

FINAL FUNDER REPORT



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The Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre respectfully acknowledges that it is situated on the treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishnaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about our earth and our relations.

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Project Overview

Our Mission is to strengthen and preserve Canada's native turtle population and the habitats in which they live.



In August 2025 The Ontario Wildlife Foundation partnered with OTCC through a grant of \$3,000 for our Turtle Hospital Medical Supplies. This project's focus was to ensure that:

- injured turtles admitted to OTCC's hospital receive medical care as soon as possible to decrease pain and suffering and increase chances of survival
- provide medical and habitat care for the rehabilitating turtles recovering and possibly overwintering in our care

During the fall and winter months OTCC's veterinary staff are focused on the care of the turtles recovering in our hospital as well as the hundreds of hatchlings resulting from the eggs harvested from pregnant adult female turtles who arrived at the hospital. In the spring and summer months, the focus is on the hundreds of injured turtles needing medical treatment and care.

In 2025, 2253 injured turtles were admitted to our hospital, over 9000 eggs were harvested resulting in over 3500 hatchlings. Approximately 2000 adult turtles and hatchlings overwintered at our facility requiring medical and habitat care.

To date, over 2200 injured turtles have been admitted in 2026. As our staff have been busy caring for the injured and recovering turtles, incubating eggs and caring for the now arriving hatchlings, we do not have final numbers yet regarding the number of turtles released back to their home wetlands. However, in 2025, 4083 turtles were released.

We estimate that we have/are incubating over 10,000 eggs and many hatchlings have arrived with more everyday!

Your funding continues to be invaluable in helping us in our mission to strengthen and preserve Canada's native turtle population and the habitats in which they live.

We are so grateful for your support.