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## **SECOND CHANCE WILDLIFE CENTER BREAKS GROUND FOR ALL-NEW WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER**

**Respected non-profit will move operations from Gaithersburg to Clarksburg in 2024**



Second Chance Wildlife Center Board members and Staff leaders break ground for new facility



Artist's rendering: Future Second Chance Wildlife Center Clinic building being built in Clarksburg, MD

(October 16, 2023 - Montgomery County, Maryland) - After more than two decades working in a small, rented, and very old farmhouse in Gaithersburg, Maryland, Second Chance Wildlife Center ([www.SCWC.org](http://www.SCWC.org)) recently broke ground for what will be its brand new, custom designed, and eco-friendly wildlife clinic and rehabilitation facility at 26400 Haines Road in Clarksburg, Maryland. The project, including the purchase of the land, was funded entirely by private donations, with construction scheduled to be completed in late 2024. TW Construction (Gaithersburg, MD) is the General Contractor for the project designed by Richard Donnally of RDA Architects (Ocean City, MD). Engineering for the innovative facility is being led by C.S. Consulting Engineers (Rockville, MD) and Marcis, Hendricks & Glascock, P.A. (Montgomery Village, MD). Fencing will be provided by Scott Ruete of Builders Fence Company (Sterling, VA), and Ruppert Landscape (Laytonsville, MD) is generously donating all landscaping design, labor, and materials.

Second Chance Wildlife Center, Inc. is a respected independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization operating under permits issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition to providing a vital service to those two agencies, Second Chance also serves as a trusted place for county animal services divisions and members of the public across the region to bring injured, ill, and orphaned wildlife for skilled and compassionate emergency medical treatment and long-term rehabilitative care with the goal of releasing healthy animals back to nature. Second Chance is open 365 days a year and estimates that since its founding in 1995 it has admitted over 67,000 wildlife patients. Educating the public on safely co-existing with their wildlife neighbors is another key part of Second Chance Wildlife Center's mission, which it carries out through its website, public presentations, social media, and in response to thousands of calls and emails each year from people with questions about wildlife behavior and possible wildlife rescue situations.

“Upper Montgomery County and Frederick County are booming, and we are seeing dramatic increases in the numbers of native wildlife being displaced, orphaned, and injured in that region from automobiles, lawnmowers, tree trimming and removal, window strikes, and more,” stated Second Chance Wildlife Center's president, Maureen Smith. “Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful supporters, we are not only establishing a larger new facility designed specifically for

wildlife rehabilitation, but we are also moving to where our services are needed most while remaining accessible to people from across the state via easy access from Interstate 270.”

With this new facility, indoor space for medical care and recovery will increase from 1,700 square feet to approximately 4,900 square feet, and will include a surgery suite, x-ray room, a dedicated nursery for baby animals, and more customized space for species-specific treatment. *Note: Being a wildlife hospital, Second Chance is not open for tours and its patients are not on public display.*

Business and individuals wishing to donate new or used business or veterinary equipment, kitchen and laundry appliances, and/or office furnishings for the new facility, would be deeply appreciated and should contact [info@scwc.org](mailto:info@scwc.org).

Until it moves into its new facility, Second Chance Wildlife Center will continue to operate from its current location at 7101 Barcellona Drive in Gaithersburg every day of the year. People considering rescuing an animal that appears to be injured, ill, or orphaned should always contact Second Chance Wildlife Center first at 301-926-9453 or visit its website [www.SCWC.org](http://www.SCWC.org).

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#### **About RICHARD DONNALLY, RDAarchitects**

Mr. Donnally formed RDAarchitects in 2021 to focus on custom homes and renovations as well as several commercial projects throughout the State of Maryland. Previously, Mr. Donnally was Principal of DVA architects in Gaithersburg - known for award-winning work in the design of office buildings and campuses, over 12 million square feet of data centers, and large multifamily buildings - including the 12 story Patuxent Lakefront mixed use office and apartment complex in Columbia, Maryland. *“I have been part of this project since 2014 and I am confident that this new facility will enable Second Chance to provide state-of-the-art care for the wildlife in the greater Maryland area, including some species that were not possible in the organization’s current location. It has been a labor of love.”* [www.RDAArchitects.net](http://www.RDAArchitects.net).

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