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Howell Nature Center's Resident Coyote, Kala, Moves into New Home Thanks to Kem Krest!

Howell, MI - The Howell Nature Center's Wild Wonders Wildlife Park acts as a forever home to over 70 Michigan native wildlife. Either permanently injured, kept illegally as pets, or bred in captivity, the non-releasable wildlife rely on the Howell Nature Center for a second chance at life. Acting as wildlife ambassadors, they help educate thousands of community members each year to live in harmony with native species and other wildlife in our own backyards.

Found alone & seemingly orphaned, Kala, the Howell Nature Center's resident coyote, came to the Clinic at around 4 months old. Despite best efforts to rehabilitate her for release back into the wild, Kala made a special connection with people while in her finder's care, and was deemed non-releasable back into her natural habitat.

Over the past couple of years, HNC and the Brighton Kem Krest team partnered together to envision a larger, more natural habitat for Kala. This will provide her and other future coyote residents a better quality of life. Her long-awaited journey to her new home has finally become a reality after years of funding by Kem Krest and other local partners.

"Kem Krest is grateful to have partnered with the Howell Nature Center in creating a new habitat for Kala the coyote. This project and vision of JC and the Nature Center team aligned perfectly with our values and goals. At Kem Krest we create tangible momentum for our Customers, Employees and Community. We hope that the new Coyote exhibit will create momentum in the community to drive further support for the Center and continued enhancements to the park. The project challenged our team in many ways; we are thankful to have been partners in bringing this to a conclusion. We extend our gratitude to the entire team at the Howell Nature Center as well as our wonderful supporters that helped contribute to the project." - Kem Krest Team

Open to all community members, the Howell Nature Center and Kem Krest will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 10, 2022 unveiling Kala's new habitat. The official ceremony will begin at 10:30am, and will be followed by a short speaking portion. Post ceremony, guests are encouraged to enjoy the Howell Nature Center's many offerings including; the Wild Wonders Wildlife Park, Alexandria's Naturescape & Treehouse, and 230 acres of trails and nature.

Kem Krest's partnership on the new coyote habitat will set a precedent for future expansions to come. For more information on sponsorship and volunteer opportunities like this, contact Hannah Idoni, Manager of Community Engagement and Events at hannah@howellnaturecenter.org.

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Since 1962, the Howell Nature Center has served as a natural resource for wildlife rehabilitation, education and advocacy. With mission at our forefront, the Nature Center works with mutual love and respect to educate people to be faithful caretakers to the world around us. With numerous community events and educational programs, the 230 acre facility nestled around beautiful Pleasant Lake assists native wildlife and individuals in the community year-round.