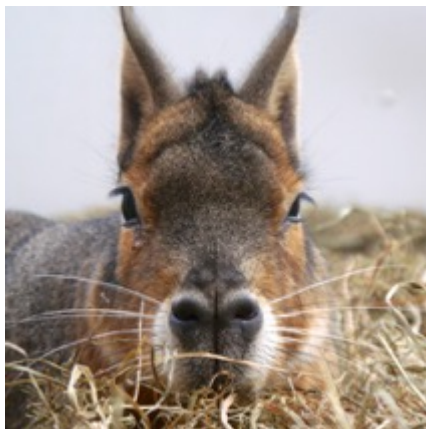


Foster Parrots, Ltd. & The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary



2016 Annual Report



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Foster Parrots, Ltd. Sanctuary, Adoption, Education, Conservation



Foster Parrots, Ltd. is dedicated to the rescue and protection of unwanted and abused companion parrots and other displaced exotics. We offer life-long care to unadoptable parrots and other animals at our permanent care facility, The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary, and provide adoption services for well-socialized parrots who desire human companionship. Our educational programs seek to connect children and adults alike to animal and environmental issues and to inspire a sense of personal responsibility and accountability toward the care of our earth and our animals.

Foster Parrots logs between 600 - 800 requests for the surrender of parrots annually and this is typical of rescue organizations across the country as we struggle collectively to catch the fall-out from the commercial trade in parrots. Many of these birds carry the psychological scars and resulting behavioral issues typical of wild animals raised as “pets”. Even under the best of circumstances it is difficult to locate adoptive homes capable of meeting the needs of an animal as intelligent and socially needy as a parrot. Complicate that relationship with issues of aggression, psychological manifestations of stress like feather plucking or self-mutilation, and vocal expressions that can literally damage human eardrums... Clearly, we are faced with a challenging proposition as we search for answers to an ever-expanding unwanted parrot problem.

Of course, not all parrots are gravely impacted by their captive experience. Many parrots are well adjusted, clever, and intrinsically beautiful animals whose natural behaviors are merely incompatible with human lifestyles – or who, by virtue of their long-life spans, have simply outlived their guardian’s ability to continue to provide care. Regardless of their psychological dispositions, there is one thing that all captive parrots share: the likelihood that they will, at some time in their lives, become homeless or “unwanted”.

