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## Pacific Wildlife Center Needs Help

The Pacific Wildlife center is located in Irvine, California, and has rescued thousands of the endangered Brown Pelicans for 25 years. The city of Irvine is evicting the center from their present location in order to make room for yet another domestic animal shelter.

The Center does not receive government funding anymore because the injured birds they rescue no longer come from the Salton Sea, where, 3 years ago, a botulism crisis caused the paralysis of thousands of birds, most of which were rehabilitated by the shelter. Their money comes from donations of individual citizens, but now it is at an all-time low due to the current economic tension. The wildlife shelter is down to their last thousand dollars for the next 15 days. The money is used to buy food for the animals (mostly fish), medical supplies, rent, and other necessities. More information can be found on their website, www.pacificwildlife.org.

The center desperately needs money now, and any donation from any individual would be great. They are also looking for a place to move to, so donations of land or old buildings would be a great help.

Linda McLeod-Evans is the head director of the program, and is single handedly tackling the challenges of lengthening her permission to stay at the shelter and taking care of grants. Students of Granada Hills Charter High School's "Change the World" club are trying to help her find funding and supplies. They are the only people helping right now, and the future still looks grim. The center needs a miracle – a generous donation from some generous company, or a building that can substitute as a wildlife shelter. If the center does not find a new location soon, there will be no other wildlife shelter available to save the endangered Brown pelicans and other California wildlife.

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