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Please join us at *Wild Night for Wildlife*, Greenwood's biggest fundraiser, on Friday, September 25. Enjoy an evening of fun and fundraising with Master of Ceremonies Gary Shapiro, Channel 9 News anchor. Don't miss the silent auction with something for everyone, an open bar with wine and beer, and a buffet dinner. An exciting live auction and special appeal presented by local auctioneer Don Martin follows. All proceeds benefit the orphaned and injured wildlife at Greenwood. To register call 303.823.8455 or go to our website, [www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org).

As the top bidder, you could enjoy one of many auction items including:

- Three-night stay in Park City, UT condo with two days of skiing at Deer Valley for two
- One-week stays in beach condos in Maui and Akumal, Mexico
- Three-night stay in luxury Manhattan apartment
- Gourmet dinner for eight at the Boulder Cork
- Work, live and wrangle on an authentic Colorado cattle ranch, good for two people for one week

More items are coming soon; see them at [www.greenwoodwildlife.org](http://www.greenwoodwildlife.org).



### Event details:

September 25,  
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
UCAR Event Center,  
3080 Center Green Dr.,  
Unit CG1 (NW corner  
of Foothills Parkway/  
Valmont Road in Boulder)

Tickets are \$85 in advance, \$95 at the door. A table for eight can be purchased for \$650.

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# GREENWOOD Chatter

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*Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a not-for-profit corporation that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. We have been in existence for 33 years.*

*We are named after "Greenwood," who was the first raccoon rehabilitated and released by our organization.*

*Since then, we have successfully treated and released thousands of animals.*

*Greenwood now maintains the largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities along Colorado's Front Range.*

*In October, 1993, Greenwood obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a non-profit charitable organization.*

*The vast majority of our funding comes from the generosity of concerned citizens, businesses and foundations.*

## THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Successfully rehabilitating wild animals sometimes requires thinking outside the box. So much of what we do at Greenwood involves that kind of creativity. When rehabilitators had trouble getting an injured hummingbird to drink nectar, they doctored up the end of a syringe to look like the head of a juicy, brightly colored flower. Splints and boots for tiny legs and feet are cut from cardboard in custom shapes and affixed with coffee stirrers for stability. Honey as a disinfectant covers wounds that cannot be wrapped so animals don't lick what could be a toxic substance.

Animal enrichment can be one of the most challenging tasks. How do you teach young wild animals how to hunt and what to gather when they grow up inside an enclosure? Much is instinct, but they still need guidance along the way, and that can require some imagination. Greenwood's orphaned raccoons get to play in the Pool of Surprise every evening. This form of enrichment encourages these very tactile creatures to use their paws as well as to hunt and smell for "treasures" they would want to find in the wild, such as crayfish and crickets.

Creative thinking, however, isn't limited to animal care. Transportation is another aspect of the rehabilitation process that requires some resourceful consideration. As the only center treating songbirds and waterfowl in the entire Denver metro area this year, Greenwood encountered a number of rescuers in predicaments that prevented them from getting animals to us. Finding transport is challenging under typical circumstances, let alone with an expanded coverage area and increased patient load. But thanks to a resourceful group of volunteers and staff who leveraged connections and persisted, wildlife made their way to Greenwood. We even had a young couple visiting from the East Coast bring us three tiny Mexican Woodrats courtesy of Uber — that's thinking outside the box!

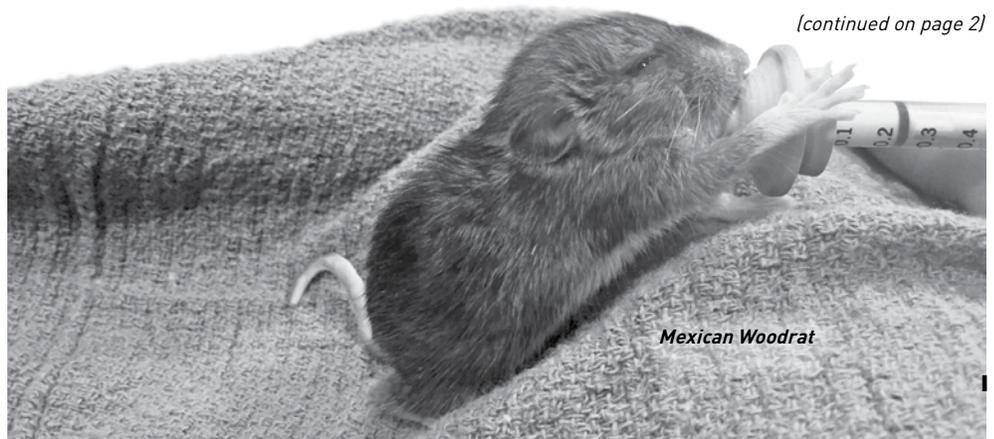
Managing a patient load that has increased by more than 450 animals to date this season requires some innovation, especially when you're working on a limited budget. In order to accommodate the higher number of birds, Greenwood built a removable paneling system that would help us to efficiently and cost-effectively convert our outdoor squirrel enclosures into bird aviaries on an as-needed basis.

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Raccoon

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Mexican Woodrat

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

Wow — what a busy, busy season it was! With Wild B.I.R.D. in Denver closed, we all feared a time when the only option for orphaned, injured and sick birds from the Metro area would be humane euthanasia.