The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary

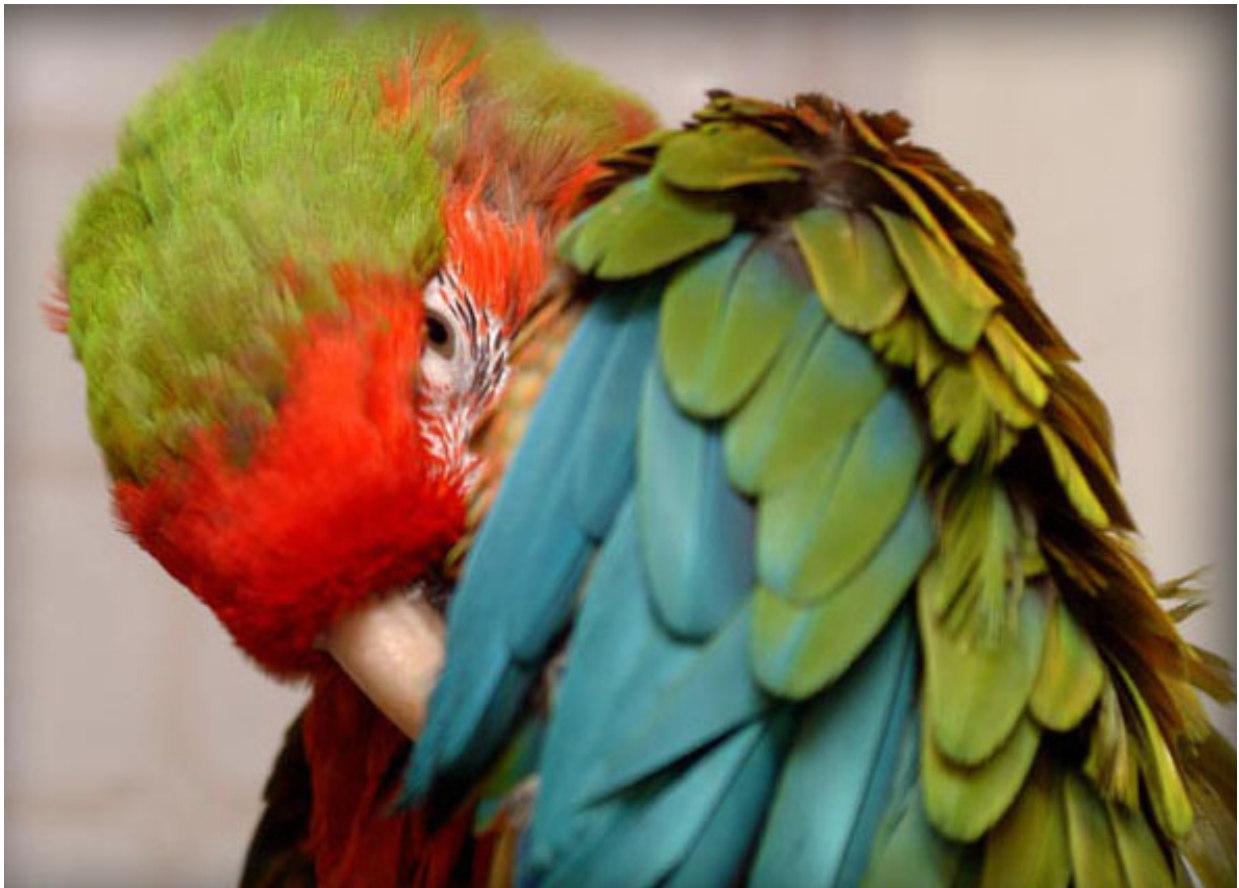
\$408,702.57

Located in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, The New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary sits on 23 acres of field, forest and wetland, encompassing the site of what was once known throughout the region as “Chickadee Farms”, a chicken egg and meat factory farm. Once a place of unspeakable suffering for millions of birds, it is now a place of peace, safety and beauty for over 400 parrots and other displaced exotic animals.

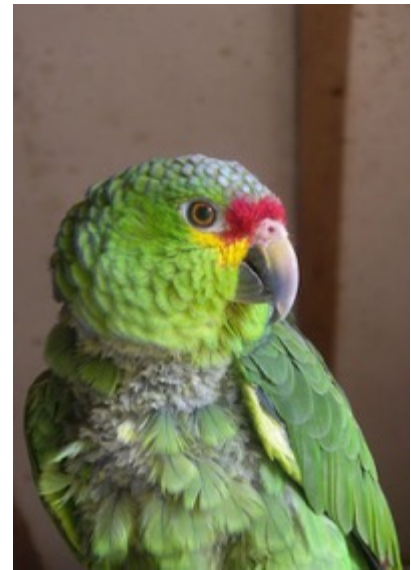
Our sanctuary facility spans approximately 25,000 square feet and offers high quality accommodations for our resident birds and animals in over 40 large, interior aviaries and open concept spaces. Currently, 25 of these aviaries provide access to corresponding outdoor aviaries. As construction on the facility continues, soon all of our resident parrots will have their day in the sun.

Now entering our 10th year at this location, the NEEWS property is under development as a nature preserve and regional center for humane education and animal care services.

Foster Parrots, Ltd./NEEWS is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We are accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries.



Sanctuary Activity 2016



Current Population

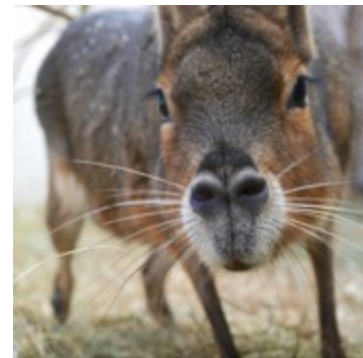
- Parrots - 391
- Turtles - 12
- Tortoises - 8
- Rabbits - 2
- Iguana - 1
- Patagonian Mara - 1
- Hedgehog - 1

2016 Activity

- Total Intakes - 51
- Adoptions - 28
- NEPPCO Adoption Referrals - 23
- Returns - 6
- Total Requests - 682

Sanctuary Financial Highlights

Sanctuary Employee Wages - \$111,455
Fresh Produce, Nuts, Pellets & Specialty Diets - \$47,223
Utilities (Heat, Electricity, Security, Waste) - \$31,293
Animal/Avian Care Supplies - \$7,187
Insurance - \$15,803
Veterinary Expense (out of pocket) - \$10,224



