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## Pam McCloud Smith, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In this issue of Family Tails, we are excited to share with you, our valued supporters, Dane County Humane Society's (DCHS) annual report and accomplishments from 2017. As we prepare for our busy time of year and move forward on our goals for 2018, we review the previous year to renew and invigorate our resolve to do even more for the animals that come into our care. We are proud to report on our successes, following the progressive path laid out in our carefully considered strategic plan.

DCHS had a very busy year rehomeing, reuniting, rehabilitating, sheltering and saving animals, domestic, barnyard and wild. We also managed to squeeze in a remodel of our Animal Medical Services dog recovery area in 2017, which has allowed us to treat more patients and improve our efficiency. Our Wildlife Center, partly due to a remodel completed early last year, was able to take in and treat more wild patients than ever before.

Another 2017 highlight is that our Felines in Treatment, or FIT, Center celebrated a great milestone. This facility houses DCHS's ringworm treatment program, which was the first of its kind anywhere in the world. In June, a cat known as "Mac" became the 1,000th cat admitted into the FIT Center. I am pleased to report that Mac was not only cured of ringworm, but that he was also promptly adopted.

Your support enabled us to care for over 9,000 animals, helped us reunite over 750 lost pets with their families and assisted us in finding new homes for over 1,300 dogs and 1,600 cats in 2017. You helped us provide comfort and care to over 4,000 orphaned or injured wildlife patients. These successes are made possible through your donations and by supporting our programs and events. I want to thank you so much for your connection in helping to sustain Dane County Humane Society's goals and mission to be a leader in creating a more humane community, focusing on the human relationship with animals.

*Pam McCloud Smith*

Pam McCloud Smith, Executive Director







## Camp Pawprint

### ***Throughout the Year!***

Have your child spend their time off from school with Dane County Humane Society! Camp Pawprint - Summer Break is a series of week-long day camps from June through August for children ages 7-13. Campers enjoy animal-related lessons, learn from local animal experts, complete service projects for the shelter and play games and activities with other animal lovers!

Throughout the school year, your children can also enjoy Camp Pawprint during Spring and Winter breaks or select days when school is out.

See available Camp Pawprint dates and register at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org).



## Dogtoberfest

***Sunday, September 16, 2018***

Live music and tasty brews are sure to bring a wag to every tail as Dane County Humane Society welcomes nearly 1,000 guests (human and canine) to Capital Brewery's beautiful bier garden. Enjoy live bluegrass music and a lovely fall day with your dog, friends and fellow DCHS supporters! Be sure to come hungry and support the local restaurants and food carts that will be joining us. No need to purchase your ticket ahead of time, just bring your \$10 admission donation to the gate. Prost!



## Bark & Wine

***Saturday, September 29, 2018***

Dane County Humane Society will be opening our doors to over 250 guests at our 16th annual Bark & Wine on Saturday, September 29, 2018. This longstanding and much-loved event is your opportunity to meet adoptable and alumni animals, explore the shelter and meet our dedicated staff and volunteers, all while enjoying music and delicious hors d'oeuvres by Liliana's Restaurant. Our VIP guests get in an hour early for special foodie and animal experiences! VIP and general admission reservations will be available this summer at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) – with special early-bird pricing available in July!

## #GivingTuesday

***Tuesday, November 27, 2018***

Entering its seventh year, #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. On Tuesday, November 27, charities, businesses and community members around the world will come together to celebrate generosity. Join DCHS on this international day dedicated to giving back and have the opportunity to have your gift make double the difference through matching gift challenges! Be sure to follow DCHS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or check out [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) as we share the amazing stories of special animals your donations support!



## Toto's Gala

***Friday, March 15, 2019***

Join Dane County Humane Society for a wickedly good time at Toto's Gala. Hosted in the heart of Madison at Monona Terrace, this event brings over 300 sponsors, supporters and friends together for the cause that unites us – the love of animals. We kick off the event in the gorgeous Grand Terrace with a cocktail hour, silent auction and a chance to meet our puppy greeters. Then, we'll move into the Ballroom for dinner and to hear stories of animals who changed our lives for good. We'll wrap up the night by turning up the tunes at our You're Not in Kansas Anymore After Party. Ticket sales start in January at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org).



