



GREENWOOD Chatter

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Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a nonprofit corporation that is devoted to the rehabilitation and release of injured and orphaned wildlife. We have been in existence since 1982.

We are named after "Greenwood," 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 facility along Colorado's Front Range.

In October, 1993, Greenwood obtained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS as a nonprofit charitable organization. The vast majority of our funding comes from the generosity of concerned citizens, businesses and foundations.

STORIES OF THE BUSY SEASON

The busy season is always intense at Greenwood. With COVID-19, it's been even more so this year. But through it all, we've treated nearly 2,200 patients so far and, as always, have some compelling stories to tell.

A man in Arvada was doing yardwork when he heard a ruckus behind his shed and found an unfamiliar furry mammal. He texted his wife with a picture saying, "There's a beaver in our backyard!", but he soon noticed that the animal lacked the iconic dam-building tail. It was an adult Yellow-bellied Marmot. Shortly after, his wife saw a marmot run from beneath her car at work — their backyard visitor! These creatures are notorious hitch-hikers. Several days after seeing it flee, the wife noticed a little ball of fluff on a walkway in their backyard — it was a baby marmot.



Broad-tailed Hummingbird

When he came to Greenwood, he was emaciated and lethargic. We immediately warmed him up, gave him fluids for dehydration, and fed him. The next day we heard that the house next door also had a little marmot! Given these mammals don't live at low elevations, we knew they had to be siblings. The second pup soon arrived, and the two were reunited. They graduated from eating formula to dandelions, sweet potatoes and oats and are vocalizing like crazy. It's no surprise that the species has earned the nickname "whistle pig." After being at Greenwood for several weeks, they will be transferred to a rehabilitator on the Western Slope who has a solo, young marmot. Being very communal animals, they can't spend their first winter alone. It will be great for the baby on the Western Slope to have friends! They will all be released together at a high elevation next spring.

It's a pretty special experience when a hummingbird builds a nest near your patio. It's even more unique for her to do so on a decorative strand of outdoor lights and better yet if the same bird comes back year after year to raise her babies. Sadly, one day the mother stopped showing up, and they found one of the babies dead beneath the nest. They wrapped the remaining tiny one in a shirt and drove straight to Greenwood, feeling very grateful to have found us. The Broad-tailed Hummingbird spent eight days in our care, eating lots and learning to use its wings. We were excited when it zipped off after it was released back into the wild.

Life in the wild goes on, pandemic or not. We are happy we can be there for wildlife in need.



Yellow-bellied Marmot

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DEAR FRIENDS,

It's unbelievable how much has changed since we last connected. What a different world we live in now. Greenwood has done its best to stay resilient as we adapt to all the adversity, keeping our commitment of being there for the wildlife that depend on us.

We were so grateful for being considered an essential organization and able to stay open during these difficult times. Our animal care protocols as well as our procedures involving staff, volunteers and interns have had to constantly evolve as the number of animals swelled during our busy season. Our Thrift Shop and Consignment Gallery, major sources of revenue, were temporarily closed and are now operating with limited hours. Our small staff has been stretched very thin.



Our expansion plans were put on hold, although we hope to have them back on our radar soon.

But Greenwood is nothing if not resourceful! We have risen to the challenge time and time again, while acknowledging that many people have endured life changes much worse than

those we've experienced.

We couldn't have made it through these tough times without one of our most important resources, supporters like you! We continue to need your help now more than ever. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Tyler".

Linda Tyler
Executive Director

ROCKY, THE ORPHANED GROUND SQUIRREL

A couple were enjoying a stroll in Estes when they encountered a tiny, striped fur ball on the trail. Upon closer inspection, they discovered it was a baby Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel! The two thought the young squirrel was dead. But when they tried to set it to the side of the trail, it moved. They left it under a little shade and continued their walk to allow time for mom to come back. After a few hours, they returned to find him still curled up in the same spot. They searched online about where to bring wildlife in need and found Greenwood. Since our center was closed for the night, they scooped the baby into a box and took him home. They brought him to Greenwood the next day, where he was treated for dehydration and maggots in his ears.

