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I say if your knees aren't green by the end of the day, you ought to seriously re-examine your life.

- Calvin from Bill Watterson's
Calvin and Hobbes



Mission Statement:

To improve the well-being of Northwest Ohio wildlife populations and habitat through public education and rehabilitation of injured, ailing, and orphaned wildlife, with an emphasis on coexistence.

'Walk For Wildlife' offers chance to see native animals up close

Where can you get up close and personal with native wildlife and participate in hands-on learning activities that are fun for the whole family — all while walking one of the most scenic trails in northwest Ohio? At the 2nd Annual "Walk For Wildlife," that's where!

This year's event will be held Saturday, May 8th. Join us for an exciting one-mile walk around our Blue Creek property and stop at ten display and activity stations along the route. Station hosts will include Nature's Nursery, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District, Claire's Day, Lourdes College Life Lab, Wild Ones, ODNR Small Streams, and Oak Openings Raptor Monitoring Project.

You'll see raptors, reptiles, small mammals, amphibians, butterflies, fish and more.

Walkers are asked to donate at least \$20 to support Nature's Nursery care of injured and orphaned wildlife. Groups and individuals are welcome to take pledges to participate. The first 50 walkers to register will receive a 32 oz. Nature's Nursery BPA-free water bottle!

Bring your water bottle and lunch to enjoy afterward. Picnic tables and water refills will be provided.

Event check-in begins at 9 a.m., with the walk following at 10 a.m. All ages are welcome. For a map, registration and pledge form, go to our website: www.natures-nursery.org or call 419-877-0060.



Wish list

Nature's Nursery is in need of the following. Note this is a partial list. For a complete list, visit our website. Please call the Center at 419-877-0060 if you can provide:

Unsalted walnuts or pecans (no shell)
 Chuck-A-Nut (pumpkin seeds)
 Plain Cheerios (store brand is fine)
 Unsweetened Mini Shredded Wheat cereal
 Baby food meat—puree
 Heavy crockery bowls
 Paper towels
 Dry & canned cat food
 Pedialyte (unflavored)
 Clay cat litter (not the clumping kind)
 Meijer or Andersons gift cards
 Medium & large transport kennels
 Heavy welders' gloves
 Lightweight leather gloves
 Office Depot or Office Max gift cards
 Color index cards
 8 1/2 X 11 copier paper
 Digital video camera
 Compact speakers for the lap top system
 Underwriting for portable gram scale w/ perch
 Underwriting for classroom newsletter
 New heating pads (no auto turn-off)
 Receiving blankets
 40-watt incandescent light bulbs
 75-100 watt full spectrum reptile lights
 Scrub brushes
 Electric heaters for outdoor water bowls
 Liquid laundry soap for front-load washer
 Medications and medical supplies — Nebulizer
 currently a high priority
 Small animal incubator and warming unit
 Power tools and hand tools (good condition)
 Heavy duty rakes
 Heavy duty carts or wheelbarrows
 Carpet squares
 Original Dawn dish liquid
 Postage stamps
 Underwriting for summer intern

Development News

The Andersons seed partnership will sprout positive returns for Nature's Nursery

By Mark Tooman
Development Officer

Nature's Nursery and The Andersons Retail stores are partnering this spring on a fund raising program that could generate up to \$1,000 for the organization.

The Andersons will donate \$1 to Nature's Nursery, up to \$1,000, for every 20-pound bag of The Andersons bird seed purchased by our supporters during April. The process is simple. At checkout, just submit the special voucher that we have included in this newsletter. There is no limit to the number of bags of seed that you can purchase during April. Simply turn in one voucher for every bag you purchase.

For us to earn the full \$1,000 we'll need your help in promoting this special offer to your family members, friends and neighbors. Additional vouchers can be printed off of our web site, or we will be happy to mail you additional copies.

This special promotion is a test case that could demonstrate the power of a retail partnership for a non-profit such as ours. During this challenging economic period, this type of promotional partnership provides an opportunity for mutually-beneficial results. Driving business to a local retailer such as

The Andersons in return for financial support based on sales of a specific product like bird seed is a win-win situation.