## Independent Events

***Throughout the Year!***

Looking for more ways to support DCHS throughout the year? Check our online event calendar at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) to see the dozens of events that community members hold in our honor. You'll find everything from local restaurants donating a percentage of their proceeds, to craft fairs organized by volunteers, yoga classes, and an annual favorite – the dog wash! Be sure to check our website regularly to see what new adventures your fellow supporters have dreamed up to support DCHS!

You may find yourself inspired to join our team of independent fundraisers, planning events all over our community to raise money for the animals at Dane County Humane Society. Check out [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) for information, guidelines and ideas to get you started! Last year, independent fundraisers brought in over \$60,000. That's a lot of kibble!





## Alumni Updates

► **Oreo** was 14 years old when someone brought him to a horse auction and he was left in what is widely known as the 'slaughter pen.' This mini horse's journey might have ended there if not for being saved and brought to Richland Area Rescue. When Oreo was continually picked on by the full-sized horses at the rescue, Richland Area Rescue reached out to Dane County Humane Society for help. Oreo was soon on his way to DCHS's Horse and Livestock Barn.

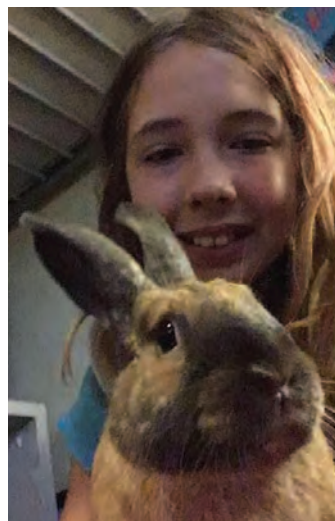
After a month in the care of DCHS, Oreo met Jean and he was soon off to his new home on her small hobby farm outside of Lake Geneva. Jean was not only looking to give Oreo the new life he deserved, she was also hoping to bring some life back to her mustang, Jesse.

Earlier that year, Jesse had lost his best barn mate and horse buddy of 17 years to cancer. Jesse sank into a depression and his old age began to show more and more.

But, nothing keeps you feeling young like a best friend!

Jesse and Oreo have become great buddies, with their bond growing stronger and stronger every day. Along with a new best friend and home, Oreo also has a new name, Dara Seans, which in Irish Gaelic means 'Second Chances.'

Many dedicated people came together to give this mini horse a second chance at life. Little did they know that he would repay this kindness by giving an aging mustang his second chance at happiness.



◀ **Beau** waited patiently at DCHS for over three months until he found his forever home. He is now very much loved by his new family members Angela and Olive, as well as his bunny buddy, Mocha, a fellow rescued rabbit.





◀ **Frankie** found his forever home in January 2018 after a 105-day stay at Dane County Humane Society. This 1-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix loved people so much that he was afraid of being left alone. It just so happened that his new parents, Ben and Cheryl, also had a Pit Bull Terrier mix at home who did not like being left by herself.

Within days of Frankie's adoption, Ben and Cheryl had this to share:

*"Frankie and Freyja are absolutely amazing together. After just a few seconds of sniffing, they started playing and haven't stopped since. They both climbed up on our bed last night and curled up between us as though they spent their whole lives doing it, and this morning there was no chance of separating them."*

*"They spent the whole day together and we found them curled up in a warm puppy pile asleep when we got home from work. These two dogs were absolutely meant for each other. We are infinitely happy with Frankie in our lives and this amazing little boy has absolutely found his forever home."*



▼ **In late February** Dane County Humane Society took in 18 dogs from China as a result of the UW Shelter Medicine Program consulting with a shelter in the Hunan Province. The UW Shelter Medicine Program is helping this shelter implement shelter management and medical best practices, many of which were developed at DCHS. Although we are on a journey to be the country's leader in animal welfare, we are already helping international shelters succeed. In order to start many of these reforms, the shelter desperately needed to reduce the number of dogs in their care. We are happy to report that after receiving clean bills of health, nearly all 18 dogs from this transport have found loving homes.



