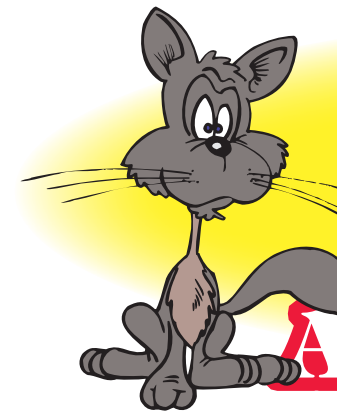


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For Special People and Pets

Thank you to everyone that made a contribution via this newsletter. This twice-yearly newsletter is one of several fundraising efforts CARE undertakes each year. The gifts CARE receives are used to fund on-going efforts including but not limited to, low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter program, veterinary care for pets when pet owners are in financial need, and to purchase pet food for the long-time, free pet food program.

Using the enclosed envelope you are able to memorialize and/or honor special people and pets simply by completing the form on the donation envelope enclosed in this newsletter. In addition, you are able to donate on-line at the CARE website www.careflint.com by using a major credit card.

The memorials and honorariums listed below occurred between December, 2017, through April 30, 2018. The list appears in no particular order.

PEOPLE MEMORIALS

Gary Sullivan
Bob Carter

William Brooks
By Phyllis Carter

Joel Nichols
By Joyce Nichols

Donna Thompson
By Jeanette Wollert

In loving memory of our dear friend and long-time CARE member, Donna Thompson
By Kimberly Thomas
By Linda Pohly and Alan Branham

By Christina Moon
By Donna and Rocky Polzin
By Donna Makidon
By Pamela Laureto
By Sharol Ross
By Peggy and Mike Vaughn

Vera and George Nanasy
By Renee and Molly

Donna Thompson
By Ken McRae

Lillian McTiernan
By Phyllis Carter
By Kathleen Hayes

Keven Fredenburg
By Maxine Hackley

PET HONORARIUMS

Sassy and Tortie
By Joan and John Ferrell

PET MEMORIALS

Nicholas
By Pam Emery

Freddie Mercury Forbes
By Jane Forbes

Chance, The Wonder Dog
By Susan Walton

Riley, Cooper, and Jema
By Judith Hovey

Hoover
By Sharol Ross

Lily Mae
By Kathleen Welsh

Teddy Bear
By Cheryn Briggs

Missy and Tuppence
By Janet Mayers

Lexie
By Sadonna Myers

Bootsie
By Jonnie Shumaker

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**PAPER BONE FUNDRAISER
DEEMED A SUCCESS!**

During the first three weeks in December, 2017, Magoo's Pet Outlets was gracious enough to allow their employees in all four of their local Flint locations to sell CARE paper bones. You will remember in the December newsletter there was an article about this fundraiser. The bones were offered to customers in 3 different denominations (\$1, \$5, and \$10). When a customer made a bone purchase they could write their name, a pet's name, etc., on the bone and then the store employees posted the bones in the stores where they could be seen. In order to stimulate sales, CARE offered a free lunch to the store who had the largest amount of dollar sales at the end of the fundraiser. The Magoo's store on the corner of Fenton/Hill Roads sold \$800 and were the winners of the lunch! The other Magoo's locations had great efforts as well: Center Road store \$610, Linden Road store \$325, and Pierson Road \$160. CARE cannot thank Magoo's Pet Outlets enough for allowing CARE to use their stores and their employees for our fund-

raiser! CARE is hoping Magoo's will allow us back in December, 2018, to give the bone sales another try.



The winning store with 3 of 8 employees: Kayla, Arlene, and the store manager, Nancy.



Note from the President

After what seemed like an eternal winter, spring is finally upon us. At my age it's fun to check out my flower beds to see what's coming up as I can't remember what I planted in the fall! The leaves are coming out on the trees, our lawn got its first mowing this past week, and I killed my first mosquito a few days ago! Another spring time activity is the birth of those cute kittens and puppies! Spring is definitely CARE's busy season with many calls from pet owners asking for financial help to have their pets spayed/neutered. Thanks to your generous donations, CARE has been able to provide that financial support. CARE would like everyone reading this newsletter to encourage other pet owners to have their pets spay/neutered as this alteration actually helps the overall disposition of the pet. With that said, enjoy our Michigan spring and those cute kittens and puppies!

CARE HELPING THE ANIMAL COMMUNITY

There are many things that our CARE volunteers do to make our organization the best it can be. Volunteers do a variety of things that include cleaning and organizing the CARE house, volunteer for fundraiser preparation, soliciting fundraiser donations, manning a table and talking with the general public about CARE, handling the pet food distribution, and lastly, and most important, taking phone calls from pet owners who need vet help with their pets.

