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WM Supports Outdoor Education for Pennsylvania Students

By Adrienne Fors / Community & Municipal Relations Manager

SLATE BELT - WM representatives recently presented a \$4,000 Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) contribution to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary to support guided field trips for public school students across Pennsylvania.

Through this partnership, students gain hands-on exposure to the Appalachian Mountain ecosystem, learn about the importance of birds of prey and conservation, meet a live non-releasable raptor, and experience the outdoors firsthand during a guided hike with Hawk Mountain educators.

"We are thrilled to have WM as a conservation partner who supports and advocates for high-quality outdoor education," said Hawk Mountain President Sean Grace. "All conservation starts with education, and many young people trace their lifelong connection to nature back to experiences like these."

Grand Central's Community and Municipal Relations Manager, Adrienne Fors shared that environmental education is a core part of Grand Central Landfill's mission. "Our long-standing focus on American Kestrel populations, through banding, research and data sharing, reflects our commitment to protecting wildlife while inspiring future conservation leaders. The work closely parallels the exceptional efforts of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, whose American Kestrel program has advanced the understanding of breeding, wintering, and migratory patterns for more than 50 years."

Since 2007, WM's Grand Central Landfill has proudly partnered with federal bird banders such as Paul Karner and Jere Schade. Today, the program is led by WM's Kevin Kelly.

"Our recent donation to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is both sentimental
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Steel Hearts: The John Henry Musical

By Samantha Cameron

SHAWNEE - An Electrifying New American Musical Comes to Shawnee Playhouse on February 25 – March 8. "They say John Henry was born with a hammer in his hand at the break of a storm." A story of love, hope, chains, and freedom. Truth And Light Media proudly presents Steel Hearts: The John Henry Musical, a thrilling new musical that brings folk hero John Henry to life in a story of love, hope, chains, and freedom.



Set in the South, Steel Hearts follows a man who dares to dream bigger than the chains that tried to hold him—and stronger than the machine that tried to replace him. John lays down rail, finds love, and leads his crew toward a future they dared to believe in. His journey is the story of a people and of a nation.

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