

"Where Community and Conservation Connect"

Spring 2022

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This winter we have been very busy as usual! We have been **taking care of 1500 turtles** and getting them fit and strong for release! **In 2021, we released a total of 2337 turtles!** These turtles were returned 'home' to their native wetlands across Ontario. **That's over 2,000 turtles that we prevented from being lost** to their populations! In addition, our Hatchling Program and Education Program have been hopping! We are also currently preparing for the 2022 Fieldwork season.



Right: One of 1500 turtles overwintering with us! This Blanding's will have her wires removed and will be microchipped, prior to being released to her home wetland this spring.

As a registered charity, we rely on donations to carry out our vital conservation programs – so a BIG THANK YOU to all of our supporters, for making our work possible!

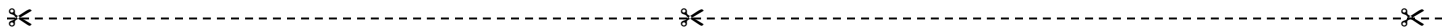
This spring, we are asking you to support the OTCC's 2022 programs:



Above: These map turtles are one clutch of hundreds hatched at the Centre. All will be returned to their mothers' wetlands.

1. Our **HOSPITAL**, that admits over 1,500 turtles annually from across the province. Every turtle saved is vital to their population.
2. Our **HATCHLING PROGRAM**, that incubates 5-6,000 eggs annually. These come from injured turtles admitted to our hospital.
3. Our **EDUCATION PROGRAM**, that carried out 310 virtual events in 2021. We directly engaged with 8,600 people, motivating them to get involved with conservation!
4. Our **FIELDWORK**, radio tracking juvenile Blanding's turtles (a globally Endangered species) that were hatched at the Centre. We compare their behaviour and survival to wild-hatched juvenile Blanding's turtles. *This project is key to showing how effective 'headstarting' can be, to bolster populations!*

Donate now using the form below, on our website at ontarioturtle.ca/donate, or by calling us at 705-741-5000



Yes, I want to support the OTCC's Conservation Programs!

\$500 \$250 \$150 \$100 \$50 Surprise us _____

Please find enclosed my **cheque**, or Please charge my **credit card**:

Card # _____ Expiry ____/____ CVV _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Direct my donation: Conservation programs Capital Campaign Greatest need

Complete if your contact information has changed:

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Also! ***You can still support our Capital Campaign to construct a new centre!*** This new facility will accelerate our impact in rehabilitation, research, and education. The hospital will be larger and purpose-built, allowing us to treat more turtles and increase our scope as a training facility for veterinary professionals. The education centre will have greater capacity and improved accessibility, offering more opportunities for the public to be part of our programs.

We aim to start construction in 2022!

Help us pave the way to a brighter future for Ontario's turtles!

Purchase your custom-engraved paving stone that will line the pathway entering our new facility – individualize it to show your support and immortalize your name, an event, or a loved one! Not only that, but you will also receive a tax receipt for a portion of the cost! Please see enclosed order form for details or visit ontarioturtle.ca/brick to purchase through our online store.



Left: Map showing our 2021 hospital admissions and where they came from.

Seven of our eight species of turtles are considered Endangered, Threatened, or Species of Special Concern. Every turtle counts!

40 First Responders across the province help get these turtles immediate care.

1,000 Turtle Taxi volunteers help to get these turtles to our hospital! Sign up by emailing volunteer@ontarioturtle.ca.

**Thank you for helping us to get these turtles back home safe and sound!
Healthy wetlands depend on it!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Sue Carstairs
Executive and Medical Director, Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre

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

Looking for another way to help? Consider one of the options below:

GIFT SHOP	PLANNED GIVING
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/shop or come visit us in person to check out some one-of-a kind items. Get all decked out for summer!	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 and beliefs. Professional financial advice is strongly advised! For more information, email us at info@ontarioturtle.ca .
SAVE TURTLES & TAXES – DONATE SECURITIES	DONATE EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OR SKILLS
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 could be a tax savings of up to 50% and may be greater savings than donating the cash proceeds from the sale of the securities. Plus, you'll get a tax receipt based on fair market value. Contact us for details at info@ontarioturtle.ca	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!