



## Wild Nest Earns Platinum Seal From GuideStar

Wild Nest has achieved the Platinum Seal of Transparency rating on [GuideStar/Candid](#). This recognition puts Wild Nest in the top 0.1% of nonprofits nationally in terms of transparency and demonstrates our commitment to implementing practices to establish credibility within the nonprofit sector.

We also launched our first project with [Global Giving](#). As a vetted organization with Global Giving, we have access to a nonprofit network for knowledge sharing and a repository of data, tools, and resources for improvement opportunities. You can take a look at Wild Nest's profile and project description [here](#). In addition, Global Giving provides an online database of employers that match charitable donations. For most companies they provide a direct link to initiate the process. Interested in doubling your impact when you give? [Click here](#).



# Bluebirds — From Nestlings to Flight



*By Lynn Hood*

I started volunteering at Wild Nest just as baby season ramped up this year — and I love it! Not only do I enjoy gaining new skills and knowledge related to birds, but I also appreciate working in a community of compassionate, dedicated people. I was working a shift on July 1 when three orphaned baby birds were brought to the Nest. I grabbed a picture of what were barely recognizable as birds, let alone bluebirds. These tiny featherless hatchlings were voracious eaters, popping their heads up with gaping mouths every time someone walked by.

On my shift a couple weeks later, I had to double-check to confirm that they were the same birds that had come in on my shift. They were nearly grown fledglings (pictured below on the right)! What a difference two weeks and lots of loving care (and worms) makes! In the wild, Eastern Bluebirds only remain in the nest for roughly 17-21 days, then continue to receive care from their parents for another two to three weeks.



Before long they were moved to the indoor aviary to give them space to practice flying, and soon after they moved to an outdoor aviary to acclimate to outside weather and noise and to practice foraging on their own in preparation for release. After roughly eight weeks at the Nest (we give them a little more time to grow up since they don't have the benefit of parental care), they were released to the wild, but not before our amazing volunteer and photographer extraordinaire Dana Brooks took a few pictures (top of story and below). Enjoy!



# A Truly Noble Supporter



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## Meet Dorsey Nobles

*By Nina Dawe*

When the City of Decatur bought Legacy Park in 2017 from the United Methodist Children's Home and hired Dorsey Nobles to be their Facilities Manager, they hired someone with a long history and deep connection with the Park. In addition to living at the Children's Home from age 7 to 18 with his four siblings, Dorsey worked there for 27 years, including as Facilities Manager from 2013–2017. Wild Nest feels lucky to have someone as dedicated as Dorsey tending the Legacy Park flock.

Dorsey is more than a Facilities Manager; he is a caretaker. He cares deeply about the property and is committed to responding quickly at all hours to ensure the buildings and grounds are well-maintained. He gets to know the tenants and enjoys bringing them their mail. And he cares about supporting the community and connecting the non-profits with each other. Also, when there are events, he enjoys helping out – which is often unexpected and very much appreciated.

Dorsey enjoys supporting Wild Nest. "If I can't fix something, I will find someone who can," he notes. He is impressed to see the care provided for the birds and to know they are getting back to health so they can be returned to the wild.

"I would just say that he is a true gem of Legacy Park," says Wild Nest Founder Nancy Eilen. "There has been so much going on the last few years and I know he's pulled a dozen different ways all the time. Yet he always acts like he has all the time in the world to help me and the Nest. And always with a smile and sometimes even a joke. He is one-in-a-billion!"

Dorsey likes to tell people about the Nest and spread the word about volunteering. And he is grateful that Wild Nest volunteers have helped him capture a few birds that have gotten into



park buildings. He'd like to have more time to join bird walks on the property and see more of our birds released – if only he wasn't always dashing off to fix something!

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Photo by Dana Brooks

## Thank you!

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Baby season is our busiest time of the year.

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