
TALES FROM THE TREE

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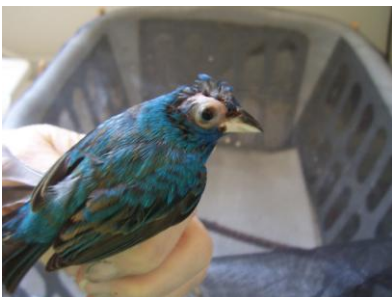
BIRDS AND FREE-ROAMING CATS

Each year, at least 50% of our bird admissions at Ziggy's Tree are due to cats. Causes range from parent birds killed by cats, a fledgling (learning to fly) caught by a cat, or just the fear that a free-roaming cat might attack the fledgling or raid the nest.

Continuing studies are now estimating that anywhere from 1.4 billion to 3.7 billion birds are killed each year in the continental United States by free-roaming cats. This is much greater than earlier estimates.

Each time we get a call that involves a feline threat to a baby bird, we ask the caller if they can keep their cat indoors for a few days to allow the baby to fledge naturally and stay with its biological parents. Many times the answer is an emphatic "no" – either the cat "likes" to be outdoors, a family member is allergic, OR the cat is not theirs.

It's always best to keep your cat indoors at all times. But we realize that won't or can't happen for every cat owner. While we don't have any good suggestions for how to handle a neighbor's cat, our friends at Native Songbird Care and Conservation (www.nativesongbirdcare.org) in Sebastapol, CA and PAWS (www.paws.org) in Washington have put together a great list of options for outdoor cat enclosures that will keep birds safe from cats, and cats safe from predators, cars and disease, while still allowing your feline friends access to fresh air and sunshine.



Indigo Bunting – attacked by cat

Enclosures range from the simple to the sublime. They can be furnished with old tree stumps and perches for climbing and scratching opportunities; tarps to provide shade and protection from the elements; even enclosed ladders for safe access to and from the house. A variety of pre-made pens, runs, and do-it-yourself kits are available. If you're a cat owner or know someone who is, take a look at these creative and useful options and see if there's a set-up that works for you and your cat.

- The Cat's Den. www.thecatden.net. Commercial kits for indoor and outdoor cat runs and enclosures.
- My Pet Enclosures. www.mypetenclosures.com/ Custom and DIY kits for indoor and outdoor cat enclosures.
- Purrfect Fence. www.PurrfectFence.com. Commercial kits and instructions for free-standing cat fence systems. Also offers professional installation in certain regions.
- C & D Pet Products. www.cdpets.com. Commercial kits and diagrams for enclosures available in various sizes and prices. Also offers kitten enclosures.
- Safe Cat Outdoor Enclosure. www.just4cats.com. Detailed drawings and descriptions to create custom outdoor enclosures for cats and other small animals.
- Kitty Walk System, Inc. www.kittywalksystems.com. Various commercial enclosures for cats and other small animals. Most enclosures are preassembled, portable.
- SunCATcher Enclosures. www.cagesbydesign.com. Free-standing outdoor cat enclosures for yard or patio.
- CatsOnDeck. www.catsondeck.com. Modular indoor/outdoor cat enclosures. Expandable and portable for RV use.
- Wild Whiskers. www.wildwhiskers.com. Portable, lightweight, non-permanent cat enclosures.

STEP UP AND SERVE

Step Up and Serve is Scales Elementary School's (Murfreesboro, TN) one and done fundraiser for the year. Each grade level chooses an organization in the community to donate 10% of their earnings to after the fundraiser is complete. Each grade level has a goal they try to reach as well as each individual teacher.

Teachers plan different types of events to collect money for their event. The students have a BIG event at the end of the fundraiser. This event is a run, and most of the students get pledges for each lap they run during the race. This money is also donated to the fundraiser. According to Randi Carter, third grade teacher "This is a very exciting time for all of Scales Elementary It takes lots of planning, donating, and time, but it is all worth it in the end."

