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Dear Friend of Aullwood.

As a valued member of the Friends of Aullwood, **you are essential to our success**. Your membership has helped Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm inspire thousands of young people through hands on environmental education, while honoring Marie Aull's legacy.

We're excited to share that your membership to **Friends of Aullwood is evolving to include a partnership with the National Audubon Society.** This change reflects our long-standing collaboration and will strengthen our shared mission – to connect people to nature and protect the habitats that birds and people depend on.

For 46 years, the Friends of Aullwood and National Audubon Society have worked together to take care of the vital habitat of Aullwood's serene nature center and sustainable farm while protecting birds and the natural environments in which they thrive. In that time, you have made it possible for us to provide critical support to local teachers and over 20,000 students annually with in-school programs, summer camps and field trips to Aullwood.

Your joint membership will not change the local benefits you enjoy, such as free admission, a 10% discount in our gift shop, and reciprocal benefits at 150+ nature centers across the country. The partnership with Audubon adds more member-only events and you will receive the National Audubon Society Magazine. The magazine is nationally recognized for its stunning award-winning photography and engaging writing about birds, conservation, and environmental issues – all very much in keeping with Marie's priorities.

There's nothing you need to do. When your current membership renews, you will automatically see the added benefits of the combined membership. This change acknowledges the long-standing partnership that has always been part of your membership. With your membership, Aullwood will continue to provide our community with a sanctuary to explore nature, unique programs to expand learning and a farm experience that connects to our agricultural heritage. If you have questions, please call us at (937) 890-7360 or visit www.Aullwood.org.

Your membership is making a difference in many lives! On behalf of the Friends of Aullwood and Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, **thank you** for your continued support of all that we do and protecting the places we all cherish.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Charlie Shoemaker

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