*Tully before*



*Idol before*



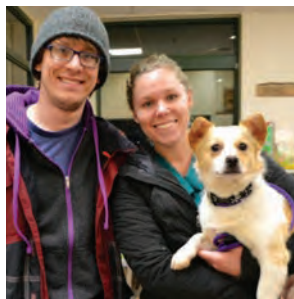
*Quimby before*



*Tequila before*



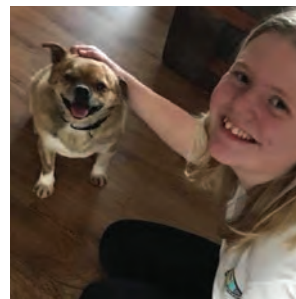
*Tully at DCHS*



*Idol, now Mr. Wiggles, on adoption day with new parents, Jackie and Jamie*



*Quimby at DCHS*



*Tequila at home with his new family*



# Enjoying the Retired Life at DCHS!

While retirees make up a third of the U.S. population, they collectively log in 45% of volunteer hours nationwide, according to a recent study by Merrill Lynch. There are over 900 active volunteers who donate their time and skills to help animals and people at DCHS. Many of these volunteers are retired from their careers, missing the busyness of their former work lives and wanting to keep the momentum going.

Volunteer Photographer Dave Groneng worked for Webcrafters for 45 years, with the last six years as a project manager. In an industry that requires constantly keeping up with ever-changing technology, Dave worked with training new pre-press employees, customer education, outsourcing and a youth apprenticeship program. When he retired in 2009, he was accustomed to a busy life and knew his skills would be valuable to the community. Dave now volunteers at three local nonprofit organizations, including DCHS. Dave's excellent photography skills help showcase the true personalities of animals available for adoption.

Upon retiring as a nurse, Sue Rogers wanted to switch her focus from helping people to helping animals. Besides the joy of helping animals in need, Sue also enjoys having a more normal schedule instead of the irregular hours she had as a nurse. As a volunteer with Animal Medical Services, Classroom Animals and Care Staff, Sue gets to meet a wide variety of people and animals she would never have met in her previous career.

Karen Miller doesn't have any pets of her own at home, so she gets her dog-fix by volunteering as a Canine Companion and Foster Mom. After retiring from the Department of Public Instruction, she first volunteered for Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah. Since starting to volunteer at DCHS, Karen says she has learned so much about dog behavior. Karen helps keep dogs at DCHS happy, mentally stimulated and making progress on their good manners.

Feeling inspired to volunteer at DCHS? Check out [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org) to learn more!

>>Written by Michelle Livanos, Development & Marketing Coordinator



*DCHS Volunteer Photographer Dave Groneng*



*DCHS Animal Medical Services, Classroom Animal and Care Staff Volunteer Sue Rogers*



*DCHS Canine Companion and Foster Volunteer Karen Miller*



## 2017 By The Numbers



# Dane County Humane Society 2017 Annual Report

5,087	Companion animals admitted
751	Lost pets reunited with their owners
1,244	Animals transferred in from other organizations
3,432	Total animals adopted
1,360	Dogs adopted
1,657	Cats adopted
415	Other species adopted
4,097	Injured, ill and orphaned animals treated at Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center

### Intake

**5,087**

companion animals were admitted in 2017, 147 more animals than in 2016. The increase in intake is due to a larger number of dogs being transferred in from other shelters experiencing overcrowding.

### Save Rate

**88%**

save rate for  
cats

**91%**

save rate for  
dogs

**90%**

save rate for all  
companion  
animals

### Adoptions

**3,432**

companion animals were adopted in 2017, 232 more animals than in 2016. DCHS has an adoption guarantee, meaning every healthy or treatable animal can stay as long as it takes to find a loving home.

