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FROM PATIENT TO PUBLISHED: *BAILY THE BEAR NEEDS HELP!* HITS SHELVES

Wildlife Center bear cub featured in latest book from award-winning author Christy Gove

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Waynesboro, Virginia – October 23, 2023 Kids – and kids at heart -- love stories about animals and nature. [Bailey the Bear Needs Help!](#) is a true story told with gorgeous photographs and heartwarming text by award-winning author **Christy Gove**. Through Bailey's journey, readers learn about bears and the important work of wildlife rehabilitation centers, such as the Waynesboro-based **Wildlife Center of Virginia** – the very same facility where Bailey received life-saving care before returning to the wild.

The book also discusses bear diets, dens, and bear families. *Bailey the Bear Needs Help!* is both entertaining and educational, helping to instill in children an appreciation for animals and nature. A portion of the proceeds from its sale will benefit the work of the Wildlife Center of Virginia, a **non-profit organization** that cares for thousands of wild animals each year.

Christy Gove will be coming to Virginia from October 26-28 for a book tour. Christy, Center outreach staff, and non-releasable education ambassador animals will be traveling to several locations in **the Shenandoah Valley** and **Charlottesville** throughout this three-day tour. Events include a variety of readings, book signings, and meet-and-greet opportunities. [Click here](#) to see the full tour schedule on the Center's website.

As the sole wildlife hospital in Virginia permitted to provide long-term care for bears, the Center has been receiving bear cubs for many years; in 2013, the Center constructed its special Black Bear Complex, designed for bear cubs who need space in which to grow up. Since then, more than **125 black bears** have been admitted and received care at the Center.

The Wildlife Center of Virginia invites the public to [visit their website](#) to learn more about Black Bears in Virginia, [2023's cohort](#) of rehabilitated bears, and how to help future bear patients during the coming year.

Press Availability:

Wildlife Center of Virginia outreach staff are available during regular business hours from Tuesday, October 24 through Friday, October 27 for interviews about Black Bears at the Center and their education and outreach work.

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The Wildlife Center of Virginia is an internationally acclaimed teaching and research hospital for wildlife and conservation medicine. The nonprofit Center has cared for more than 95,000 wild animals, representing 200 species of native birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The Center's public education programs share insights gained through the care of injured and orphaned wildlife, in hopes of reducing human damage to wildlife.