But the rehabilitators on the Front Range banded together and formed an amazing partnership. Ellicott Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Colorado Springs took birds and ducklings when we were full. Birds of Prey Foundation in Broomfield took many larger corvids (crows, magpies, ravens), which they don't typically rehabilitate. Colorado Native Bird Care and Conservation in Lyons took some cottontails and our youngest hatchlings. Colorado Wild Rabbit Foundation helped out with 160 of the baby bunnies that came through our doors.

As a result, all summer long someplace on the Front Range was open to Denver area birds and waterfowl, and we were able to give each and every one of these babies a chance! And in the mammal arena, Squirrel Creek Wildlife Rescue and other home rehabbers stepped up to help with baby raccoons and squirrels, allowing the rest of us to focus more on avian species.

I can't say enough about our amazing volunteers in the field. They were willing to drive hundreds of miles to transport an animal in need and take part in literal

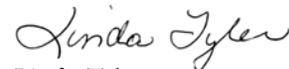
"wild goose chases." One spent hours extracting baby birds from a tiny hole in an RV where they were nesting.

On another happy note, the season started with an edict from Colorado Parks and Wildlife that we would have to euthanize all invasive species of birds — European Starlings, Eurasian Collared-Doves and House Sparrows. After going through all the proper channels to "the top," this regulation was not enforced this year.

A tremendous amount of almost daily coordination on Greenwood's part helped to pull this accomplishment off, but it was all worth it. The effort is a testimonial to the caring and compassion of these dedicated rehabilitators. The State simply does not have enough resources for wildlife. But when we work together, we become bigger than the sum of our parts and can create amazing synergy.

With your support, we can continue our work to make a difference for Colorado's wildlife in need. Please help by giving whatever you can to help the animals that depend on us.

Sincerely,

  
Linda Tyler  
Executive Director

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Great innovations and partnerships arise out of necessity. With the help of the caring public, amazing volunteers and inventive staff, a tight community never seen before was born. Working together and the mantra "we can do this!" saved an incredible number of wildlife all along the Northern Front Range.



*Black-chinned Hummingbird*

## WHAT KEEPS VOLUNTEERS COMING BACK?

As the busy season begins to wind down in October, many of our animal care volunteers go on hiatus until the babies start arriving again next Spring. Taking care of thousands of wild orphans is a lot of work!

But for some, caring for our wild critters stays on their calendars week after week, regardless of the season. So what is it about volunteering at Greenwood that keeps people coming back 52 weeks each year?

“I volunteer year-round, because being at Greenwood and doing what I can to help the animals fills my soul with joy,” says volunteer Michelle Becker, a Longmont resident and speech therapist at

Longmont United Hospital. “AND I get different experiences and opportunities by helping during the off-season. By coming in each week, I get to stay involved with what’s going on with the animals... who is making progress, who has moved outside, who got released. Plus, the staff are very appreciative, and it makes me happy to help them in any way I can!”

Jill Babcock, a resident of Lyons and former Chief of Police, has been volunteering nearly every week for more than five years. “I am a year-round volunteer because the experience and knowledge gained in the off-season are so valuable. I am able to have more hands-on involvement with the critters and work closely with the rehabilitators. I also try to come every week because the staff are such caring, great people to work with and



Volunteer Jill Babcock

learn from. Greenwood has a special place in my heart.”

“The main reason for year-round work is to maintain my rehab skills,” says George Tomasevich, a Longmont resident and retired Bell Labs engineer. “Also, it is nice to work at a more relaxed time, and there are always interesting tasks coming up. I think of volunteering as a part-time job where people are responsible for their shifts.”

The love of animals and the intrinsic rewards of helping those who cannot help themselves keep volunteers coming back. The unique opportunities to learn about the wildlife with whom we share our habitat are experiences that cannot be had anywhere else. The camaraderie that develops between staff and volunteers creates bonds and memories that can last a lifetime.

## SHOP GREENWOOD TODAY

Like the volunteers and staff who work long hours to ensure the best chance of recovery for the animals at Greenwood, so do those who run our Thrift Shop & Consignment Gallery that financially support the Center! It takes a lot of dedication, talent, creativity, team work and good old-fashioned elbow grease to keep these stores running smoothly.

Have you ever seen the back room of a thrift store? Piles of clothes, stacks of books, baskets of gadgets, furniture, art, jewelry, toys — you never know what you’ll find! Greenwood is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who help staff sort through all the bounty and keep the store clean, the sales floor organized and the inventory fresh. It’s a lot of work fueled by a lot of love for wildlife.

Have you checked out our Consignment Gallery? More than 1,000 pieces of furniture, jewelry and home décor make their way from our floor to new homes each month. Talented staff who know design, follow current trends, and keep their eyes out for hot brands help sell these items that are consigned at Greenwood’s Gallery. You’re almost guaranteed to find something unique — that gem of an item that just lights up your eyes when you see it.

The bottom line is that it takes creativity and team work to run Greenwood’s Thrift Shop & Consignment Gallery, and that team includes you — wildlife lovers and animal-welfare supporters! You are the most important ingredient. You donate, you consign and you buy inventory. You volunteer. You tell your friends about Greenwood.

If you haven’t yet been to our shop and gallery, stop by sometime and meet our staff. We love to talk about what we do and why we do it for wildlife.

SAVE THE DATE  
September 25  
*Wild Night for Wildlife*