### Save Rate

is the percentage of live animals released by means of adoption, redemption and transfer during a given time period. Save Rate does not include the starting animal inventory for the given time period.

*Save Rate = (Adoptions + Redemptions + Transfers)/Intake*





**4,097**

wild animals  
admitted in  
2017

**817**

more wild animals  
admitted than in  
2016

**20%**

growth in  
Wildlife Center  
admissions

## Notable Species:

3 Nestling Ruby-throated Hummingbirds • 1 Osprey  
3 Northern Saw-whet Owls • 11 Red Foxes • 1 Barn Owl  
85 Turtle eggs hatched at the Wildlife Center

## Animal Medical Services

**8,278**

medical exams

**190**

dental surgeries

**72**

non-spay or neuter surgeries

**52**

UW veterinary students  
attended ambulatory  
rotations at DCHS to learn  
about shelter medicine and  
management

**1,728**

shelter animals spayed/neutered

1,159 cats

67 rabbits

501 dogs

1 horse

**246**

animals from the public  
spayed/neutered

196 cats

49 dogs

1 rabbit

## Felines in Treatment Center

**78**

cats graduated from the  
Felines in Treatment Center

**52**

of those cats were transferred  
in from outside organizations

**Earl**

and **Mac** had the longest  
stays of 113 days

Maddie's Felines in Treatment Center  
is DCHS's program to treat cats  
with dermatophyte (ringworm), a  
highly contagious, infectious disease.  
This ringworm treatment program  
was the first ever developed  
worldwide.

## Foster Care

**540**

animals placed in foster care

381 cats

78 dogs

81 critters

**42.7**

days average  
length of stay

**200**

active  
foster families



## Canine Behavior Team

- 183** dogs admitted into the program
- 1,918** hours training dogs
- 21** interns and volunteers active in the Behavior Modification Program

DCHS's Canine Behavior Modification Program uses enrichment and training protocols to improve the quality of life for stressed shelter dogs and improves the adoptability of dogs needing help with their manners and other behaviors to help them stay in their newly adopted homes.

## Community Dog Day

- 260** dogs were served at 2 Community Dog Day events
- 186** rabies vaccines administered
- 213** distemper/parvo vaccines administered
- 141** dogs microchipped
- 106** dogs signed up for spay or neuter appointments

## Humane Education

- 286** humane education events reached **4,600** adults and kids through Camp Pawprint, shelter tours, offsite presentations, field trips, Girl Scout workshops and the Humane Heroes Club

## Volunteer

- 1,420** volunteers contributed
- 115,317** hours of work, which is equivalent to having **55** full-time staff members

## Keeping Pets in their Homes

- 48,524** pounds of pet food and cat litter donated to local food pantries
- 243,336** total pounds of pet food and cat litter have been donated to local food pantries since the program began in 2011

DCHS collaborates with Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin to help those experiencing economic hardship keep their pets

## Independent Fundraisers

- \$62,173** was donated to the shelter through **159** independent fundraising events, **71** of which were fundraisers held by local businesses and **66** held by kids



## Major Events

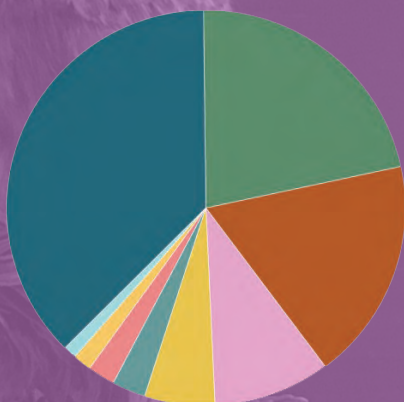
**287** supporters attended Toto's Gala, which raised over **\$128,000**

