



## Appalachian Bear Rescue

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## More Room in the Den Campaign

It seems like yesterday that we received Hartley Bear, a very sick Kentucky yearling missing most of his fur. That was Valentine's Day 2019. Since then, Appalachian Bear Rescue received 16 more young bears in need, many of them requiring specialized, around-the-clock care. Thanks to your compassion and generosity, four yearlings, including Hartley, are back in the forest living as wild bears. We're still caring for ten cubs of the year; they're thriving in our Wild Enclosures in as natural an environment as we can provide, preparing for their second chance at life in the wild.

In Tennessee and in the other states we serve, black bear populations are growing, and we anticipate increased demands on our services. To prepare for this, we must begin NOW to upgrade our existing facilities and add more Wild Enclosure space. With your help, we will never turn away a bear cub in need.

Our Curators and board members created a plan for a new Wild Enclosure. The design for Wild Enclosure #5 utilizes some existing fencing, making the project more affordable and easier to construct (see drawing). This is a huge undertaking for our organization. We will split the project into two phases over two years to allow us time to raise the necessary \$500,000 to construct the new enclosure and make other facility improvements while limiting the impact on our bear residents.

Phase One includes adding essential infrastructure such as road access, electricity, water access, camera cables, and completion of two sides of the new enclosure using existing fencing. At the same time, we'll make improvements to our Cub Nursery, Release Staging Area and Red Roof Recovery Center.

Phase Two includes the installation of two sides of new enclosure fencing, construction of overlook towers, new acclimation pens, and connectivity corridors from our existing Wild Enclosures, and installation of cameras.

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Appalachian Bear Rescue will participate in #GivingTuesday, a one-day international event dedicated to a single purpose: to celebrate generosity. We'll include your gift in our #GivingTuesday More Room in the Den Campaign. With your support, we'll raise \$250,000 in the first year to complete Phase One of the project. Our bears depend on your kindness and so do we.

Sincerely,

*Dana Dodd*

Dana Dodd,  
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