

Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital Strategic Plan

1. What we aim to solve?

How would you summarize the problem or need your organization is working to address?

Our organization is working to improve the knowledge of our community so they can make informed decisions and take responsible actions to improve our natural world and the lives of its inhabitants.

2. What is your organization aiming to accomplish?

Briefly describe your organization's goals here

The Coral Springs Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital, dba: Sawgrass Nature Center and Wildlife Hospital, is a 501c3 organization dedicated to native wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education since 1995. The mission is to educate the public about South Florida's unique culture, environment and the many species it contains, to promote healthy living, outdoor activity and to provide excellent care for sick, injured or orphaned native wildlife. Our vision is a community that understands and values the natural world and its inhabitants and has the knowledge to make informed decisions and take responsible actions.

3. What are your strategies for making this happen?

Briefly describe your organization's strategies here

Strategy 1 *To educate and inspire our community to make responsible and informed decisions with regards to our natural world.*

Strategy 2 *To improve the lives of and protect the populations of our native Florida animal species through education and native*

wildlife rehabilitation and release.

4. Capabilities: What are your organization's capabilities for doing this?

Briefly describe your organization's capabilities for meeting your goals here

We provide meaningful environmental education to youth and adults through presentations, visitation opportunities, day camps and community outreach.

We provided inclusive and immersive educational field trips for K-12 students.

We provide leadership opportunities for adults and youth through a work ready volunteer program focused on community service, environmental education and animal husbandry.

We are a community resource for animal and environmental conservation information.

We provide the community with native wildlife rehabilitation services.

5. Progress: What have you accomplished so far and what's next?

Briefly describe your organization's progress here

- In 2022, we reached over 56,000 people with our message through social media platforms and programs. From that number, over 9800 people were reached directly through educational programs and in-person visits.

-Over 421 volunteers served over 10,000 hours.

-Over 1200 animals were admitted to our rehabilitation hospital and we offer permanent refuge to over 70.

-We developed new opportunities for student leadership through our Summer Docent, Camp Counselor and Counselor in Training programs.

-We strengthened our organizational sustainability and resiliency through infrastructure upgrades and improved fiscal stability.

- Our goals for 2023 include increased capacity through equipment investment in hospital, expansion of educational and volunteer opportunities, board development and strategic planning.