**225** supporters attended Bark & Wine, which raised over **\$83,000**

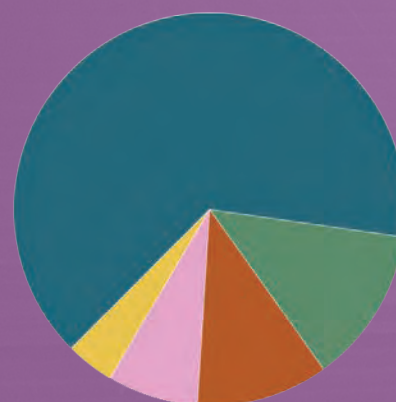
**Over 700** supporters attended Dogtoberfest, which raised over **\$24,000**

including contributions from **48** cash sponsors

## Revenue



## Expenses



## 2017 Board of Directors

Joseph S. Goode - President  
 Laura Murray - Vice President  
 Cathy Holmes - Secretary  
 Shirley Crocker - Treasurer

Lilly Bickers  
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# Taking Flight at DCHS's Wildlife Center

Red-tailed hawks are a common sight all over Wisconsin. They are easy to see on a high perch in both urban and rural areas. One place you do not want to see a red-tail is tangled into the vines growing on a fence. Fortunately Dane County Animal Services Officer Shane Elsinger was on duty and was able to free the hawk and bring it in for exam at Dane County Humane Society's Wildlife Center.

During the exam we found this young red-tailed hawk to be underweight at only 850 grams, just 70% of his eventual release weight. Radiographs (x-rays) revealed the hawk had been shot. A pellet was embedded in his right wing next to a fractured ulna.

The hawk recuperated indoors at the Wildlife Center for almost a month to allow time to heal and receive physical therapy for his injured wing. After the fracture was healed, he was moved to a flight cage. At first, his right wing was very weak, which is expected after dealing with such a significant injury. Just like some people who fail to do their physical therapy as prescribed, he was not exercising in the flight cage on his own to give his wing enough of a workout for significant improvement.

To help him get to release-ready condition faster, we began a form of exercise called creance. Creance is a technique in which the hawk is taken to an open, outdoor area without obstacles and is allowed to fly longer distances in the open. To accommodate flight without escape in open outdoor space, the hawk wears leather straps called jesses around his legs, which are then attached to a long line. The hawk was exercised in this fashion over the course of two weeks, gradually increasing the frequency of sessions and distance the hawk was flown at each session.

After two months in our care, he was strong and ready to return to life in the wild. He had shared a flight cage with an adult red-tailed hawk during his recovery, so they were released together at the home of the adult, far away from the location where he was shot. Hopefully he will live out his life there, for many more Wisconsinites to see and appreciate.

<<Written by Tessa Collins, Wildlife Assistant



*Red-tailed hawk receiving care at DCHS's Wildlife Center*



*Helping the hawk get in release-ready condition*



*Adult and young red-tailed hawks sharing a flight cage before release*





No holding back this  
***Hot Rod***

***When a beat up and weak stray cat was brought to Dane County Humane Society, few would have predicted that he would not only survive but thrive, earning him the name of Hot Rod.***

This past January, a Good Samaritan found Hot Rod wandering around her neighborhood, lost and possibly injured. She brought the cat into her house while she checked to see if he belonged to a neighbor. Hot Rod's condition quickly deteriorated, so the finder decided to bring him to DCHS where he would receive immediate care.

Hot Rod had experienced severe trauma after possibly being hit by a car. He was having difficulty breathing, with blood coming out of his mouth and nose.

**Generosity like yours allows DCHS to support an expert Animal Medical Services (AMS) team who can respond to emergency situations and save lives every day. Many shelters are faced with no other choice but to euthanize a cat arriving in such a critical condition.**

Radiographs showed bruised lungs and a hemothorax, a collection of blood in the space between the chest wall and lungs. The AMS team provided supportive services to Hot Rod all evening and late into the night. They almost lost him twice due to his delicate condition.

Their careful monitoring of his condition along with Hot Rod's strong will to live got him through those scares. In order to keep a closer eye on his delicate state, DCHS Certified Veterinary Technician Abbi Middleton brought Hot Rod to her house for overnight care. She spent the night waking up every couple of hours to provide intensive care and check his vitals.

