



# **WILD ANIMALS WORLDWIDE**

## **2009 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC**

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### **OUR MISSION**

Wild Animals Worldwide (WAW) is an IRS-recognized tax-exempt federated group representing wild animal charitable organizations. Its mission is to organize and prepare its member charities for effective participation in at-work employee charitable fund drives and other types of fundraising activities, to screen and certify these charities to assure they meet the eligibility criteria to participate in these fund drives, to help educate contributors about the work of these worthy causes, and to provide for the secure, accurate, and timely transmission of contributions from the fund drives to the recipient charities. And to do all the above as cost-effectively as possible consistent with delivering quality service.

Originally established to help charities participate more effectively in the U.S. Government's annual employee fund drive, the Combined Federal Campaign, Wild Animal Worldwide has expanded into fund drives conducted by state and municipal governments, United Ways, and corporations, either by representing its members directly or by cooperating with other federated groups.

### **PROGRAM SERVICES**

To accomplish its mission, Wild Animals Worldwide provides the following programs and services to its members and to the giving public:

- ✓ Fund drive application assistance.
- ✓ Review and certification of charitable agency eligibility documentation.
- ✓ Representation of the members before fund drive organizing and/or regulatory authorities.
- ✓ Disseminating information about the work of the charities to the workplace giving public.
- ✓ Organizing member participation in fund drive promotional and educational events.
- ✓ Forwarding contributor name and address information, if requested, and accounting for and transmitting gift funds, with annual audit.

A detailed description of member services and benefits is available at [www.savewildanimals.org](http://www.savewildanimals.org).

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## **THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

During the fall of 2008 the federation solicited membership applications from national charities working to protect and rescue wild animals and their habitats.

In December the federation approved and certified 21 members for the Fall 2009/2010 fund drive campaign year. A complete list of the member charities, including descriptions of their programs, addresses and direct contact information is available at [www.savewildanimals.org](http://www.savewildanimals.org).

Either directly or through cooperative arrangements with other federations, members were presented in workplace fund drives reaching as many as 10 million employees. Members also had the option of participating in a variety of non-workplace fund raising programs. A detailed description of member services and benefits is available on the federation's web site.

## **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The federation has received an audit by the firm of Maze & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, headquartered in Pleasant Hill, California. A complete copy of their report is available on request. The firm also prepared a Form 990 IRS Report.

## **MEMBER CHARITY FEES**

The federation has collected no fees from members, and will not do so until a fund drive income stream is established in the Spring of 2010. Annual fees will be based pro rata on each member's relative share of pledged revenue from fund drives where represented by WAW. The proportionate formula notwithstanding, the federation will "cap" fees that any individual member charity can be assessed. For revenue generated through the Combined Federal Campaign, there is a cap of \$12,500. For revenue from other fund drives, the cap is ten percent of gifts, with no minimum fixed dollar amount. Regardless of its respective gift totals, a member will not be assessed an amount larger than this cap.

## **GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

WAW is governed by an all-volunteer board of directors who receive no compensation for their services.

Theresa Dorr'e, President  
Roberta Morgan, Vice President  
Nicole Vinette, Secretary/Treasurer

The federation does not retain regular staff employees but instead retains outside service providers under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The two principal outside service providers are Maguire/Maguire Association Management, for membership and campaign support services, and Local Independent Charities of America for fiscal agent services.