Ziggy's Tree was honored to receive a check for \$668.70 from the third grade classes at Scales Elementary School. Angela Hensley, board president, was on hand to receive the check.

But then, we found out that the students wanted to do even more for us. They decided to make Ziggy's Tree their December/Christmas charity as well. They raised additional funds and donated a variety of items from our wish list.

All of the third grade classes were on-hand to present the donations and learn more about Ziggy's Tree and our work with Tennessee's orphaned and injured native wildlife.



Songbird rehabilitator LouAnn Partington with students

The donation of paper towels, cleaning supplies, bird seed, laundry baskets, and gift cards from Wal-Mart and Kroger is greatly appreciated. All of these items will be used during our 2013 baby season.



ZIGGY'S TREE RECEIVES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

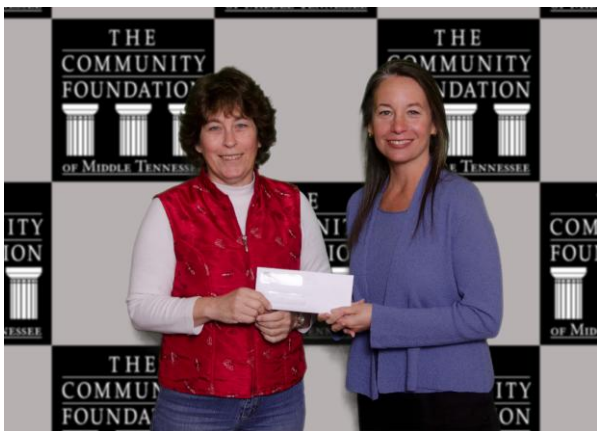
The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, a charitable organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the 40 Middle Tennessee counties it serves, announces \$1.3 million in grants to 273 nonprofit organizations as part of The Foundation's annual discretionary grantmaking process.

Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center has received a \$2,500 grant to provide care for orphaned and injured wildlife with the goal of returning healthy animals to the wild.

"The work of our nonprofit partners has never been more important as we watch needs emerge and evolve in this community," said Ellen Lehman, president of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. The Community Foundation is honored to connect generosity with need through these annual grants and through other avenues throughout the year, but we couldn't have an impact without the bulwark of quality nonprofits offering solutions to our community's needs and vital services to our neighbors."

The Community Foundation awards discretionary grants annually from its unrestricted and field-of-interest funds, through an open application process, to Middle Tennessee nonprofits organizations addressing community needs and benefiting the well-being of citizens through valuable programs and innovative services.

We are very grateful to the Patricia & Edward J. McGavock Humane Treatment of Animals Fund of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. Their generosity will help us immensely in our goal of giving Tennessee's native wildlife a second chance.



LouAnn Partington, Ziggy's Tree and Ellen Lehman, CFMT
Photo provided by CFMT

ZIGGY'S TREE RECEIVES BUILD A-BEAR WORKSHOP FOUNDATION GRANT

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation is committed to improving communities and impacting lives through unique philanthropic programs that help children and families, animals, and the environment. The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation provides grants to qualified nonprofit organizations in support of children's health and wellness, animals and the environment, and literacy and education.

Ziggy's Tree was awarded a \$1000 grant from the Build-A-Bear Workshop to support our wildlife rehabilitation program.

"We are thrilled to be able to partner with you to help animals" said Matt Oldani, Manager, Bear Foundations.

We are very grateful to the Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation for their generous donation and support of our mission!

WILDLIFE TIP

Do you have birds nesting in one of your hanging planters?

Carolina Wrens, Mourning Doves, and House Finches frequently nest in hanging planters. A great way to solve the dilemma of how to water your plants without disturbing the birds is to place ice cubes around the edge of the basket on top of the soil. The ice will melt slowly, watering your plants without getting the birds or their nest wet.



Nestling Mourning Doves

THANK YOU!

