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## ANN CORSON HSUS DONOR

**TWO CALLING BIRDS:** Upon returning from an early spring vacation, Alexandria, Va., resident Ann Corson heard the telltale “who cooks for you, who cooks for you all” call of barred owls. “I thought there must be owls in a tree very close to the house,” she says. “The calling was virtually nonstop day and night.” A service appointment at her house revealed the owls were actually much closer. When a chimney sweep peered up the chimney, he saw two eyes staring down at him. Convinced that it was a raccoon, the sweep tried unsuccessfully to persuade the animal to leave. “It was then,” Corson says, “that I called The Humane Society.”

**THE RESCUE:** John Griffin, director of The HSUS’s Humane Wildlife Services program, determined there wasn’t a raccoon in the chimney—it was the pair of barred owls Corson had been hearing. Apparently, the pair had ventured down the chimney, but because it takes a sharp L-shaped turn and is lined with slippery ceramic tiles, they weren’t able to get back out. Griffin and his team used food to entice one hungry and dehydrated owl into the fireplace, but the second owl was more apprehensive, quickly ducking back behind an unreachable bend. With patience and perseverance, Griffin was finally able to capture the frightened bird and turn the pair over to The Raptor Conservancy of Virginia for rehabilitation.

**RETURN ENGAGEMENT:** After the owls had worked out the kinks in their muscles from days of being stuck, they were brought back to the Corson property for release. To convince them to stay, HWS installed an owl nesting box 25 feet up in a pine tree near the house. To prevent animals from getting trapped again, Corson had both her chimneys capped.

While a red-shouldered hawk kept the owls away from Corson’s property, she heard the pair again this spring. “[They] were approximately two or three blocks away in a large ... wooded area with a free-flowing creek.”

**GIVING BACK:** “For us [the whole experience] was a big deal,” says Corson, who was so impressed she donated her used car to The HSUS.

And even though the owls have moved on, she’s optimistic they will someday return. “I enjoy seeing that owl box [on the pine tree],” she says. “It’s still waiting for a tenant.”  
— Catherine Vincenti

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