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Dear Friend(s),

First let me introduce you to my newest handicapped bird, Sollie the Scarlet Macaw. She's a DNA sexed female and has been here since July 10. She has neurological issues that I think are affecting her sight. It appears that she either can't focus or has depth perception problems, or both. She is quite a Diva, tho, as the only food she will eat is, of course, Harrison's the most expensive and hardest to find at good prices, but she gets it. She also loves home cooked food as a supplement. She loves to be held, to go outside under strict care to wander about in the grass in a small fenced in space and play on her play stand which is seen in the above photo. She cannot fly in spite of her wings not being clipped, and also has balance problems. She's a great addition to the "family"



Second is my thanks to you for your unspeakable gifts. Truly without your help I could never continue to do this work. We just had our 30th anniversary! And as founder I am still operating this rescue. Just the addition to the budget for Sollie's food is putting a strain on it, but she has to have what she will eat. There is no compromise or forcing her to eat otherwise.

Your continued generosity cannot be put into words, although I must try. I pray you're healthy, wealthy and wise as the "saying" goes! I am doing fine and miraculously have not had a surgery since December '18! I finally got all the metal taken off of my ribs from the car crash. That has relieved the major part of pain I was having. In it's place are 6 scars from the multiple surgeries. I no longer have colon disease or diabetes and am as active as ever, but am feeling the heaviness of the heat this summer.

That having been said, the rest of the birds are healthy and doing great. I also have a family of Diamond doves and finches that were brought here by different folks. It may sound astoundingly unbelievable, but I haven't had a sick bird in almost 10 years! That is attributed to utmost care, handling and diet, ALL because of YOU!

In closing, for now, here is yet another THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely,

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