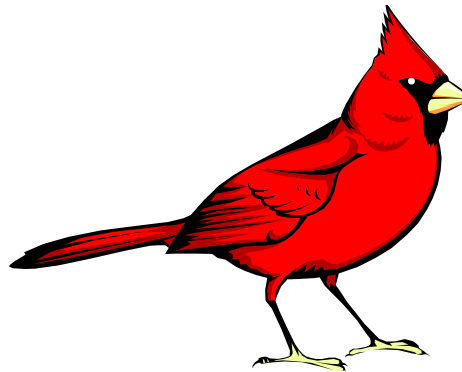


The seed program fits nicely into our nature conservation mission. In addition, The Andersons is offering us opportunities to present in-store education programs that will help us reach the general public with information about our work.

Help us make this program a success. Our ability to continue nursing injured wildlife back to health, and reaching school groups and community organizations with our conservation education message, depends on

the active support of members like you and the generous support of corporate partners like The Andersons.

As always, thank you for your support!



Help us by shopping at Kroger

Nature's Nursery is now part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Sign up today to help Nature's Nursery earn money every time you shop! Simply visit: krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the instructions. Nature's Nursery's membership number is: 83785.

Questions or problems signing up? Just stop by any Kroger customer service desk and they'll be glad to help.

Education Update

Nature's Nursery teams up with Claire's Day to promote reading

Nature's Nursery is teaming up with Claire's Day, another Toledo-area nonprofit, to help promote childhood literacy. Both organizations offer programs that focus on the importance of reading and aspire to reach young people, their families and teachers with this valuable message.

Nature's Nursery has reinforced its conservation education message through its "Reading is Second Nature" program that encourages students to set goals and read each day. By reaching their reading goals, students help earn classroom visits from Nature's Nursery and our animal ambassadors.

Claire's Day, celebrating its ninth anniversary this year, is committed to inspiring children and families to be lifelong readers through exposure to a variety of literary opportunities and experiences. Claire's Day sponsors a free family book festival held at the

Maumee library each year, featuring story reading, presentations and programs by authors and illustrators, and the presentation of C.A.R.E. awards to students who show improvement in their reading skills.

On Saturday, May 15, Nature's Nursery will take part in Claire's Day with wildlife-themed storybook readings and programming designed to excite young readers. You also can expect appearances by some of our most popular animal ambassadors. Look for us in and around the C.A.R.E. awards tent.

Claire's Day also will be featured as



part of our Walk For Wildlife event on Saturday, May 8 at the Blue Creek Conservation area in Whitehouse (see related story on page 1). You'll be able to learn more about this year's exciting Claire's Day schedule before or after you take part in our walk that will bring wildlife up close and include hands-on learning activities.

For Claire's Day information visit www.claresday.org.

Nature's Nursery to receive 100% of proceeds for tickets we sell for Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic

Planning to attend the 2010 Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic? Why not buy your tickets through Nature's Nursery? We'll receive 100% of the ticket price to help support our children's education programming!

The 26th Annual Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic Presented by Kroger will be played the week of June 28 – July 4 at Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania. You may order your weekly grounds and clubhouse tickets several ways: through the tournament's website at www.jamiefarrowenscorningclassic.com (simply designate Nature's Nursery as your charity of choice), or by filling out and mailing or faxing an order form, available in this newsletter or from our website at www.natures-nursery.org.

Weekly Clubhouse tickets are \$100 each, and will allow you access to the Clubhouse and grounds Monday through Sunday. The Clubhouse ticket provides you the opportunity to purchase food and beverages. A Weekly Grounds ticket costs \$50 and will allow you access to the grounds Monday through Sunday. There will be concession stands located throughout the course for purchase of food and beverages. The charity ticket program runs through June 18, 2010. All ticket orders will be mailed to the purchaser through the tournament office four weeks prior to the tournament.

Thank you so much

The following memorial donations have recently been received:

Peter Orser in memory of **George MacNichol III**.

Marlene and Bill Evans in memory of **Ida Navarre**.

We are grateful to the following businesses for hosting our donation canisters:

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campaigns. To learn how your employer or business can participate in NOCS' annual campaign, call Northwest Ohio Community Shares at 419-243-6637. You'll not only help Nature's Nursery, you'll be offering your employees real choice in workplace giving, while making our community a better place to live.

Need a speaker for your group or club?

Nature's Nursery conducts conservation programs — with live animals! — for area schools, scout meetings, civic and business groups, garden clubs, senior centers, and more. We offer programs tailored to all ages, from preschoolers to senior citizens. Call the Center at 419-877-0060 to schedule a program or for more information.

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