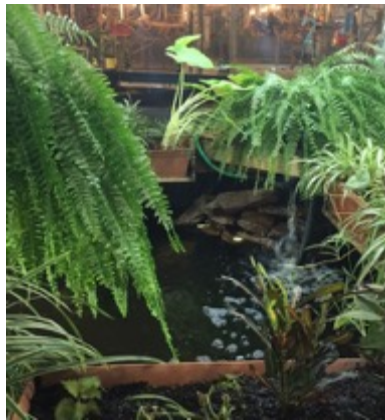
Capital Development 2016

\$172,889



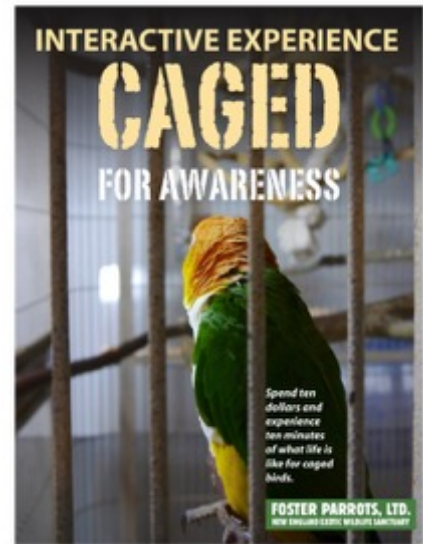
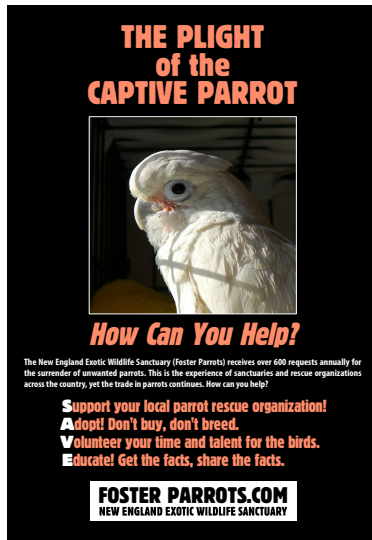
Physical improvements and renovations at the NEEWS were extensive in 2016. A substantial Capital Grant from the **DJ&T Foundation** funded the installation of a whole house fire alarm system and the construction of 2 worker's cabins, providing on-site accommodations for our Sanctuary Director and Sanctuary Manager. Both of these initiatives serve to increase security and safety at the facility.

A great deal of emphasis was focused on improving quality of life for sanctuary residents over the 2016 year, including renovations on our turtle pond, which created an aquatic oasis at our facility, construction of a new conure aviary, a new poicephalus aviary and a large, new parakeet/cockatiel aviary. Large, new windows were added throughout the sanctuary for increased light and fresh air. One of our most ambitious projects in 2016 was to vastly improve quality of life for our viral population in what we refer to as "The Big Q", a section of the facility that safely segregates these special birds from our general population while offering the same kind of quality accommodations enjoyed by all of our sanctuary residents.



Humane Education

\$10,199



We live in a world in which climate change imminently threatens the survival of animal species from polar bears to tree frogs, and will ultimately have a devastating impact on all life on the planet. The lungs of the earth, our rainforests, are being lost at a rate of 150 acres per minute. Oil drilling and mining for metals, minerals and coal destroy sensitive eco-systems and spill chemical toxins into our rivers and oceans, into our air and into our food supply. Animals are tortured mercilessly – and needlessly - in factory farms, in laboratories and in commercial pet mills. As a global society, our values are overwhelmingly self-serving – and self-destructive.



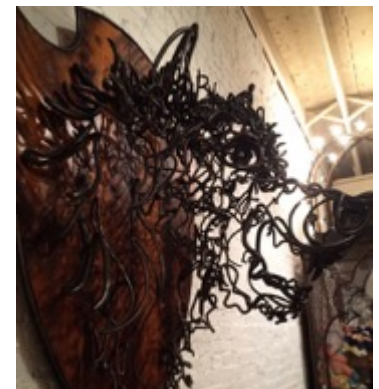
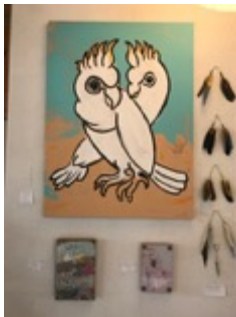
Foster Parrots' Humane Education programs seek to connect children and adults empathetically to the lives of birds and animals everywhere, and to environmental issues that threaten the future for all life on earth. We are a regional resource for grades K - 12 and other community groups including bird clubs, boy and girl scout groups, after school programs and summer camp groups. We offer classroom presentations as well as on-site group tours and field-trips, and are able to customize content to meet a variety of curriculum topics. At the University and College level we work regularly with Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine,