Our Generous Supporters

WILDLIFE CHAMPION

The Patricia & Edward J. McGavock
Humane Treatment of Animals Fund of
The Community Foundation of Middle
Tennessee

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Foundation

ADVOCATE

Scales Elementary 3rd Grade Classes

SUPPORTING

David and Linda Ranz
Patty & Jeffrey Marvel

FAMILY

Chad Lerch * Leigh & Clint Butler * Philip & Marilyn Falk
Rolland Ryan

INDIVIDUAL

Thomas Mitchell * Karen Brown * Dr. Brady Palmer
Joanna Landrum * Bonnie Boyett * Loma Oakley
Louise McClure * Chloe Cerutti

VETERINARIANS

Pet Medical Center – Tullahoma

IN-KIND & CASH DONATIONS

Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
Chattanooga Zoo * Tullahoma Animal Control * Max Jarrell
Todd Farrington

VOLUNTEERS

Mary Ann Partington * Brenan Bailey * Joann Groat
Leigh Butler, Webmaster

We accept donations in memory of and in honor of a loved one or cherished pet and will feature that donation (as well as print a photo of your loved one, if provided) in our next newsletter.

We are available to conduct programs for schools, civic and church groups. For more information or to schedule a program, contact LouAnn Partington at 931-393-4835 or e-mail louannpartington@yahoo.com.

For assistance with orphaned or injured birds or small mammals, contact LouAnn Partington, at 931-393-4835.

For assistance with large mammals, such as deer, raccoons, bobcats and coyotes, contact Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at 615-299-9938.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Newsletter –Contribute an article or photographs or suggestions for articles.

Animal Transport – Can you help pick up animals from outlying areas and transport to one of our rehabilitation facilities OR return the animal to its habitat once it's recovered?

Education Programs – Conduct presentations for school, church or civic groups about the work we do.

Animal Care – Assist with daily feeding and cleaning. Requires minimum time commitment of 4 hours per day for at least 3 months.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer positions, or would like more information, please contact LouAnn at 931-393-4835 or louannpartington@yahoo.com.

Board of Directors - If you would be interested in serving on our Board of Directors or would like to nominate someone to our Board, please submit resumes via e-mail to ziggystree@aol.com or mail to Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, 92 Maple Ave., Tullahoma, TN 37388. Board members are responsible for setting policy for the organization and assisting with fundraising activities. Time commitment is less than 10 hours per month.

Board Members

President – Angela Hensley
Secretary/Treasurer – LouAnn Partington
At-Large Directors – Joy Clay Chrisman, Leigh Butler, Chuck Hensley

Newsletter Staff

Editor LouAnn Partington
Contributors: Randi Carter, Scales Elementary School, Veronica Bowers, Native Songbird Care & Conservation

OUR KROGER GIFT CARD PROGRAM HAS RAISED NEARLY \$1200 FOR ZIGGY'S TREE!!!!

A special thank you to our Kroger gift card program participants – by recharging their gift cards and using them for their Kroger purchases, the following people have reached Sustaining Member status – Carol Bailey (\$362); Lynne Davidson (\$303); LouAnn Partington (\$261) and Mary Ann Partington (\$242). This is a great way to support Ziggy's Tree. Please contact us today to get your card! See our website for more details.

WISH LIST

- Fruit (apples, blueberries, strawberries, grapes, blackberries)
 - Gift cards (grocery store, Lowe's, Home Depot, Tractor Supply)
 - Bird seed (millet, finch seed, black oil sunflower seeds)
 - Chick Starter (unmedicated)
 - LCD Projector
 - Copy Paper
 - Heating Pads (without automatic shut-off)
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Nuts (pecans, walnuts, acorns)
 - Vegetables (broccoli, carrots, kale, potatoes)
 - Facial Tissue
 - Bleach
 - Paper Towels
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NEWS

The winter is supposed to be our slow season, but we were kept moderately busy with an onslaught of injured Eastern Screech Owls. Since screech owls hunt after dark, it's likely that the shorter winter days had them out hunting during the end of the work day traffic, rather than later in the evening when we humans aren't as active.

