DeSimone & Tracy Newell - \$540
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Betty Emerson - \$500
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Alison Fragale - \$500
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Steven Perlman - \$500
Pet Rock, Inc. \$1,000
Catherine Reuben - \$1,000
Tara Richards - \$550
Christopher & Katherine Rogers - \$500
Mou Shome - \$600
Cynthia Stave - \$500

Gene Taft - \$500
Diana White - \$500
Pauline Wood - \$500
Anton & Bonnie Wroblewski - \$500
Isabella Zagare - \$500

\$1,100 - \$5000 Level

Ahimsa Foundation - \$5,000
A Kinder World Foundation - \$5,000
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Donna Burrell & Jane Eggerstedt - \$4,100
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Lothar & Sarah Hoess - \$2,000
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Seebe Charitable Trust - \$5,000
Ed and Ann Snape - \$3,750
Stephanie Young & Brian Wood - \$2,000
Rolando Vieta - \$1,500

\$5,100 - \$10,000 Level

Trevor Coates & Sandra Leonard - \$10,000
Ed & Sharon Malley - \$8,500
The Martha Morse Foundation - \$7,500
Carol Parks - \$7,000

\$10,100 - \$15,000 Level

Rhode Island Foundation - \$15,000

\$15,100 - \$50,000 Level

Kevin Clark - \$42,000
Vincent J. Coates Foundation - \$40,000
The Pat Palmer Foundation - \$45,000

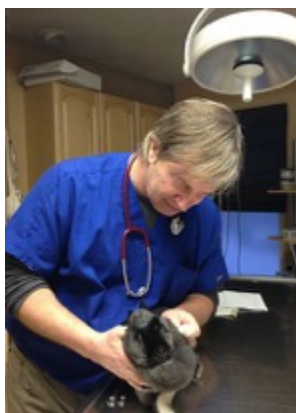
\$50,100 - \$80,000 Level

Susan & Richard Sheridan - \$70,000

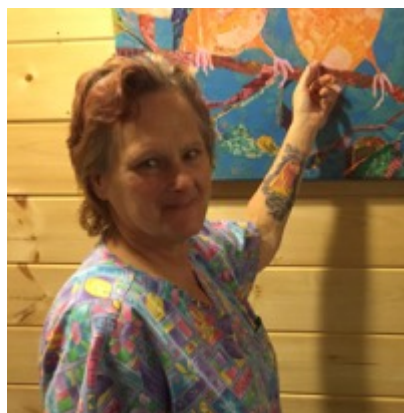
The Foster Parrots Family



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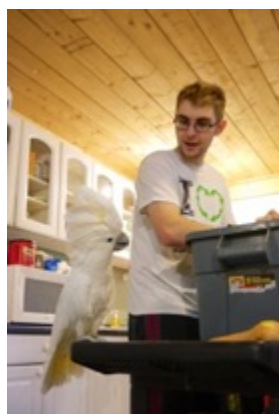
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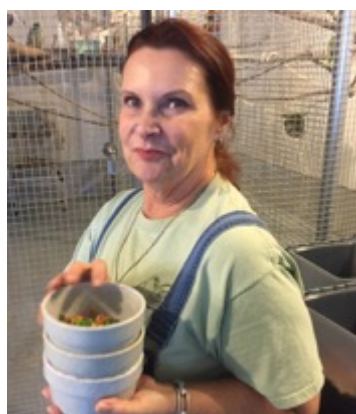
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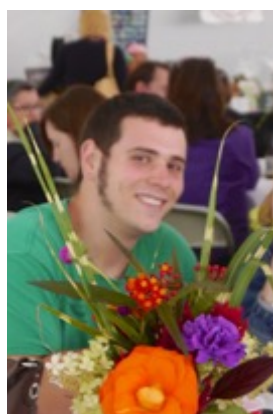
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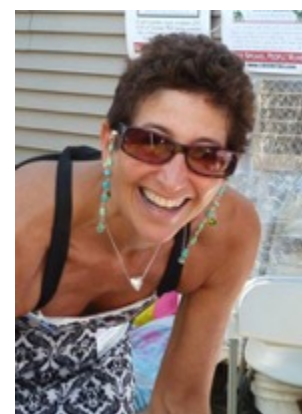
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Executive Director



Marc Johnson
Founder / CEO

Our Volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization. They are tireless in their devotion and commitment to the birds and animals at our sanctuary. Without them, none of this would be possible.

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