



Celebrating 30 Years

This year, Le Nichoir proudly marks 30 years of dedication to the care and conservation of wild birds. Born of a passionate desire by our four founders to rehabilitate injured and orphaned birds, Le Nichoir has grown to become the largest centre of its kind in Quebec, admitting more than 2,500 songbirds and aquatic birds, annually. Not only have we steadily refined our bird care capabilities, along the way we've introduced educational programs to build public awareness of the survival challenges birds currently face. Our reputation has also grown to the point where we are now a trusted and knowledgeable bird care resource nationally and internationally.

From day one, Le Nichoir has been incredibly fortunate to have a community of donors, volunteers, partners, and sponsors who share our commitment. Your support has been essential every step of the way. From funding critical care to lending a helping hand during busy seasons, each of you has played a vital role in aiding Le Nichoir to survive and thrive for three decades. You are not just supporters—you are part of the Le Nichoir family.

As we celebrate this milestone, we reflect with sincere gratitude on the efforts of so many and we look forward to the future with optimism. Our success is a testament to the compassion, care, and community that surrounds Le Nichoir. Thank you for being an essential part of our story.

Susan Wylie
Executive Director



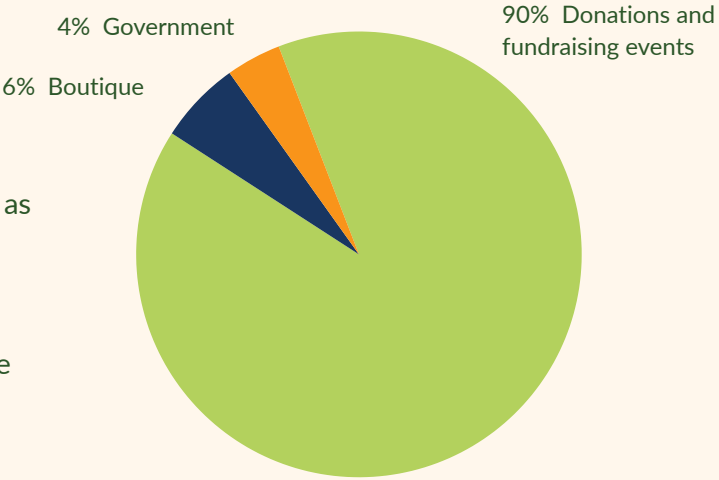
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More about Le Nichoir

Every year, Le Nichoir’s team cares for more than 2,500 wild birds. Many arrive after being unintentionally separated from their parents as nestlings, injured in window collisions, or attacked by cats.

Our programs are funded almost entirely through the generosity of individual donors with only modest government support. In 2025, we were pleased to receive planned gifts (bequests) amounting to \$160,183, representing 32.2% of individual donations in the year.



The Science and Care Behind Every Release

Deciding when a bird is ready to return to the wild requires careful consideration. Wild birds experience significant stress in captivity, as they have not evolved to interact with humans—whom they instinctively perceive as predators.

Each patient is individually assessed to ensure it is healthy and prepared for release. Factors such as species, age, sex, weather conditions, time of year, and natural history all play an important role in determining the right moment.

Because releases are extremely stressful, we keep them discreet and calm and without an audience to minimize the stress and give each bird the best possible chance of success. The greatest gift we can give our patients is a peaceful send off.

Feathered Feature

Bird Profile: Pine Grosbeaks, North America's largest finches

- Patient: Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)
- Reason for admission: Window collision
- Care and Treatment: The bird’s broken wing was stabilized through bandaging and it was given pain management. Once the wing healed the bird was placed in an outdoor aviary to practice flight.
- Outcome: A successful release



Leading Through Learning

Presenting and attending conferences provides valuable opportunities for our team to exchange information, build professional networks, and stay informed of emerging research and best practices.

Two of Le Nichoir’s biologists were invited to present at the 2025 conference of the New York State Wildlife Rehabilitation. Susan Wylie shared her knowledge in a presentation titled *From Wild Habits to Captive Care: Understanding Chimney Swifts Through Their Natural History*, while Elise Laferrière explored how imagery shapes public perceptions of wildlife in her talk titled *Voices for Wildlife: Public Education Through Direct Support and Digital Outreach*.

How to help Le Nichoir

Ask your employer to give or match your donation

Corporate support and donation matching can double your impact and help our community thrive.

Organize a Community Fundraiser

Bring your friends, family, or colleagues together to host a bake sale, marathon, garage sale, or community event.

Corporate Sponsorship

Supports our bird care and education programs, and can boost employee commitment by highlighting your company's support for wildlife conservation.

Legacy gift

Including Le Nichoir in your will is a meaningful way to help ensure its work continues for generations to come. Visit our website to learn more about the different ways you can support Le Nichoir at <https://lenichoir.org/donate/#legacy-gift>



Volunteers: The Heart of Le Nichoir

Volunteers are at the heart of Le Nichoir's work. We are always looking for dedicated individuals who share our commitment to wild bird conservation—join us and make a meaningful difference. For more information contact benevole@lenichoir.org.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF MONTHLY GIVERS AND LEAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON WILD BIRD CONSERVATION

"I donate monthly to Le Nichoir because their work rehabilitating wild birds protects an ecosystem that is vital to all of us. Although I now live in B.C., I grew up nearby and know how much this organization matters. Birds cross borders freely; our responsibility to care for them should do the same."

-Amanda Leclerc



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