In 2012, we admitted 399 birds and 85 small mammals. Our lower mammal numbers were due to a very slow spring baby squirrel season. They are making up for lost time this year.

Our spring baby season started on February 16 with the arrival of 3 Eastern Gray Squirrels. We've now admitted 20 squirrels so far this season. Most of our babies are little females, so we expect that this fall and next year we'll see an increased number of squirrels.

Baby bird season is just around the corner. We've already seen evidence of mating behavior and nest building in the neighborhood, and have heard from wildlife centers to the south that they have already received their first babies.

We're pleased to welcome two new board members, Joy Clay Chrisman and Leigh Butler. Their enthusiasm for our mission and assistance in our fundraising efforts will assure that we are able to continue to provide a high quality of care for our injured and orphaned wildlife friends.

2013 RELEASES

January	2 Eastern Screech Owls
February	1 Great Horned Owl
	1 Cooper's Hawk
March	1 Red-tailed Hawk

QUOTES FOR THE QUARTER

"Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way."
John Muir

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

"The real substance of conservation lies not in the physical projects of the government, but in the mental processes of the citizens."

Aldo Leopold

SEVEN NON-CASH WAYS TO SUPPORT ZIGGY'S TREE

At your birthday and the holidays. Ask your family and friends to send a gift in your name to Ziggy's Tree, or to purchase an item on our wish list.

Shop at Kroger's using one of our rechargeable gift cards. Four percent of the amount you recharge on the card goes to Ziggy's Tree, and you can recharge as many times as you want to. Information on the program is available on our website. Contact us at 931-393-4835 to get your card now!

Buy using Goodshop.com A shopping website with hundreds of merchants. Ziggy's Tree gets a percentage (up to 30%) of each transaction. Type "Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center" into the "who do you Goodshop for?" box.

Search using Goodsearch.com A powerful Yahoo search engine. Ziggy's Tree gets a penny per search. Type "Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center" into the "who do you Goodsearch for?" box.

Write a review on our GuideStar profile. GuideStar is used by many funding agencies to research non-profit agencies. You can help us by going to our GuideStar profile at www.guidestar.org and writing a review of our organization – how we've helped you or what the availability of our services means to you and the community at large. Positive reviews will encourage more funding agencies to support us.

Like us on Facebook. And ask your friends to like us to. You'll be able to hear about our new admissions and releases as they happen, and stay current on any special events or fundraising activities we are doing.

eBay Giving Works. You can raise money for us when you buy or sell on eBay. Just make us your favorite charity and select how much of each transaction you want to donate to us. For more information, go to www.givingworks.ebay.com.

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NOTICE: YOUR MAILING LABEL CONTAINS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE.

To avoid any interruption with delivering your newsletter, we ask that you renew at least one month before the date shown. Use the Membership Form provided below.

PLEASE RENEW, STAY INFORMED, WE NEED YOU!!!

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT ZIGGY'S TREE, I AM . . .

- A NEW MEMBER**
 RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are for one year
Gift Memberships are also available.

Please Mail This Form To:

**Ziggy's Tree WRC
92 Maple Ave.
Tullahoma, TN 37388**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

___ Individual	\$25.00
___ Family	\$40.00
___ Supporting	\$100.00
___ Sustaining	\$250.00
___ Advocate	\$500.00
___ Wildlife Champion	\$1000.00

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Zip _____ -- _____
Work Phone (____) _____
e-mail _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by email.

I am interested in volunteering in the following areas:

- ___ Environmental Education
___ Wildlife Rehabilitation
___ Fundraising

Checks should be made payable to Ziggy's Tree WRC.

Not sure what to get that special someone for birthdays, anniversaries or just because? Consider giving them a one year membership to Ziggy's Tree!

Members receive our quarterly newsletter and invitations to special events and programs held throughout the year.

Ziggy's Tree strives to be environmentally conscious. If you would prefer to receive an electronic copy of our newsletter, please check the box above or e-mail louannpartington@yahoo.com to be placed on our mailing list.