

# The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center Celebrates the 15th Annual Get Wild Benefit

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-- As the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center of the Hamptons continues to rehabilitate and successfully release animals back into the wild across Eastern Long Island, there was more to celebrate at the 15th Annual GET WILD Benefit. James Hunter and Fred W. Thiele, jr. were honored at this year's benefit. The event was hosted at the Sagaponack sculpture field and the event chairs for this year's benefit were Ingrid Edelman, Jane Gill, Missy Hargraves and Jonathan McCann. The emcee for the event was Joseph Shaw of the Express News Group.

Guests were treated to live music, cocktails, light fare, and a silent auction. All guests were welcomed to the cocktail party, which featured appearances by some of the non-releasable hawks and

owls that the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center has rehabilitated and now reside at the Center. All proceeds benefited the native wildlife treated at their hospital.

Notable attendees included: Fred W. Thiele, jr., Jane Gill, Noelle Dunlop, Chris Strub, Missy Hargraves, Bruce Weber, Nan Bush, Jack Bishop, Maryann Marston, Brigid Fitzgerald, Jean Shafiroff, Ingrid Edelman, Sara Shala, Elton Ilirjani, Consuelo Vanderbilt, Pamela Morgan, Roger Sichel, Luisa Diaz, Julie Ratner, Soren White, MD.

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About the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center of The Hamptons:

The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center, Inc., Eastern Long Island's only wildlife hospital, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of wild animals impacted by human encroachment on their habitat. It is a grass-roots organization that began with a few concerned friends and has grown to include over 3,000 members and supporters. The center operates as a



Honoree Fred W. Thiele, jr. and the WRC's Noelle Dunlop (photo credit: R Cole for Rob Rich / Society Allure)



Jane Gill, Meep the Owl and photographer Bruce Weber (photo credit: R Cole for Rob Rich / Society Allure)

full-service professional wildlife hospital, with licensed rehabilitators, biologists, animal behaviorists, and volunteers on staff. More than 300 people have been trained to help with wildlife rescues. The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center is located on Munn's Pond Park through a cooperative licensing agreement with Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. The center is located on a greenbelt of public land parcels that stretches from Tiana Bay to Peconic Bay on the eastern end of Long Island, New York. This ecosystem is one-of-a-kind and irreplaceable, with salt and freshwater wetlands, Pine Barrens, deciduous forest, and meadowland. As a result, it is an ideal location for a wildlife rehabilitation center. The hospital is intended solely for wild animals. There are no ambient noises or smells to stress the wildlife that is recovering within, unlike a veterinary hospital. Every year, the Wildlife Rescue Center receives over 10,000 calls for information or assistance regarding wild animal encounters. In addition, the center offers educational programs to local elementary and secondary schools. Local college students participate in cooperative education programs and internships. The Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center has an annual operating budget of more than \$650,000, almost entirely funded by generous donors.

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Elton Ilirjani with musical guest Trey Taylor (photo credit: R Cole for Rob Rich / Society Allure)

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