



Spring 2023

Dear Friends and Supporters,

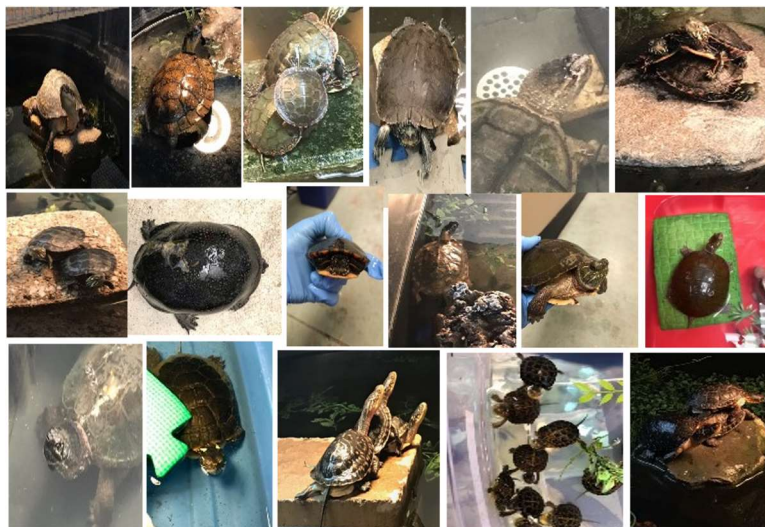
As you know, Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre is embarking on our biggest venture to date and we are excited to share that **we have started construction on our new facility!** The response to our Capital Campaign has been phenomenal.

Now you can help **Get Us Over the Top,** to ensure the new facility meets all its goals, now and for the future...

“WHERE COMMUNITY AND CONSERVATION CONNECT”

An Urgent Need...

The need to conserve our at-risk turtles and their wetland habitats has never been so pressing. Rapid habitat loss and encroachment from roads and recreational activities are having an increasingly devastating effect on our turtle populations.



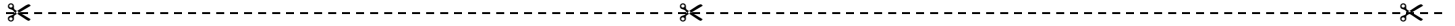
A Powerful Response...


Admissions to OTCC’s hospital have quadrupled in a few short years. The rapid increase in admissions, eggs, hatchlings, program attendance, and involvement of the community has pushed our current facility well beyond capacity. With over 3,000 turtles currently overwintering, our Centre is overflowing! *Just a few of these turtles are shown at left.*

All of these turtles will be returning to their home wetlands this summer, thanks to you!

Our new facility will help ensure that our at-risk turtle populations and their wetland ecosystems are protected and conserved into the future. A new purpose-built facility will enable OTCC to realize key conservation goals by significantly increasing our capacity to rehabilitate injured turtles and head-start hatchlings, in order to help stabilize declining populations and replenish our life-sustaining wetlands. In addition, it will allow OTCC to grow programs, increase attendance and diversify revenues, ensuring organizational sustainability.

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



<p>Yes, I want to support the OTCC’s turtle hospital!</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Surprise us _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please find enclosed my cheque, or <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my credit card:</p> <p>Card # _____ Expiry ____/____/____ CVV _____</p> <p>Name: _____ Signature: _____</p> <p>Complete if your contact information has changed:</p> <p>Name: _____ Street: _____</p> <p>City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Email: _____</p>		 <p>Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre 4-1434 Chemong Rd Selwyn ON K9J 6X2 705-741-5000 info@ontarioturtle.ca</p>
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The Site

Our new site is being gifted to us through the exceptional generosity of Mary Young and Gerry Young, owners of an extraordinary 42.5-hectare property 10 minutes from our current location. This has become their Living Legacy. This site is situated in an important corridor that connects waterways, wetlands, and natural areas in the Otonabee River Watershed.

Suburban housing development is encroaching on the area, intensifying the need to protect biodiversity and provide a natural oasis for educational and recreational purposes. As a conservation organization, we are putting sustainability at the heart of the new building, and ensuring that it conserves and celebrates the site's natural and agricultural heritage. As well as being a world-renowned hospital, it will act as a showcase to educate on turtle conservation stewardship actions, along with such initiatives as pollinator gardens, and native gardens.

The artist depiction shown at top was generously donated by artist Ray McNeice. Below is an aerial view of the property whose vegetation communities include a pond, cultural meadow, early succession forest, cedar forest and thicket swamp.



How can you help Get Us Over the Top?

- Select Naming Opportunities are still available – contact info@ontarioturtle.ca or call 705-741-5000 to find out more.
- For each donation of \$1,000 or more, a personalized plaque will be placed on our Donor Wall in our new facility, to show all those who helped *get us over the top*.
- We have 5 Corporate Sponsorship Packages available – contact info@ontarioturtle.ca for details.
- Purchase a personalized brick that will be placed at the entranceway! Go to ontarioturtle.ca/brick to order. While you're there, browse our amazing turtle merchandise – clothes, jewelry and more!
- Donations of any size are welcome, of course! It all matters – together we always make a difference!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT! Thanks to a generous donor, the first \$10,000 in donations will be matched!

With sincere thanks,

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

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

GIFT SHOP	PLANNED GIVING
Get all decked out for summer! Our gift shop features many items that are both useful and fun to own – and 100% of sale proceeds support OTCC's mission! Shop online at www.ontarioturtle.ca/shop or come visit us in person to check out some one-of-a kind items.	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!