



## News Release

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### ***Make a wish upon a gargoyle***

The students of Bruce Callahan's fourth and fifth grade class at the South Whidbey Elementary school decided unanimously to donate all the money they gathered in their wishing well to save the Trillium Woods.

With the help of volunteer art docents Charlotte Henke and Dick McGrath, as well as faculty member Mary McLeod, the students created a large *papier mache* gargoyle. Because architectural gargoyles often served as downspouts, they decided to turn the sculpture into a fountain. The water descended from the gargoyle's mouth into a large tank, which looked like a wishing well, so the students hung a sign that encouraged visitors to the school's annual Gallery Night to "Make a wish upon a gargoyle."

By the end of the evening, visitors had made \$6.36 worth of wishes in pennies, nickels, and dimes. "The students decided to contribute the money to the animal life here on their South Whidbey Island home," says docent McGrath. "The Trillium Woods project promises to be maintained as a safe and perpetual home for all those animals."

"People have written \$100,000 dollar checks to help save the Trillium Woods," says Pat Powell, executive director of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust. "But we've never received money from a wishing well before. That makes this donation very special and, we hope, very lucky."

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust has received a 90-day extension and now has until September 10 to raise the remaining \$1.8 million dollars needed to save the Trillium Woods. For more information, see <http://savetheforestnow.org>.

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