
TALES FROM THE TREE

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OUR WINTER WILDLIFE

The fall and winter months are much quieter than the busy spring and summer baby season. Songbirds have finished laying eggs and raising babies and many of them head for warmer climates. Hawks and owls are busy establishing territories for the next spring. Although we do admit some baby squirrels in August and September, we never see as many as we do at the first part of year. The animals we admit at this time of year typically have severe injuries and many do not survive. That makes each release even MORE special!

CANADA GOOSE

This adult Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) was found near Tims Ford State Park in August, weak and unable to fly. Although a physical examination by Dr. Amy Nickels of Pet Medical Center did not indicate any broken bones, he did have a very large, infected wound on one leg. We suspect he had been shot. Since this occurred outside of hunting season, we reported the injury to the proper authorities, as we are required to do under the terms of our permits.



Because the leg was so sore, the goose could not put weight on it during the initial phases of treatment. After a month of wound treatment, the goose finally began to walk normally. It took almost two more months for all of his feathers to grow back in at the wound site. He was successfully released in early December.

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK

Sharp-shinned Hawks (*Accipiter striatus*) are very agile woodland hawks which prey chiefly on smaller birds. And that's exactly what got this adult female in trouble. While pursuing her prey, she failed to watch where she was going. Both predator and prey ran into a large window at a home in Tullahoma. The smaller bird did not survive the impact, but the hawk survived with a minor eye injury and a massive headache. She made a full recovery and was released nine days after admission.



CAROLINA WREN

The Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) is a year-round resident of middle Tennessee. Wrens are highly inquisitive little birds – which may have been what caused the problem for this little fellow. He was caught on a glue trap at the Big Box Overstock store in Tullahoma and pulled most of his flight feathers out trying to escape the trap. We provided a quiet and safe place (with lots of good food) for him to rest while his feathers grew back. "Noel" was released on Christmas Day!

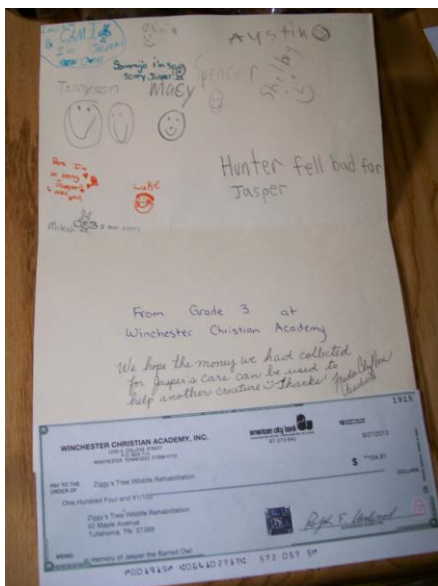


“JASPER” AND THE WINCHESTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY THIRD GRADE CLASS

A local family found an injured Barred Owl (*Strix varia*) in their yard this past September. They had noticed he was unable to fly. Prior to transporting him to our facility, they took some pictures to share with their daughter's third grade class at Winchester Christian Academy. The students in the class adopted “Jasper” and had decided to do a class fundraiser to help with his care.

Unfortunately, one of the bones in Jasper's wing was broken and so severely infected that it could not be repaired. We had to make the difficult decision to end his suffering and he was humanely euthanized.

Even though we weren't able to help Jasper, students in Mrs. Freda Clifton's class decided that they wanted to donate the money they raised to help other injured and orphaned wild animals. We were thrilled to get a card signed by all the class, along with a donation of \$104.81!



WISH LIST

- Bird Seed
 - Gift cards (grocery store, Lowe's, Home Depot, Tractor Supply)
 - LCD Projector
 - Heating Pads (without automatic shut-off)
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Nuts (pecans, walnuts, acorns)
 - Vegetables (broccoli, carrots, kale, potatoes)
 - Paper Towels
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2013 RELEASES

July

- 1 Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Red-bellied Woodpeckers, 3 Northern Mockingbirds, 5 Tree Swallows, 1 Carolina Chickadee, 2 Carolina Wrens, 7 Eastern Phoebes, 6 House Finches, 1 Killdeer, 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird, 1 House Wren

August

- 8 Barn Swallows, 2 Carolina Wrens, 1 Song Sparrow, 2 Chipping Sparrows, 3 Blue Jays, 3 American Robins, 6 House Finches, 1 Eastern Bluebird, 1 Orchard Oriole, 7 Chimney Swifts, 4 Purple Martins, 13 Mallards, 1 Wood Duck, 2 Northern Mockingbirds, 1 Northern Cardinal

September

- 3 Wood Ducks, 1 Carolina Wren, 1 Northern Mockingbird, 2 American Robins, 2 Mourning Doves, 2 Eastern Kingbirds, 3 Eastern Bluebirds, 16 Virginia Opossums

October

- 9 Virginia Opossums, 15 Eastern Gray Squirrels

November

- 1 American Robin, 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk

December

- 1 Carolina Wren, 1 Canada Goose
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Grant Awarded to Ziggy's Tree by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

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 \$1.24 million in grants to 255 nonprofit organizations as part of The Foundation's annual discretionary grantmaking process.

Ziggy's Tree Wildlife Rehabilitation Center received a \$2000 grant from The Animal Welfare Fund and St. Francis Fund for Animals of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee 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 other avenues throughout the year, but we couldn't have an impact without the array 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.



LouAnn Partington, Ziggy's Tree and Ellen Lehman, Community Foundation

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