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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**June 5, 2025****Hungerford Nature Center To Welcome Blind Young Fox as New Animal Ambassador**

Berlin, CT — The Hungerford Nature Center is proud to announce the soon-to-be newest addition to its family of animal ambassadors: a young, blind red fox. Rescued as a kit and deemed non-releasable due to permanent vision loss, he will now have a forever home where he will play an important role in educating the public about wildlife conservation, disabilities in animals, and the importance of rehabilitation.

The fox kit was taken in by [The Wildlife-Line](#) after a homeowner found him alone, walking in circles and laying on the road. A veterinary evaluation confirmed that he had inflammation on his spine and his brain from being hit by a car. Due to the significant care he is receiving from the Wildlife-Line, he is making a strong recovery. Unfortunately, the injury caused irreversible blindness, making it impossible for him to survive in his natural habitat. Recognizing the opportunity to give him a meaningful life, the Hungerford Nature Center will open its arms to welcome him when he is ready.

“We are very thankful to have the expertise of our animal care team and the support of the entire staff to provide this wonderful animal a safe forever home,” said Dr. Tami Christopher, Executive Director. Due to the specialized nature of this fox’s needs, the Hungerford Nature Center has put together a fundraising campaign. “The start-up costs will be significant but we are committed to providing the best possible care for our newest animal ambassador,” said Melissa Santos, Board Chair. The Hungerford Nature Center hopes to raise \$50,000 to support the building of a new outdoor enclosure and cover other start-up costs including advanced training for staff and initial veterinary care.

Geoffory Bray, President of the New Britain Institute stated that “the organization is committed to becoming a center for excellence in regard to the study and preservation of the environment, especially our native species.” The Hungerford Nature Center also cares for owls, hawks, an opossum, skunk, and other native, exotic, and barnyard animals.

To contribute to the fox’s fundraising efforts, please visit:
<https://www.zeffy.com/fundraising/fox-enclosure>

About the New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center:

The New Britain Youth Museum and Hungerford Nature Center engages its community by sparking curiosity, nurturing understanding, and encouraging stewardship of the natural world. It serves thousands of students, families, and adults every year through its membership, educational programs, and summer camp. It is a branch of the New Britain Institute, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 legacy organization founded in 1853.