



Press Release

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Le Nichoir opens doors on May 18th Following its successful fundraising event on April 24th

Le Nichoir is announcing the centre's opening for May 18th. "The new staff is arriving today, training and prep work will be done until Monday, for the official opening, but we have been receiving birds already and a lot of calls concerning ducks nesting or having babies in people's pools that we need to attend to" says Susan Wylie, biologist, director of Le Nichoir for the past 5 years.

Thanks to a very successful ***Benefit Dinner and Auction "For the Birds"*** last month, that helped raise enough money for Le Nichoir to purchase food and medication, as well as pay for one full-time staff member. "Thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers that worked in a perfect synergy to make this event as success. A total of \$33,260 was collected which included \$6,890 generously donated for a special appeal to purchase a small Xray machine Special accolades to auctioneers Mr. Michael and Fraser Lawrence for a job well done.



"This year is a very special year as we have now started our fundraising campaign for the New Center Project" explains Elise Villeneuve, volunteer at Le Nichoir since 2007. The New Center, which will respect the natural attributes of the property, will cost an estimated \$1.2 million. It is an impressive project – probably one of the most important in the history of avian conservation in Canada.

Inside the centre, there will be a reception area, intensive care and research units, several aviaries and a large classroom to accommodate youth groups and visitors. Naming opportunities will give our private and corporate partners a way to participate in this conservation legacy. Mayor Corker who attended the benefit dinner participated in the announcement *"I am proud to say that Hudson is for the birds! On behalf of Town Council, I congratulate Le Nichoir on being one of a kind in Canada as well as an integral and important part of the Hudson Community."*

About Le Nichoir:

Le Nichoir Wild Bird Rehabilitation Centre is a registered non-profit organization located in Hudson. Founded in 1994, the centre has cared for thousands of wild birds, hundreds of ducklings and returned them to their natural habitat. The centre hires students for the summer to provide daily and necessary care but volunteers are also at the heart of daily activities. Le Nichoir has become a well known educational resource for its expertise and is the largest rehab centre for song birds in Canada. Le Nichoir's mission is to protect a part of our natural heritage for future generations.

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