Boston University, Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, Providence College, and the Rhode Island School of Design. Students from these Universities and others around the country are able to earn college credit through internships at our facility. We also work extensively with other regional animal welfare organizations for a variety of educational community collaborations. Conducting an average of 200 off-site and on-site tours and programs each year, we put forth our philosophical view that all animals with whom we share this planet are intrinsically valuable, sovereign beings, and that, as a dominant species, humans are responsible for the protection of animals and the environment world-wide.



Introducing “Feral Arts” - A Unique New Foster Parrots Program

We are pleased to announce the launch of **Feral Arts**, a higher education art program created and directed by renowned urban artist, Travis Moonschein, who has transformed a previously unoccupied, 3,500 sq. ft. garage on site at the NEEWS into an active arts incubator and fully functional woodworking, welding and painting studio. As the Feral Arts program continues to develop over the 2017 year we will host workshops and volunteer opportunities for the greater community, inspiring artistic expression that connects art, animals and the natural environment. A **Junior Arts** program is under development for creative young artists!



Adoption Program \$10,000



In 2016 Foster Parrots received a generous grant from the **Ahimsa Foundation** that enabled us to formally establish the long-awaited NEEWS on-site Adoption Center. This new center will facilitate a dramatic increase in adoption activity at the NEEWS, and in our ability to help more birds. We anticipate our adoption numbers to more than triple over the upcoming year as a direct result of the NEEWS Adoption Center.

Foster Parrots continues to work with the **Northeast Parrot Placement Cooperative (NEPPCO)**. Founded by Foster Parrots in 2014, NEPPCO is a regional network of parrot rescue organizations, humane shelters, veterinarians and bird clubs working together to broaden the landscape for parrot adoptions throughout New England and New York.

Conservation

Hatched To Fly Free: Macaw Conservation - Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica A Foster Parrots, Ltd. Conservation Partnership \$28,420

Hatched To Fly Free: Macaw Conservation is a "Conservation with Heart" initiative dedicated to the rescue and protection of Costa Rica's avifauna species and to the repopulation of her embattled macaws. Through breeding and release methods that embrace each bird as an intrinsically valuable, vital individual, we work to increase numbers and expand last strongholds of scarlet and great green macaws in all of Central America. Our rescue and rehabilitation efforts return injured, captured or confiscated parrots to the wild, and our sanctuary offers permanent refuge to those who cannot be released. Our educational initiatives work to connect children and adults alike to Costa Rica's wildlife and to inspire widespread participation in wildlife protection efforts.



Rescue, Rehabilitation, Release 2016

Still a young project in its beginning stages of development, HTFF enjoyed a series of successes starting early in the year when, thanks to a generous grant from the **Vincent J. Coates Foundation** and several private investors, construction commenced on the primary medical building and nursery. The facility offers a full kitchen, nursery, small pre-release aviary and upper floor holding quarters.

HTFF's primary activity in 2016 was focused on the rehabilitation and release of rescued nestlings from fallen nests, injured birds and illegally poached/confiscated birds. In 2016 HTFF received a total of 22 parrots and successfully released 17 of these as follows:



Species	Received	Released
Red Lored Amazons (<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>)	7	6
Pionus (<i>Pionus senilis</i>)	1	1
Crimson Fronted Conures (<i>Aratinga finschi</i>)	2	2
Orange Chinned Parakeets (<i>Brotogeris jugularis</i>)	8	8
Mealy Amazons (<i>Amazona farinosa</i>)	1	
Scarlet Macaws (<i>Ara macao</i>)	3	



One Earth Conservation - Central and South America
A Foster Parrots Conservation Partner
\$26,835

“One Earth Conservation rises to the challenge of working in Central America by supporting and nurturing individuals through inner work, and also by directly leading outer work towards nature and other beings. We inspire, motivate, educate, and support people there to take care of themselves, their organizations, wild parrots, and the biological community by developing their awareness and understanding of nature, especially human nature as it relates to all of nature.”



