

February 5, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Reference for Steve Blane and Yvonne Wallace Blane, Fellow Mortals Wildlife

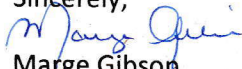
As Executive Director of Raptor Education Group, Inc. (REGI), wildlife rehabilitation and education facility in Antigo, WI, and past president of International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC) I work closely with wildlife facilities in Wisconsin and worldwide. I consider Steve Blane and Yvonne Wallace Blane and Fellow Mortals in Lake Geneva, WI to be at the top of the list of excellence in all aspects of wildlife care, rehabilitation and education.

I have known both Steve and Yvonne and Fellow Mortals for over twenty (20) years. During that time we have served on The Wildlife Rehabilitation Task Force together as well as many other committees both through the State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Wildlife Rehabilitators Organization. Most recently, Yvonne was appointed by the DNR Secretary to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Advisory Council, a team I am also a part of. Yvonne's leadership and organizational skills relative to wildlife care are impeccable and are bypassed only by her dedication. She is my go to person for wildlife care in the Southern Wisconsin.

Currently the Bald Eagle population is growing and expanding in the State of Wisconsin. While in the past we at REGI cared for most of the Bald Eagles injured or orphaned in WI, the increased numbers of eagles make it difficult to keep up with the numbers. In addition, transportation from Southern WI to REGI's North-Central location is logistically difficult. In the case of an emergency, precious time is lost in treatment and stabilization of Bald Eagle patients. It would be a great benefit to our organization, as well as Bald Eagles in the Southern part of Wisconsin if Fellow Mortals were able to add an eagle flight to their facility in Lake Geneva, WI. While other facilities in WI may have developed flight cages for Bald Eagles, in my opinion, Steve, Yvonne and Fellow Mortals is the only facility with the ability to give specialized medical care to these difficult patients.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Marge Gibson

Executive Director