

Helping Evergreen Audubon's Future

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On behalf of everyone on the Evergreen Audubon Board... we thank you for being a part of the organization as we celebrate our 50th year anniversary! Can you believe that... We definitely have something special here! I'm thrilled to announce that the Board has taken a major step to guarantee the future of Evergreen Audubon.

We have partnered with Colorado's Community First Foundation to establish **The Evergreen Audubon Legacy Fund!**



You all know that throughout the year we work hard to secure funds for the operating budget of Evergreen Audubon & the Nature Center... we get grant funding and raise money during our annual appeal, fall Bash, nest box and wreath sales, our new virtual 5K Skinny Dipper race and many other activities that contribute to keeping us a float. Thank you everyone!

In addition to our on-going fund-raising efforts, over the years we have received some very generous financial support in form of special donations, bequests and memorial gifts. For the most part we have put these special funds in reserve so we have them for a special project or to secure a so-called "nest egg." The reserve fund reached an amount that we felt should be invested in an endowment fund to ensure Evergreen Audubon and the Nature Center can continue for another 50 years.

From now on, any extraordinary gifts, including bequest, stock donations and memorial gifts, will be invested in the new Evergreen Audubon Legacy Fund. We were able to seed the fund with \$30,000 from our reserves and the Community First Foundation donated an incentive gift of just over \$6,000! For the first few years, we plan to reinvest the fund's interest. At some point, as the fund grows, we will be able to redirect the interest to support our operating expenses... maybe hire a year-round naturalist assistant or maybe even find a permanent home for the Nature Center!

Of course, we welcome any inquires on how to contribute to the Legacy Fund, but don't forget, our annual fund-raising efforts are still our highest priority.

We have a remarkable history and 50 years' worth of dedicated Evergreen Audubon members to thank for getting us to where we are today.