



Wildlife Rehabilitation and Relocation

*Dedicated to limiting the further loss of Arizona's  
native birds of prey*

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**It Takes A Community**

*by Sue Helton and Sam Fox*

In 1997, Bob and Sam Fox were waiting for approval on the purchase of the property where they are now located in Cave Creek. *Wild At Heart* had outgrown the former residence and desperately needed room to expand. One day Scout Troop 109 was attending a *Wild At Heart* educational program. Troop Leader Barry Smith was extremely impressed with *Wild At Heart*. It didn't take him long to determine he wanted to become involved with the organization. After hearing about their upcoming move, Barry offered to help with the development of the new facility.

*Wild At Heart* could not possibly have imagined the magnitude of this offer. Barry and his wife, Christy, are the owners of Casas del Oso. The luxury custom homes they build have been featured in design and architecture publications both locally and nationally. Friends and business contacts of the Smiths were going to learn all about *Wild At Heart* in the upcoming months!

The Educational Bird Dormitory was the first project on the list. Michael Johnson, an architect and friend of Bob and Sam's, drew up the original design for the dormitory. The plans for the addition were beautiful and functional....and far beyond the capabilities and resources of *Wild At Heart*. Barry looked at the plans and said, "I would like to build this". And he began to organize the project. The abundant donations of skilled labor, materials, and funding for the project were astounding. It seemed as if the entire construction community was pulling together to help the Smith's build the dormitory.

A year later, after the dormitory was finished, Barry and friends transformed the functional (but bare) "hospital" room into a very fine, professional critical care treatment area. We felt so proud to see how our local community came together to make *Wild At Heart* a model facility for wildlife rehabilitation.

The pride of workmanship is evident throughout *Wild At Heart*. It was never good enough to "just get the work done". It needed to be done right! Barry's attention

to detail and creative handiwork added so much and gave *Wild At Heart* the professional look so many visitors have admired.

*Wild At Heart* continues to be the fortunate recipients of our community's kindness. When the community steps in to help, direct, or fund various projects, *Wild At Heart's* volunteers are freed up to do the many other tasks required to keep the facility running smoothly.

Thank you to Barry and Christy Smith and those who also gave so generously of their time, materials, and funds to help build *Wild At Heart*.