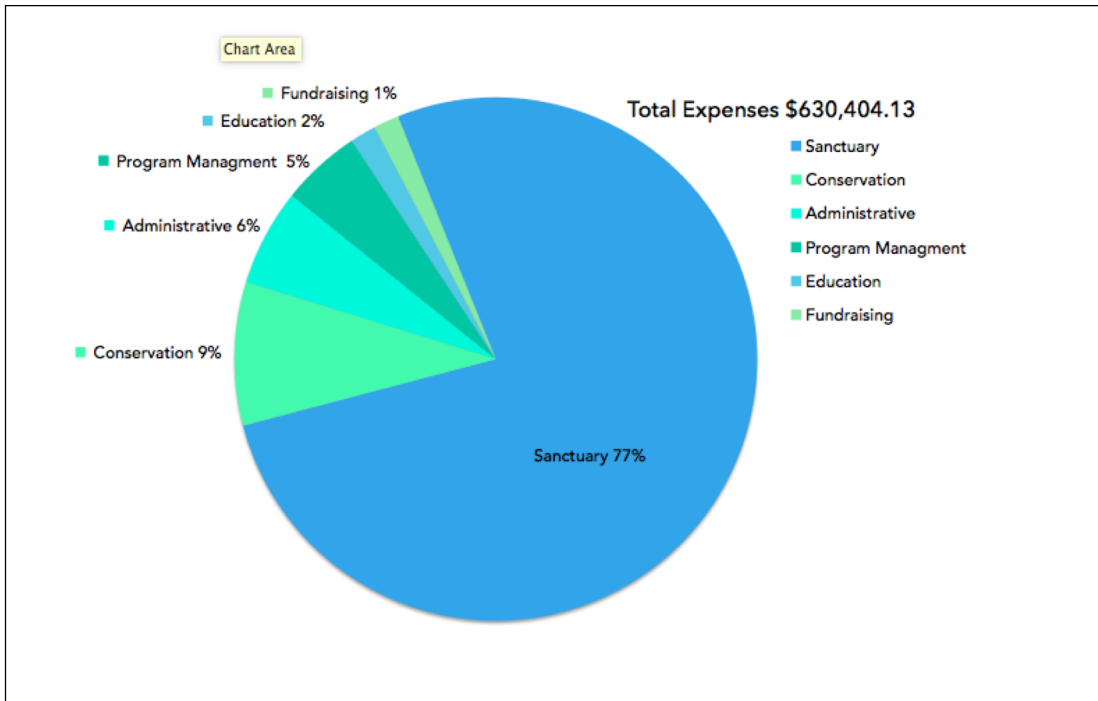
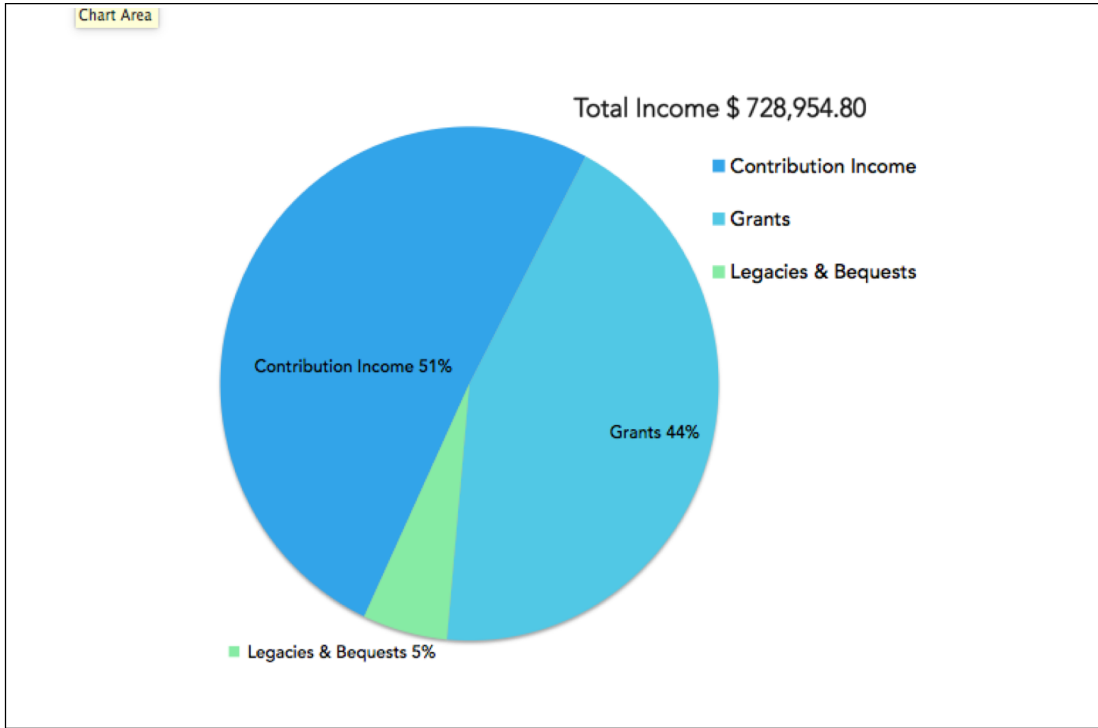
Partnering with NGOs and villages from Belize to Nicaragua, **One Earth Conservation** is working throughout Central America to gather information about the status of embattled parrot species including the scarlet macaw, yellow-naped Amazons and yellow-headed Amazons, and to initiate village based protection efforts that are saving Central America’s flagship psittacine species. In La Moskita, Honduras where nest poaching of scarlet macaws was happening at a rate of 100% in previous years, in 2016 One Earth and the people of La Moskita prevailed, and not a single baby macaw was claimed by the illegal trade. Population studies and nest monitoring efforts in Nicaragua and Guatemala are defining the future and bringing hope to endangered yellow-naped parrots.

