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Chintimini Wildlife Center has made a huge positive impact on my life as an OSU student and as someone who is looking to find a career in wildlife conservation and education. I'm an OSU student currently volunteering at Chintimini and I have learned so much about animal care, rehabilitation and wildlife education from the education department that I would not normally learn in school. It has given me so much opportunity for hands on experience working with animals and helping educate the public on wildlife. All the departments do such important work in helping the wildlife in our community through rehab and education. I lost count of the amount of times someone has told me they've brought one or more animals there for rehabilitation. I also get to hear so many young kids talk about how much they enjoy the events and camps Chintimini hosts.

When I graduate college, I will have two whole years of animal care and wildlife education experience to add to my resume thanks to Chintimini. It would be so wonderful to see this incredible facility be able to update buildings, enclosures and make the property more suitable for the public to come visit regularly. Everyone I have worked with, especially the full time staff, care so much about the animals and contributing the community in an effective way. I have seen so many people give up their time on holidays, weekends, and any free time they have to come help at the wildlife center. I really think this would be a great bill to pass to put resources towards a part of the community that needs help and purely exists because so many want to help our wildlife and our community.