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Emmy-nominated Filmmaker and Wildlife Expert Joins Grace Farms Foundation



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NEW CANAAN, CT, February 26, 2016 — National Geographic Channel filmmaker and Emmy-nominated television host and producer Mark Fowler has joined Grace Farms Foundation as Nature and Wildlife Ambassador to enhance its nature initiative through inspiring educational and wilderness preservation programs.

“Today we are more connected than ever in the digital world, but we have also never been more disconnected from the natural world,” said Fowler. “I believe that with the 80-acre Grace Farms preserve we have a real chance to inspire kids and families to reconnect with the natural world that surrounds us and feel the awe and wonder that nature can provide.”

Through his film production company Wild Life Productions, Fowler has produced films for National Geographic Channel, Discovery Networks, Travel Channel, and Sony Pictures Television as well as nonprofits and government agencies including NASA and the Smithsonian Air + Space Museum. He devotes his career to the preservation of threatened and endangered species and is an eloquent spokesperson for wildlife and the natural world.

The son of well-known wildlife expert Jim Fowler, host of “Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom,” Fowler grew up traveling the world, each time returning home with once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Inspired by remarkable encounters with wildlife and native cultures—from the elephants that stormed his tent camp in Zimbabwe to spending weeks with a black rhino, orphaned in the wild—Fowler is a passionate advocate for the natural world.

Fowler grew up in New Canaan, Connecticut, and attended New Canaan High School. He trained his first hawk at age 8, and after graduating from college, continued practicing falconry. In addition to his film work, Mark serves on the Board of Directors of The Explorers Club where he is Chairman of the Wildlife Committee. He also serves on the Board of Advisors for Terra Global Solutions, an off-grid power, water purification, and survival systems company.

Among the new Grace Farms nature initiatives he will introduce: Mark Fowler's Backyard Explorers program, the creation of certified wildlife habitats within the 80-acre Grace Farms preserve, and a nesting-box recovery program for the American Kestrel, a small falcon listed as threatened on the Connecticut Endangered and Threatened Species List. The Kestrel recovery program will make its debut at Grace Farms Foundation's free Earth Day event on April 23rd. More Earth Day information is available at gracefarms.org/calendar.

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About Grace Farms Foundation

Grace Farms Foundation is a private operating foundation with 501c3 status, established in New Canaan, Connecticut in 2009 to support initiatives in the areas of the arts, justice, community and faith. Supported by individual gifts and program revenues, the Foundation carries out its work principally through the facilities and programs of Grace Farms, an 80-acre property that the Foundation owns, has developed and is managing for the benefit of New Canaan, the local nondenominational Grace Community Church and the greater community.

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