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CATHERINE VIOLET HUBBARD ANIMAL SANCTUARY COMPLETES CONSTRUCTION ON EDUCATIONAL FACILITY

Catherine's Learning Barn – the sanctuary's new educational facility – is officially complete and ready to welcome guests for programs & events.

NEWTOWN, CT, July 21, 2025 – This week, the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary announced that construction is complete on its new educational facility called Catherine's Learn Barn – a poignant nod to the sanctuary's namesake and Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victim, Catherine Violet Hubbard.

The 3,400 square foot facility serves as a state-of-the-art space designed to host hands-on educational programs, low & no cost community events, corporate retreats, and private gatherings. The learning barn also includes a fully equipped commercial kitchen to support event catering and local food initiatives. The project is the first step towards the main building, allowing an expansion of programming and services while preparing for the bigger construction project that will be a certified Living Building including a veterinary in-take center, library and welcome center.

"We are thrilled to announce the opening of Catherine's Learning Barn," said Jenny Hubbard, Catherine's mother and the president of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary. "What was shaped by hope and hard work, now stands ready to welcome learners of all ages into a space built for wonder, compassion, and connection."

To share this incredible milestone with the public, the sanctuary will host several open houses at Catherine's Learning Barn at 8 Commerce Road in Newtown:

Local Business & Organizations: Thursday, July 24 from 3-5pm
Open to the Public: Saturday, July 26 from 2-4pm & Sunday, August 17 from 3-5pm
Event Planners & Vendors: Tuesday, August 19 from 3-5pm
Wealth Management/Trust & Estate Attorneys: Wednesday, August 20 from 3-5pm

While Catherine's Learning Barn is now complete, the facility will only be open to the public for designated programs and events. For information about booking a private program or event, please contact lking@cvhfoundation.org.

The construction of Catherine's Learning Barn began in October 2025. Two months later in December, the community came together for a heartwarming, old-fashioned barn raising, echoing a tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, building not just a structure but a future. From first shovel in the ground, to final inspections and finishing touches, Catherine's Learning Barn has been a labor of love, supported in part by Connecticut businesses and supporters including Country Carpenters, PH Architects, Verdi Construction, HAFSCO, and e2 Engineers.

For more information on Catherine's Learning Barn and the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, please visit cvhfoundation.org.

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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