Holland Families: Please help us support the Florida Wildlife Hospital!

Mrs. Manifold’s fourth grade class has been working on a community service project for the last two months to support the Florida Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary. It is a hospital for native and migratory species of animals in our area. The hospital is a non-profit organization that relies on the support of our local community.

From the Florida Wildlife Hospital website:

“Since 1973, Florida Wildlife Hospital & Sanctuary (FWH) has rescued, rehabilitated, and released thousands of sick, injured, and orphaned animals in Brevard County. Located in Palm Shores, Florida, FWH is available 365 days a year to admit wildlife patients. We care for more than 5,000 patients per year. There is never charge for animal care but we receive no state or federal funding. FWH is the only facility of its kind in the area and provides immeasurable and critical value to the community and to the lives of the wildlife cared for at our facility. Since most of the wild animals brought to our clinic suffer from injuries or problems caused by humans, we not only aim to help animals in need, but to educate the public on how they can reduce their impact on local wildlife.”

The students have been researching the work of the hospital, learning about native and invasive species, impacts of loss of habitat, what all of us can do to support our native species, and what to do in the event that someone finds an injured wild animal. The students have prepared informational presentations and PSA’s for the entire school community. Students will be doing presentations in many classrooms in the next two weeks to share the knowledge they gained through their research.

Being that the hospital runs on donations from the community, Mrs. Manifold’s students decided to do a coin donation drive throughout the school from January 13-24. Every classroom will receive a gallon jug for donations. The class that donates the most money donated by the end of the coin drive will win a pizza party. So send in that spare change to support a worthwhile cause! 😊

Additionally, there are many items that the hospital is always in need of. We have placed large collection bins in hallways A, B, C, and D labeled “Florida Wildlife Hospital”. If you are willing to donate any items from the list below it would be greatly appreciated!

- Bird Seed – Regular mixed seed variety
- Pine Bedding – shavings
- Gallon jugs of Distilled water
- Pecans and Walnuts (still in the shell)
- Flannel Receiving blankets
- Carefresh Natural Pet Bedding
- 39 gallon trash bags
- Rolls of paper towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Copy paper
- Cardstock paper
- Gift cards to: Walmart, Publix, Home Depot

Thank you for supporting our students’ efforts to support the Florida Wildlife Hospital!

For more information about the Florida Wildlife Hospital, go to www.floridawildlifehospital.org.