Since January, 2018, our phone volunteers have taken more than 400 calls asking for assistance with vet expenses. The calls range from needing pet food, to having a pet with broken bones, to needing a wide variety of medical emergencies including meds, x-rays, vaccinations, etc., for a long list of ailments, as well as spay/neuter. When our "phone" volunteers respond to a call from one person, there may be many follow-up calls that involve talking to the vet and talking with the owner. Our "phone" volunteers are what we refer to at CARE as working the 'front lines'. Sharol, Penny, and Phyllis each do an outstanding job of ensuring that pets who need pet food and/or any type of medical attention will certainly get it.

GRATEFUL PET OWNERS

CARE volunteers love to hear that our efforts to help sick and/or injured pets paid off. Our volunteers do not pat each other on the back; we all feel that what we do is the right thing and whether we get a thank you or not, we helped a pet recover. Here are some of the reviews that were written on the CARE Facebook page (go to Citizens for Animal Rescue and Emergencies Flint on Facebook to 'like' our page).

From a pet owner whose dog needed dental work and was in very bad pain: "Thanks to C.A.R.E. from Charlotte! Her mouth feels better already! No more infection and 6 bad teeth removed. We love you guys for helping to make our baby girl feel better! Charlotte is up and eating this morning and wagging her tail while she does it."

From a pet owner who adopted a cat from CARE: "I adopted my beautiful cat Lita mid July 2001. She's still going strong and keeping the rest of the crew in line. She has been the best kitty and we love her more than words can describe. She was found under a porch with her sister after her mother had been killed. Her sister had already been adopted or I would probably have adopted her too. Thank you for saving them. She has brought us a ton of joy over the last almost 17 years. We are forever grateful."

From a pet owner who CARE helped pay for neutering: "They (CARE) helped me get my cat neutered last month. They gave me some food and treats for him along with a cat carrier they (were not) using. They helped me in the past too. They are so nice and really care about animals and want the best for them."

From a pet owner whose dog needed dental work: "I am so thankful for the care my dog Nala received getting caught up on her vaccinations and the dental surgery. It's been 4 days and she's doing great! Thanks to Cheryl (Sharol, CARE volunteer) for taking care of Nala and myself!"

From a pet owner whose cat was euthanized: "This group is amazing. They helped me with the cost when I had to have my cat put down so he was not suffering. It was an emergency and they came through. Thank you so much for what you do."

And thank you to all of our generous donors; this is your money doing good things for animals!

Here are recent calls from pet owners: One lady who had no resources as she already had 2 dogs, took in a stray dog that was on her property. Someone was going to help pay for vet care for the stray, but that person passed away. CARE assisted by paying for all the shots as well as having the dog neutered.

CARE helped a pet owner by paying for a portion of the spay cost. Upon taking the female cat to the vet to be spayed, it was discovered it was a male cat!

A kind lady took in a kitten whose mother was purposely run over on the road. The children in the home fell in love with the kitten and they wanted to keep it but didn't have the funds for everything the kitten needed. CARE helped by getting the kitten its shots as well as having it spayed.

A gentleman who delivers and gives straw to dogs living outside found a stray dog behind a burned out house. He took the dog to the vet and, unfortunately, the dog tested positive for heartworm. CARE helped pay for the heartworm treatment.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Here is a sampling of how CARE helps pet owners with vet costs. Some pet owners can help with the vet expenses, most others cannot. CARE's main focus is helping the pet get well and lead a normal life.



In all, since December, 2017, CARE has assisted the pets in the surrounding community with:

Pet food.....	\$283.00
(much of the pet food is donated)	
Cat-related vet costs.....	\$858.00
(tests, meds, vaccines)	
Dog license fee.....	\$ 40.00
Dog-related vet costs.....	\$837.00
Help with euthanasia costs.....	\$270.00
Spay/neuter costs.....	\$1,005.00
Vet care.....	\$1,663.00
(exam fee/office call, surgery fees, X-rays, etc.)	
Total spent to help sick and/or injured pets.....	\$4,956.00

PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Since January 1, 2018 until now, our free pet food distribution has dispensed:

1,289 pounds of dog food

396 pounds of cat food

as well as cases of canned dog food, cat treats, dog bones, litter, and toys.

Special Thanks

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..to all the CARE volunteers who give so generously of their time and effort.

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..to Streehearts Animal Rescue for the huge donation of pet food

..to Mike, Gary, and Davey for the renovation of the CARE House storeroom

