

## NEWS RELEASE

### Peace River Wildlife Center Hosting Family-Friendly Fur, Feathers & Food Fundraising Event Aug. 21

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (Aug. 08, 2021) – Luna, a rare leucistic screech owl, is prepping his feathers in preparation of a frolicking good time Saturday, Aug. 21 when the [Peace River Wildlife Center](#) (PRWC) hosts Fur, Feathers & Food. The fundraiser features carnival games, food, a photo booth, live music, and overall family-friendly fun. Admission is free, and a \$10 donation per person provides access to all activities including a hot dog. The event is noon – 4 p.m. at the Ponce de Leon Park facility at 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy., in Punta Gorda.

“Annually, it costs PRWC \$90,000 to feed patient and resident native wildlife. The Fur, Feathers & Food event is a fun way to raise funds to cover the center’s food costs,” said Callie Stahl, Executive Director of the Peace River Wildlife Center.

Highlights of the day include a photo booth with PRWC educational animals like Luna. The [Calusa Nature Center](#) of Fort Myers will bring a baby alligator and a variety of non-venomous snake species to educate visitors about Florida’s cool reptiles. Musical performers are the Tin Can Tourist Band and Terry Dotson. Attendees are invited to tour PRWC and meet the residents, like Spirit the fish crow who enjoys saying “hi” to visitors.

The center will host a giving challenge online Aug. 20 – 22. Those who want to support the center continue its mission of caring for injured, orphaned, or abandoned Florida wildlife, can donate by visiting [prwildlife.org](#) or on [Facebook.com/peacriverwildlifecenter](#). An anonymous donor will match up to \$25,000 for all donations received both online and during the Fur, Feathers & Food fundraiser.

For more information about the event, visit [prwildlife.org](#), call (941) 637-3830 or email [peacriverwildlife@yahoo.com](mailto:peacriverwildlife@yahoo.com).

#### **About the Peace River Wildlife Center**

The Peace River Wildlife Center (PRWC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation and education center tucked neatly into the mangroves overlooking Charlotte Harbor at Ponce de Leon Park in Punta Gorda Isles, Florida. The facility offers care to injured, orphaned, and abandoned native wildlife. The PRWC does not receive any federal government support. The costs involved in maintaining these educational displays and to feed almost 120 permanent residents and more than 2,500 patient admissions annually is more than \$90,000 per year. All the Peace River Wildlife Center’s expenses are met through donations, our recycling program, gift shop sales, and small grants. PRWC’s mission is carried out primarily by volunteers. PRWC is located at 3400 Ponce De Leon Pkwy, Punta Gorda, Fla. 33950. Injured, abandoned, or orphaned native wildlife is accepted at the center’s care facility 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily at 223 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Punta Gorda. Learn more at [prwildlife.org](#). For the latest news, connect with PRWC on [www.facebook.com/peacriverwildlifecenter](#).

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LINK TO PHOTOS:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kluethkgyasmr2o/AADJ0P7ThI2vkAkRE0FW7Mloa?dl=0>

Captions:

Bilfred – Bilfred is a bald eagle and is one of several residents at the Peace River Wildlife Center in Punta Gorda. Visitors attending the Fur, Feathers & Food fundraiser noon – 4 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the center can meet him and other rehabilitated residents.

Luna – Luna is a rare leucistic Eastern screech owl and is one of several residents at the Peace River Wildlife Center in Punta Gorda. Visitors attending the Fur, Feathers & Food fundraiser noon – 4 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the center can meet him and other rehabilitated residents.

Maggie – Maggie is a barred owl and is one of several residents at the Peace River Wildlife Center in Punta Gorda. Visitors attending the Fur, Feathers & Food fundraiser noon – 4 p.m. on Aug. 21 at the center can meet her and other rehabilitated residents.

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