

Spring 2021

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We have some "turtle-y" amazing news to share!

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre is building its forever home!

"Where Community and Conservation Connect"

Thanks to you, we have renovated two buildings at our new site; a 100-acre farm 10 minutes from our currently leased site. *This was Phase 1 of our long-term plan and has added over 3,000 sq. ft. to house recovering turtles!* And we were successful because of our generous donors. Thank you!

<u>Phase 2</u> involves building our own permanent facility on this same property. The OTCC has partnered with the landowners, Mary and Gerry Young, to form an irrevocable Trust, ensuring OTCC has a secure home and that the Youngs' vision for their property is protected. We plan to build a new 10,000 sq. ft. building that will house our new hospital - including ICU, hatchling area, and education centre; allowing greater capabilities for all.

We are over three-quarters of the way towards our goal!

You can help us reach it!

Visit our website at <u>ontarioturtle.ca</u> to see more details about our plans, and to visit the site virtually... complete with drone footage!



More space and scope for all our programs translates into more turtles saved and greater impact on conservation

Artist's depiction of our proposed new site! (Thank you, Ray McNiece, for donating your talents for this.)

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Yes, I want to support the OTCC's new facility! We welcome donations of all sizes! Donations over \$1,000 will be listed in our Capital Campaign report. □ I would like to donate \$ □ I would like to discuss a naming opportunity* * Please contact info@ontarioturtle.ca for our Donor Recognition Package □ Please find enclosed my cheque, or □ Please charge my credit card: Card # Expiry / CVV			One of the hundreds of turtles already
	Signature:		benefitting from the extra space at our new location, thanks to supporters such as yourself!
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Why do we need a new facility?

Our current location is limited in space and scope... a new dedicated facility and grounds will provide opportunity to have a greater impact on conservation by having...









All necessary surveys and plans have been completed, and we aim to start construction next year!

Donations of **any** size are welcome!

Naming opportunities are also available...

OTCC's new home: Where Community and Conservation Connect

Thank you so much for all you continue to do, to help Ontario's turtles and the habitats where they live.

Together, we truly are making a difference!

Sincerely,

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Dr. Sue Carstairs

Executive and Medical Director, Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre

Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre is the operating name of the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre; Charity Number 857524409

GIFT SHOP

Our gift shop features many items that are both useful and fun to own – and all sales support the mission of the OTCC! Shop online at www.ontarioturtle.ca or come visit us in person to check out some one-of-a kind items.

Get all decked out for summer!

SAVE TURTLES AND TAXES – DONATE SECURITIES

Donating publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, segregated funds) may provide you with significant tax benefits. Transferring securities listed on a public stock exchange directly to OTCC means you may not pay tax on capital gains. This may provide you with a tax saving of up to 50% and may be a greater tax savings than donating the cash proceeds from the sale of the securities, and you get a tax receipt based on fair market value. Contact us for more information – info@ontarioturtle.ca

PLANNED GIVING

A legacy gift can have a tremendous conservation impact for years to come. It can assist in reducing taxes owed by your estate, while supporting your values & beliefs. Professional financial advice is strongly advised! For more information, email us at info@ontarioturtle.ca.

DONATE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OR SKILLS

Our website "Wish List" covers it all!

https://ontarioturtle.ca/donating-non-monetary/

We also have an Amazon wish list: https://amzn.to/2VVYBMb

We LOVE and value our volunteers. Please email us at volunteer@ontarioturtle.ca if you have time and/or specific skills to donate!