While Hot Rod was indeed a special guy, it is not a rare occurrence to see DCHS staff and volunteers providing round-the-clock care for animals in need.





*Snuggle time with AMS Assistant, Laura Knepel*



*Hot Rod, now Jazzy, happy in his new home*

In 2017 alone, 540 animals were placed in foster homes, many of them recovering from medical procedures and staying for an average of 42 days with their foster families.

Hot Rod made it through the night and was already breathing normally and resting quietly the very next day. The ‘resting quietly’ part, however, didn’t last long. By day two Hot Rod was hissing and growling at everyone.

Along with his newly found vocals, staff soon found out he was also an escape artist. Hot Rod managed to open the metal lock on his cage in Cat ICU **three** times. Once, he let himself out to go ‘do his business’ in the extra stock of kitty litter stored in the clinic.

Clearly this once weak and injured cat was starting to feel more like his mischievous and playful self. When Hot Rod wasn’t trying to break out, he was busy trashing his temporary cat house. To give him some more space and help him burn off some energy, AMS staff moved Hot Rod into a private covered dog run filled with comfy beds and his own cat tree.

Over the month Hot Rod would spend recovering at DCHS, AMS staff grew more and more fond of the spunky guy. They would spend any extra moment they had socializing with him and getting him more

comfortable around people. He started asking for head pets and would even flop over and show his belly for rubs.

His blossoming personality and goofy expression won over everyone who met him, and Hot Rod soon became a snuggly cat who loved being held and craved attention.

**Your generosity supports the dedicated and knowledgeable DCHS staff that not only saved Hot Rod’s life, but allowed him to blossom into a loving, highly adoptable cat.**

Less than four hours after being made available for adoption, Hot Rod was on his way to his forever home. His new mom, Nancy, reports that after three weeks of observing Hot Rod in their home, she finally settled on a new name that better suits his new, laid back personality, Jazzy.

Your support sustains vital shelter departments like Animal Medical Services and their dedicated staff who routinely go above and beyond to save lives. Please consider continuing your support with a donation to DCHS that helps animals like Hot Rod not only survive but thrive.

>>Written by Marissa DeGroot, Public Relations Coordinator







### Becoming a Constant Companion for Those in Need



As a Constant Companion, you'll be part of a special community of monthly donors who are committed to caring for the thousands of animals that come to Dane County Humane Society every year.

Your monthly gifts will provide reliable financial support to DCHS and allow our staff the ability to provide shelter, rehabilitation and medical care for all homeless companion animals and injured or orphaned wildlife in need.

Just look at what your monthly gift can provide:

-  **\$25 provides two pounds of nuts for orphaned baby squirrels**
-  **\$50 provides medication and supplies to treat an adult cat with ringworm**
-  **\$84 provides care and supplies for 3 animals in foster care**
-  **\$100 provides 100 rabies vaccines**

Become a Constant Companion today at [www.giveshelter.org/donate.html](http://www.giveshelter.org/donate.html)

## Welcome to the Directors' Council

You are warmly invited to be an inaugural member of the new DCHS Directors' Council and make a tremendous impact in the lives of animals. As a member of our new Directors' Council, you join other devoted and loyal supporters giving \$1,000 a year or more to support the lifesaving work of DCHS.

These critical funds allow us to apply your gift immediately for daily shelter and community outreach operations, help us meet unplanned, unmet and unanticipated needs in our community and allow innovation and model best practices for other animal welfare organizations. Your gift to the Directors' Council saves lives right here in Dane County.

Members of the Directors' Council also have the opportunity to engage in unique experiences with Dane County Humane Society throughout the year. This includes updates and focus groups with our Directors and other shelter leaders, exclusive special events, seminars, animal experiences and more.

