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## GATEWAY GARDENERS AND BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

### Wild Bird Rehab Celebrates 25 Years



Twenty-five years ago Carol Kershner, co-founder of Wild Bird Rehabilitation, turned a passion for wild songbirds into a community service dedicated to the care of area birds, when she opened a 1200 square foot clinic on Big Bend Blvd.

in Crestwood. Birds cared for at the facility were under federal protection as a result of the Migratory Bird Treaty which required both federal and state permits. In May 2002, Ms. Kershner received the **Conservationist of the Year Award** from the **St. Louis Audubon Society**. In 2004 WBR moved to its current location at 9624 Midland Blvd in Overland. This location provided a larger facility as well as an area for an aviary for birds in transition to their natural habitat. Carol Kershner retired in 2013, and today the service is led by Executive Director **Joe Hoffmann**, formerly Director of Wildlife Rehabilitation at **World Bird Sanctuary**. Wild Bird Rehabilitation is the only rehabilitation facility dedicated to song birds in Missouri. Their mission is to ensure survival of native songbirds through professional medical care and education regarding their value and needs. Services are provided free of charge to the public. If you would like to help WBR and its mission, visit their website at [www.wildbirdrehab.org](http://www.wildbirdrehab.org).

### Community Orchards Feeding St. Louis

Since 1984, **Gateway Greening** has supported food-producing community projects. However, community groups want to grow more than just vegetables, they want to expand their projects to grow fruit and nut crops. In 2017,

installed at **Old Ferguson West Community Garden**, **Stix ECC Early Childhood Center**, **Gateway Elementary School**, **Gateway Michael Elementary School**, **Central Reform Congregation Community Garden**, and **Florissant Community Garden**.

Any group or organization that has completed Gateway Greening's established Development Process will be eligible for an orchard. This process assists community groups in identifying local resources, engaging community members, and creating long-term management plans.

There is a one-time cost for materials when installing a



*A Giving Grove installation at Florissant Community Garden with garden members and volunteers from The Burning Kumquat (Washington University) and Gateway Greening staff assisting.*

Giving Grove, however; in order to make orcharding accessible for everyone in St. Louis, Gateway Greening is offering scholarships that will reduce the cost of installation by 50% or 90%. For the one time cost, community groups will receive: the plant, support stakes or poles,