

FRIENDS OF RIDGEFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



END-OF-YEAR IMPACT REPORT 2025

Fundraising for Friends, the Community Nature Center & Exploration Area

GiveBig: \$2,105
GiveMore24: \$11,705
GivingTuesday: \$2,451

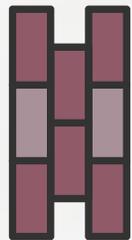
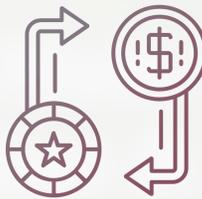


Awards Received

1 award received from Ridgfield Main Street, for
BirdFest & Bluegrass 2025 -
"Supporter of the Year"

\$3,000

Won from iQ Credit Union, based on votes from our
community, during their Nonprofit Highlight!



Nature Center Progress

The Friends held a Buy-a-Brick fundraiser to help
support the Community Nature Center's Nature
Exploration Area, an area of welcome and year-round
hands-on nature learning opportunities.

New Board Members

Since our 2024 report, the Friends welcomed
Kathleen Stuart and Jean Stemp to the Board of
Directors!



3 New Partnerships

We welcomed two new business members, **Wild Birds Unlimited** and **Lichen Land & Water**, to our
community of supporters, as well as the **Ridgefield
Lions Club** as a BirdFest & Bluegrass Sponsor!



New Member Benefits

Starting June 2025, annual members receive a free tote
bag and sticker upon joining! Members who join at the
\$60 level or above are invited to free Member Wellness
Events where folks can engage with one another and do
fun activities! Members who join at the \$1,000 level are
also included in a special website highlight.

Making Wildlife Fun

The Friends finally launched an updated online store,
with new designs to put the fun back into fundraising!
Whether it's the "Dancing Queen" Sandhill Crane Design
or the new "Bird Butts" waterfowl tuckus, we put it on
everything from t-shirts and hoodies to cups and bags.
Now, not only can our supporters rep the Refuge, they
can also cause smiles everywhere they go!



Ridgefield Raptors Baseball

The Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
received support from the Ridgefield Raptors during their
game against the Springfield Drifters on Thursday, June
26th, 2025! The Friends organization benefited from 50%
of the ticket sales generated through our ticketing page.

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**RIDGEFIELD
MAIN STREET**

**2025 Main Street Star
Birdfest & Bluegrass
Supporter of the Year**

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