Inspired by the impact the Directors' Council will have for our community's animals, two generous DCHS donors have issued a matching challenge! If you are one of the first 25 new donors to the \$1,000 or higher level, the donors will **match your gift with \$1,000!** That means your gift of \$1,000 will be doubled to \$2,000 to help DCHS! Act now, and your gift will go twice as far.

If you are currently giving at the \$1,000 a year level (including our Constant Companions giving at least \$84/month), you are already a member of the Directors' Council. Thank you for your support!

For questions regarding the Directors' Council, please contact Amy Good, Interim Director of Development & Marketing at [agood@giveshelter.org](mailto:agood@giveshelter.org) or (608) 838-0413 ext. 129.



# You Can Help Ensure a More Humane Future

Your decision to include Dane County Humane Society in your estate plans now will leave a legacy of care and compassion for animals in our community. Your gift can impact the lives of homeless animals and wildlife well into the future.

There are numerous ways you can leave a legacy gift to DCHS that are very simple to do. The easiest is naming DCHS as a primary or secondary beneficiary of a life insurance policy, Certificate of Deposit or a retirement plan or account.

A very common legacy gift is leaving a gift of cash, property, or a percentage of your estate in your will or trust. Some sample language is:

“I give, devise, and bequeath to Dane County Humane Society, a non-profit corporation located at 5132 Voges Road, Madison, Wisconsin, 53718, EIN 39-0806335, \_\_\_\_ percent of my estate (or the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_; or \_\_\_\_ percent of the residue of my estate) as an unrestricted gift.”

We invite you to join other compassionate individuals in our community and become a DCHS Legacy Society member. Your gift ensures DCHS is a place of refuge, healing and new beginnings beyond your lifetime.

If you have already included DCHS in your legacy plans, please let us know so we can thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Good, Interim Director of Development & Marketing, at [agood@giveshelter.org](mailto:agood@giveshelter.org) or (608) 838-0413 ext. 129.

Please consult your personal legal and financial advisors in matters of tax and estate planning consequences.



## 5 More Ways to Help DCHS



### **Sponsor one of DCHS's Major Events!**

With sponsorship levels from \$500-\$15,000, we have opportunities for every business or individual to support the shelter. Sponsors at all levels enjoy special perks and recognition at our events, while their donations go directly to support our shelter's greatest needs.

### **Plan a Fundraiser!**

Turn your next birthday party, corporate function or special event into a fundraiser for DCHS! Hosting your own independent event is a fun way to leverage your network and skill set to raise money for the shelter.

### **Host a Lunch-and-Learn!**

Bring our Humane Educator out to your workplace for a Lunch-and-Learn experience your colleagues won't soon forget – complete with a visit from one of our classroom animals!

### **Check with your employer about Matching Gifts!**

Many employers will match donations you make to nonprofits like DCHS. This simple step can lead to your gift having TWICE the impact for animals in need.

### **Interact with DCHS on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!**

Liking, sharing and commenting on our social media posts helps us reach more people, introducing them to events, shelter needs and maybe their new best friend! Help us spread the word!

**Learn more at [giveshelter.org](http://giveshelter.org)**



# Honorary Gifts 10/1/2017 - 3/22/2018

Abigail  
Anonymous  
Alex Wolfe  
Brian & Deborah Thacker  
Amy Johnson  
Amy Mosher-Garvey  
April J. Dichraff  
Keith & Julie Lawson  
Bailey & Gigi  
Randy & Mary Loomis  
Barb Smith  
Anonymous  
Bella  
Anonymous  
Ben Stickney  
Eric Stickney  
Boo Boo & Mira  
Cynthia & Paul Nolen  
Boogyman Bruner  
Susan Ward  
Brenna & Buster  
Allyson Bowles  
Camp K9  
Denise & Kent Killian  
Carla Schrinner  
Anonymous  
Carol Bakken  
Gary Marcum  
Cathy Holmes  
Clyde & Kathleen Holmes  
Celley-Williams Wedding  
Anonymous  
Ceylan  
Anonymous  
Christine Dottl  
Jessica Dottl  
Dale & Lori Wade  
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