Late in 2017 One Earth and Foster Parrots will be joining together to return to Guyana in order to survey the status of Guyana’s parrot species - particularly the highly endangered sun conure - and begin to initiate village participation in protection efforts there. Guyana is one of only two South American countries that still permits legal trapping and exportation of wildlife.

Serving as the fiscal sponsor for One Earth, Foster Parrots helped to raise and processed close to \$27,000 in grants and donations for One Earth in 2016. One Earth expects to achieve its own non-profit status in 2017.



2016 Financial Highlights



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.

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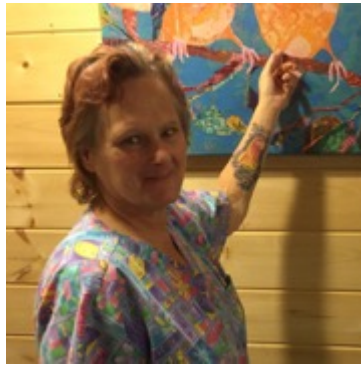
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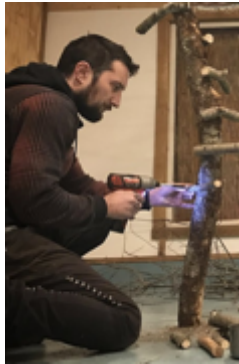
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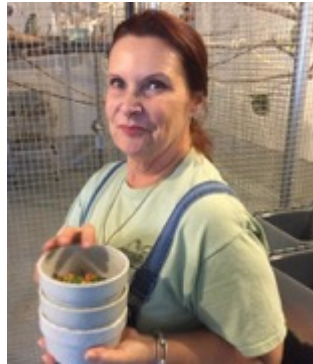
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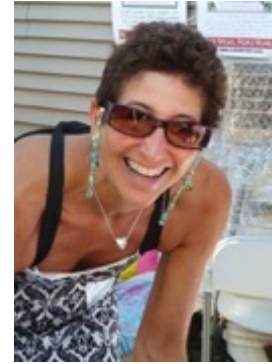
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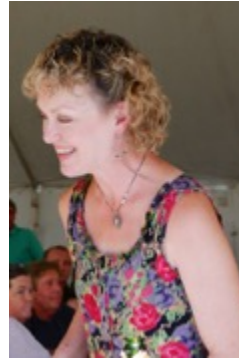
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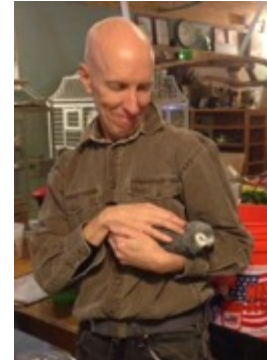
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