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Rehabilitated Pelicans Ready for Flight

— Miami Beach children join Pelican Harbor Seabird Station in releasing 2 brown pelicans —

Miami Beach, FL — Two rehabilitated brown pelicans will once again take flight over Miami Beach on Tuesday when they are released into the wild by the Pelican Harbor Seabird Station along with children from the North Shore Youth Center.

“Our community is fortunate to have a facility like Pelican Harbor Seabird Station that cares for injured pelicans and other native wildlife,” explained Miami Beach Environment & Sustainability Director Elizabeth Wheaton. “There is nothing more heartwarming than to see these majestic creatures back into the sky and diving for fish along our beaches.”

One of the rehabilitated pelicans was diagnosed with botulism and had a hook in its stomach while the other had a massive pouch tear that is now healed.

The release will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 22 behind the North Beach Bandshell, 7275 Collins Ave. Pelican Harbor has rehabilitated 433 birds and wildlife from Miami Beach over the past year. The facility is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured or orphaned pelicans, seabirds and other native wildlife.

What: Release of two rehabilitated brown pelicans

When: Tuesday, June 22 at 1 p.m.

Where: Behind the North Beach Bandshell, 7275 Collins Ave.

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