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Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife

# CROW Connection *August 2025*

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Save the Date!



evening to support CROW!

*When*

**Saturday January 10, at 6 p.m.**

*Where*

**Forest Country Club,  
Fort Myers**

Tickets go on sale September 1st!

Mark your calendars for our annual WILD About CROW fundraiser January 10, 2026. The evening will begin at 6pm and promises to be a "wild" time with a delicious 3-course dinner, open bar, silent auction and the chance to meet CROW's animal ambassadors.

Early bird ticket details go on sale September 1st.

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## *Love Sanibel Back at CROW*



Love Sanibel Back spotlights businesses across Sanibel and Captiva islands with weekly events and special gatherings to bring renewed energy, unity, and connection to the community.

This year, Love Sanibel Back "travels" from the East End to the West End, finishing in Captiva. Each week, a different neighborhood of businesses will be featured, with 1-2 days of special events and promotions.

Visit CROW Wednesday, August 6, and receive 10% off ALL purchases.

[Learn more about Love Sanibel Back](#)

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## *Wild Tales for Little Tails:*

# Storytime at CROW

Looking for a fun and educational activity for the little ones? Join us for Storytime at CROW—a FREE event perfect for kids ages 4–12!

Enjoy snacks, drinks, an engaging story, and an exciting visit from our Animal Ambassadors. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about wildlife in a fun and interactive setting.

Storytime date: August 7th

**RSVP to:**  
[blaster@crowclinic.org](mailto:blaster@crowclinic.org)



Time: 1:30 PM  
Location: CROW's Visitor Education Center

## Legacy Giving



August is “make a will month” with a gentle reminder to revisit your estate planning.

Our Executive Director, [Alison Charney Hussey](#) Esq., and our experienced Director of Development and Communications, [Grace Murphy](#), are here to answer

questions about your future giving for CROW. Over the years, CROW has been blessed by those unexpected gifts from our supporters who have passed. Because of them, we're able to continue the mission of saving wildlife and educating future wildlife caregivers every year.

A planned gift allows you to enjoy charitable income and/or gift or estate tax deductions, while making a more significant gift than you could in your lifetime.

Below are a variety of ways available to help you reach your financial and charitable goals:

- Including CROW in a will or living trust
- Naming CROW as a beneficiary of a retirement plan
- Designating CROW as a beneficiary or owner of a life insurance policy

Please consult with your professional counsel to determine which option may work best for you.

Won't you join CROW's legacy society? For more information on making a planned gift to CROW, please contact our Development Director at (239) 472-3644 ext. #232 or [development@crowclinic.org](mailto:development@crowclinic.org).

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## National Nonprofit Day

Sunday, August 17 is National Nonprofit day--established to honor the vital role that nonprofit organizations play in addressing social, political, and environmental issues. It was founded by Sherita J. Herring in 2017, commemorating the signing of the Tariff Act on August 17, 1894. This Act provided the first federal income tax exemptions for nonprofit organizations.



National Nonprofit day serves as a reminder of the positive impact nonprofits have on communities and encourages individuals to support these organizations through volunteering, donations, and advocacy.

Celebrate the day by supporting CROW's mission. Through volunteering, donating, or simply spreading the word, you can contribute to saving Florida's wildlife.

[Donate to CROW](#)

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## NEW Gift Shop Merch

We are always bringing in fresh merchandise to our CROW gift shop, and new products have arrived! Check out our Gift Shop online or in person to see what's new and support CROW today.



[Shop online](#)

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## Volunteer with CROW



We need you! CROW could not operate without our wonderful volunteers. Our volunteers help in various jobs—grazing tortoises, rescuing patients, feeding songbirds, and so much more! Interested in becoming a CROW volunteer? We have a number of volunteer

In becoming a CROW volunteer, we have a number of volunteer opportunities:

- Volunteer Emergency Rescue and Transport (VERT)
- Drop-Off Point Drivers
- Gift Shop Attendant

...and more.

***August volunteer orientation:*** August 8th from 3-5PM.

[Learn more about CROW's volunteer opportunities](#)

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## Patient of the Month: Mexican Free-Tailed Bat



We'd like to introduce you to one of our smallest, furriest patients--a Mexican Free-Tailed Bat! (patient #25-2907).

An adult female bat was found on the ground and was unable to fly. During



her intake examination, our team discovered that she was dehydrated, underweight, and experiencing intermittent body tremors, likely caused by stress and overall weakness.

We were able to coax her into eating, and she has been steadily regaining weight. Once she gains a bit more weight and strength, she will be ready to return to the wild where she belongs.

Mexican Free-Tailed Bats can fly up to speeds of just under 50 mph and reach altitudes of 10,800 feet. These nocturnal insect-eaters play a significant role in controlling mosquito populations. The largest colony of Mexican Free-Tailed Bats in Florida is at the University of Florida in Gainesville, with about 500,000 bats in residence.

Thank you for helping CROW give bats like her a second chance--every patient counts.

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## We Will be Closed



CROW's Visitor Education Center and Gift Shop will be closed Monday-Friday, September 1-5, for Labor Day and cleaning.

Our wildlife hospital is open those days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 239-322-5068 regarding sick or injured wildlife.



Want to see more patient updates? Follow CROW on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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