He enjoyed sweet potato, meal worms, seeds and dandelions as he grew stronger and stronger each day. Eventually, he was joined by a few other orphaned friends until they were all released together back into the wild.



Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel

THE COMFORT OF SHOPPING AT GREENWOOD THRIFT SHOP & CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

The beginning of 2020 was running strong until March 17—the day we shut our doors due to COVID-19. Thanks to our consignment online gallery, we continued to sell décor, furniture, and jewelry by appointment from our freight elevator, making it safe for all involved. Each week we showcased desks for home offices, equipment for exercising, sofas and chairs for comfortable movie viewing, musical instruments to play (or learn to

play), or ideas for jazzing up your at-home dining—everything anyone would need while quarantining. This proved to be fun for a lot of our customers!

Thrift and Consignment opened again on May 9. Strict safety policies were put in place to keep our staff, volunteers, and customers safe while shopping, donating, and consigning. Although we are open fewer days and hours, our sales and donations remain strong and steady!

New and returning customers continue to thank us for reopening and creating a safe environment for their visit.

We don't know what the future holds for retail in the coming months. But we are confident that our customers will always be ready for some "comfort shopping" at Greenwood.

Recycle + Reuse = Rehab for Wildlife

JOIN GREENWOOD'S LEGACY CLUB — ADD US TO YOUR ESTATE PLANS!

Please consider a gift that lasts beyond your lifetime by making a bequest to Greenwood. Join the Legacy Club, a group of supporters who have chosen a long-term commitment to wildlife by naming us as a beneficiary in their estate plans. This program enhances the continuing stability of Greenwood by ensuring we can meet the needs of orphaned and injured wild animals far into the future.

Club members receive a plaque with their name on it, mounted on the beautiful, new sandstone wall in our

Legacy and Memorial Garden. They will also be invited to visit the facility and see the garden, located to the east of our building. For more information about including Greenwood in your estate plans or if you've already named Greenwood in your will, email linda@greenwoodwildlife.org.



A WILD MERGANSER CHASE

A woman noticed an unusual duckling wandering around her 4-acre farm, with no mom to be found. Worried that her barn cats might get to it, she gathered it up. Then she heard her domestic ducks and geese making a racket in their pens and found three more little ones there. Before she could get them into a box, she saw a couple more about to run under the fence to the south of her property. She tucked her shirt into her pants and put the ones she had already gathered inside. Believe it or not, it wasn't over yet! Once she had all six contained, she heard her husband calling from the pasture that he had found another. They scooped it up and spent a few hours observing at a distance

to see if mom was still around, but she was nowhere to be found. The woman called her local Animal Control, who referred her to Greenwood. The birds turned out to be baby Common Mergansers! The seven of them are

flourishing in our care, enjoying diving in pools and feasting on lots of live fish. They will be released as soon as they have grown enough to thrive in the wild on their own.



Common Mergansers



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WILD NIGHT IS ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Please join us for Virtual *Wild Night for Wildlife* on Saturday, Sept. 19. This evening of fun and fundraising starts with Happy Hour, preview, and log-in from 5:15-6 p.m. followed by the live event from 6-7:15 p.m. This is the first time in its 12-year history that our biggest fundraiser of the year will not take place in person. We still promise you a fantastic evening! The event includes the following:

- A week-long online auction that opens mid-morning Wednesday, Sept. 16, and closes at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22. You'll find something for everyone, so get a head start bidding on live items!
- A virtual Heads and Tails game with a chance to win \$400 in Target gift cards.



- A heartwarming special appeal and entertaining live auction featuring captivating auctioneer, Don Martin.

Enjoy the event in the privacy of your home. Ask friends to join you (with safe distancing, of course) in supporting

Greenwood. Registration is free at

greenwoodwildnight.com, but please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help off-set our expenses.

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

- Escape the city to mountain getaways in Estes Park
- An elegant five-course dinner for eight at the Boulder Cork
- Three nights in a Silverthorne condo

View the complete live auction list at greenwoodwildnight.com.

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