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Wildlife in Crisis and New Canaan Community Foundation Sponsor Owl Release



PHOTO Caption: Great-horned owl rescued and nursed back to health by Wildlife in Crisis, with Community Foundation support

This was a very difficult winter for wildlife in Connecticut. Wildlife in Crisis, a wildlife hospital in Weston, nurtured hundreds of starving and injured birds like this great-horned owl during recent months. For the past 5 years, Wildlife in Crisis has partnered with New Canaan Community Foundation to give debilitated wildlife a second chance. Thanks to the generous support of the Community Foundation, Wildlife in Crisis was able to give this owl the medication, food and housing required to save her life. She was found barely clinging to life in New Canaan in January, and was brought to Wildlife in Crisis by a compassionate resident who found her on the side of the road, likely hit by a car. This owl was treated for a concussion, lacerations, hypothermia and emaciation at the Wildlife in Crisis clinic. Eventually she was

moved to a large aviary for flight conditioning and is now ready to be reintroduced to the wild, back in her hometown of New Canaan.

Join Wildlife in Crisis and the Community Foundation on Sunday May 17th at 4pm at Waveny Park for the homecoming of this rehabilitated, healthy great-horned owl. It is sure to be a beautiful sight to behold, and you can sample some delicious owl-shaped sugar cookies.

Wildlife in Crisis is a volunteer run, non-profit, organization dedicated to wildlife preservation and land conservation. Founded in 1988, each year WIC cares for over 5,000 injured and orphaned wild animals. WIC relies entirely on donations to care for debilitated wildlife.

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