



## **Bird rescue capital campaign kicks off**

You may have seen in the news that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has voted to sell its Chanate Road campus to a developer who will tear down the old county hospital and build hundreds of new housing units.

The Bird Rescue Center is one of the organizations that will be displaced by this development project. Your board of directors has been looking for a new home since 2014 and has identified three good possibilities. We will continue look at properties brought to our attention as we compare the advantages and disadvantages of each property and make a decision.

Each property will require work before we move in. None of the properties have buildings ready-to-go. We hope that the authorities will allow BRC to do what we need to do and move in two or three years. Obviously it would be ideal if the property owner will allow us to rent their property at no charge.

The developer's spokesman, Komron Shahhousseini, has said we can remain until they are ready to break ground, which won't be until they have completed all of the procedures required by the City of Santa Rosa.

We will have to build or bring to the winning site about 2,000 square feet of space for the interior Rehab plus another 2,000 square feet of room for offices, meeting rooms, and storage. Our resident Ambassadors (hawks, falcons, owls, vultures, etc.) will need new aviaries as will Rehab for recovering birds. The Resident volunteers will need a new Tack Room and we will have to build a new education area, possibly both indoors and outdoors.

Many other improvements to the property will no doubt come to mind as we move forward. We estimate that this site work plus the move itself will a cost minimum of a one million dollars. We are therefore with this announcement beginning a capital campaign to raise this money. Your donation is greatly appreciated to get this campaign off the ground.

We will keep you informed of our progress and any changes that occur.

Sincerely,

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