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CATHERINE VIOLET HUBBARD ANIMAL SANCTUARY WINS 2025 GOLD STEVIE® AWARDS FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND THOUGHT LEADER OF THE YEAR

JUNE 10, 2025 - The Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary has been honored with two prestigious Gold Stevie® Awards in the 2025 American Business Awards®—earning top recognition as **Non-Profit Organization of the Year** and celebrating **Jennifer Hubbard**, the Sanctuary's president, as **Thought Leader of the Year**.

The Stevie Awards are among the world's premier business honors, with the American Business Awards receiving more than 12,000 nominations annually from organizations across every industry. These accolades recognize outstanding achievement, innovation, and impact in the workplace—and this year, they shine a national spotlight on a mission driven by compassion.

"This award celebrates our innovative approach and real impact on animals, people, and the environment," said Jennifer Hubbard. "It affirms the strength of our vision and the power of community support in bringing it to life."

Hubbard's individual recognition as Thought Leader of the Year speaks to her unwavering advocacy, visionary leadership, and deep commitment to creating a kinder world. Her work continues to inspire meaningful change and bring hope to those who believe in the power of love, compassion, and connection.

“These honors are not just about achievement,” Hubbard added. “They are about the people and the movement behind them—every volunteer, donor, supporter, and friend who believes in our mission.”

The sanctuary was founded to honor the legacy of Hubbard’s daughter, Catherine Violet Hubbard, a child lost in the Sandy Hook Tragedy and whose boundless love for animals and gentle spirit continues to inspire a national movement for compassion. These awards are a tribute to her legacy—a legacy that lives on through every life touched by the sanctuary’s work.

“This is a win for all of us,” Hubbard said. “Together, we’ve proven that kindness has the power to transform communities.”

With this recognition, the sanctuary can bring even more awareness to its work in humane education, animal welfare, and environmental stewardship. The organization invites all who share its values to get involved and help build an even brighter, more compassionate future.

The Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary was officially celebrated at the American Business Awards gala event on June 10 in New York City.

To learn more about the sanctuary’s work and mission, visit: CVHFOUNDATION.ORG

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About the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary:

The Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary is nestled in the very heart of Newtown, spread over 34 acres of pristine farmland, breathtaking woodlands and rolling meadows. Visitors are welcome to explore the extensive hiking & equestrian trails, savor the 90,000 square foot pollinator habitat or have a quiet picnic at the pavilion. The sanctuary property is located at 8 Commerce Road in Newtown and is open to the public from dawn until dusk.

Created in 2013, the sanctuary pays tribute to the life of Catherine Violet Hubbard, a six-year-old victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. Through educational curriculum and community workshops, and a commitment to land stewardship and conservation, the sanctuary continues to make remarkable strides to keep animals free from harm in homes and native habitats. In addition, the sanctuary’s groundbreaking Senior Paw Project supports hundreds of senior pet owners residing in affordable and municipal housing communities throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts by providing monthly pet food delivered direct to door, veterinary well care/prescriptive support, and foster/respite care. From the sanctuary’s little lending library to goat yoga & llama hikes, to free and low-cost educational programs for families and children, it’s a destination for all.

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