



## Press Release

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### **Do not miss Le Nichoir's Benefit Dinner and Auction "For the Birds" on Saturday April 24th, 2010**

**You can help by giving an item, becoming an event sponsor or bidding for the birds!**

Le Nichoir is cordially inviting the public to their Benefit Dinner and Auction "For the Birds" being held on Saturday April 24th, 2010 at the beautiful Chateau Vaudreuil Pavillion in Vaudreuil-Dorion. This gathering is Le Nichoir Wild Bird Rehabilitation Centre's most important event which raises funds needed to provide care and treatment to over a thousand injured and orphaned wild songbirds and waterfowl including ducklings, brought to the Centre annually.

For over 16 years, Le Nichoir has been providing a service free of charge so that people have a good place to bring injured and orphaned wild birds that cross their path. Susan Wylie, Executive Director of Le Nichoir, says "Many Quebecers go to great lengths to bring us injured birds." "Students who work at Le Nichoir in the summertime treat a variety of injuries including window and car collisions, tree trimming accidents, oil spills and abandonment. "Children often arrive sad with their baby bird gently tucked into a shoe box, but they leave the Centre with a big smile knowing that they did the right thing by bringing the bird to us", says Wylie.

Le Nichoir has cared for more than 14 000 wild birds, responded to more than 30 000 phone calls and 7 000 emails from individuals concerned about an injured or orphaned wild bird. "The Centre provides great hands-on experience for university students who work at Le Nichoir. Students learn to interact (with the public) and help solve real wildlife management issues" adds Wylie, a Macdonald College graduate. The licensed Centre is unique in Quebec and is the largest wild songbird rehabilitation centre in Canada.

Le Nichoir has embarked on what is the most important project in the history of avian conservation in Canada: the construction of the new Wild Bird Conservation Centre on land donated by the Nature Conservancy of Canada in Hudson. This new 4-season facility will allow the Centre to continue saving birds and provide on-site education to youth groups. Le Nichoir is grateful to have received support from the Town of Hudson, Robert Bateman (O.C.), Gilles Farand (Prefect, MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges) and Natalie Zinger (Regional Vice-President, Quebec, Nature Conservancy of Canada).

Participating in "For the Birds" is a great way of signifying your support towards Le Nichoir's mission. You can help ensure the success of the event by giving an item, a service, an antique, art or a collectible, becoming a sponsor or even making a donation as a Friend of Le Nichoir.

You can also join them for an evening of fun and bid on our live and silent auction items such as a painting or a bird watching trip to Pointe Pelee to name a few ! Tax receipts can be issued for most donations, please contact Le Nichoir for more information.

Le Nichoir's Benefit Dinner and Auction "For the Birds" includes an evening at Chateau Vaudreuil with hors d'oeuvres, live music, a sit-down dinner (vegetarian dish available), door prizes, a thank you treat and a lot of fun for only \$75 per person. Seating is limited, so please purchase your tickets ahead of time.

The United Nations proclaimed 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity, and people all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. This is vital for current and future human wellbeing. We need to do more. Now is the time to act.

For more information on how to give or for purchasing tickets - please contact Susan at (450) 458-2809 or at [info@lenichoir.org](mailto:info@lenichoir.org). You can visit Le Nichoir's website at [www.lenichoir.org](http://www.lenichoir.org).

#### 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, as well as hundreds of ducklings and returned them to their natural habitat. Le Nichoir 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 an educational resource well known for its expertise and is the largest rehabilitation Centre for songbirds in Canada. Le Nichoir's mission is to conserve wild birds as a part of our natural heritage.

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