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LETTER TO COMMISSION
No.: 243-2025

To: Mayor Charles W. Burkett, Vice Mayor Tina Paul, and
Members of the Town Commission

From: Mark Blumstein, Town Manager *MB*

Date: August 4, 2025

Subject: **Pelican Harbor Seabird Station – Donation Thank You Letter**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to transmit the attached "Thank You" card following the Town's recent donation, which is attached below for your review and reference. The card is on display in the Manny Crawford Conference Room.





Pelican Harbor

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July 28, 2025

Town of Surfside
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Dear Town of Surfside,

I want to **thank you** for your generous gift of **\$3,000.00** received on **7/24/2025**. No individuals associated with the Town of Surfside received any goods or services for this gift. In addition to pelicans and seabirds, we treat more than a hundred species each year, including native mammals like the Virginia Opossum and reptiles like the threatened Gopher Tortoise. Thanks to community and foundation support, in 2024, we treated 2,476 patients, representing 145 species!

The most commonly treated species at the Seabird Station in 2024 were the Brown Pelican, Laughing Gull, Virginia Opossum, Grey Squirrel, Northern Mockingbird, Blue Jay, and Eastern Screech Owl. Your donation helps support the care and treatment of these birds and many more. We are deeply grateful to **YOU** for your support, and thank you for being a champion of injured native wildlife and efforts towards conservation education.

Philanthropic efforts by foundations account for 44% of our annual operating budget. This generous funding will help us continue to provide professional care to over 2,000 patients of more than 100 native birds and wildlife species. We are both honored and deeply grateful to the Town of Surfside for believing in and investing in our mission. **Thank YOU for helping us help them!**

All the best,

Chloe Chelz
Executive Director

*Pelican Harbor Seabird Station is a 501 (c)(3) organization and therefore your gift qualifies as a deductible charitable contribution to PHSS to the extent permitted by law. No individuals received any goods or services for this gift.

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