

## 2016 Free Flight Aviary

This new aviary will be a free flight aviary for the approximately 300 parrots and smaller exotic birds that call our refuge home. Most of these birds, especially the long-lived ones, were once someone's pet and T&D's took them in when their owners could no longer care for them, or no longer wanted them. Since there are now so many birds in our care, they have outgrown their current building.

This exhibit will have an open area for most of the birds to be able to fly "freely". Visitors will be able to walk in the area with the birds, much like a butterfly house. Our animal friends at Superior Walls (Middleburg) donated the walls for the new free-flight aviary. The building is 36'x100'x20'.

The roof and inside needed to be completed by T&D's. Our goal was to have the roof on the building in spring 2015. Late winter 2014, a "Go Fund Me" fundraiser was created to help raise funds for the roof. \$10,000.00 was raised to purchase the lumber, trusses, and metal for the roof by the generous people below. Thank you to all those who made a donation!

It was a slow process putting the trusses on the roof but it was accomplished in two days. The metal roof was then attached without an issue. The rest of the building will be worked on throughout 2015 and early 2016.





As of fall 2015 --The new free flight aviary is going well. The windows and doors are in place. The outside walls were painted and the inside walls were framed to add metal to them. The inside roofing is finished and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the roof insulation is finished. The walkway was framed and the dirt added. Plants and other materials (such as roofing metal, wood, faux rocks) are needed to complete this project.



If you are able to help fund plants or would like to make a donation to help finish this project, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are hoping to have it completed for Summer 2016.

A very special thank you to all who have made a donation, either of money or time, to help with this project. The following have made a monetary donation to this project:

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