

NEW YEAR Happy

Everyone at Citizens for Animal Rescue and Emergencies is sending wishes to you, your family, and your furry family, for a healthy and prosperous 2016!

2015 – A YEAR IN REVIEW

Submitted by Peggy Vaughn, C.A.R.E. President

January – In looking for new ways to generate income for the organization, CARE registered with Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate a percentage of what is spent by those who designate Citizens for Animal Rescue and Emergencies as their organization. The Amazon Smile site is a duplicate of what is on Amazon.

February – A structural engineer was hired to evaluate the stability of CARE house for the possibility of future renovations. Began getting estimates for a new roof and gutters/downspouts as the roof is leaking badly from storm damage. An honorariums and memorials tab has been added to the CARE website to enable donors to view their honorariums and memorials at www.careflint.com as they are received. CARE members participated in the annual Rabies Clinic along with The Humane Society of Genesee County and Genesee County Animal Control. A spay/neuter voucher system has been created and put into place for CARE-financed spay/neuter surgeries. CARE uses All About Animal Rescue and Spay Neuter Express for pet owners to take advantage of low-cost pet alterations. The voucher system will enable the CARE expenditures to be easily tracked. CARE will generate income with the use of an EBay account to sell donated items. CARE receives semi-valuable donations and this will be a way to sell the items rather than using a costly and time-consuming auction.

March – The Rabies Clinic in February netted CARE \$542. Members decided to participate in Swartz Creek Hometown Days in May. It was also decided to host a fundraiser at BD's Mongolian BBQ on April 29; a planning committee was created. Everyone was reminded

to renew CARE as their designated organization to receive Kroger Community Points. Go to www.Kroger.com and select CARE as the organization you wish Kroger to donate. Kroger gives each organization a percentage of what you spend in their store. Members voted to purchase polo shirts with the CARE logo to better identify our members at events. CARE received a thank you letter from Lucky Day Animal Rescue for their recent award of a grant from CARE.

April – Lockhart Roofing provided the lowest bid and were awarded the job of roof replacement and gutter/downspouts replacement. Work will begin soon. Postcards for the Mongolian fundraiser have been designed and printed. Matt Franklin from ABC12 will be our guest griller.

May - The fundraiser held at BD's Mongolian BBQ was deemed a success by CARE members with a bottom-line income of \$731! It was decided this should become an annual fundraising event. CARE will offer 'special' spay/neuter pricing at Swartz Creek Hometown Days: \$25 for a dog (regular price is \$80); \$15 for a cat (regular price is \$40); and CARE will pay for up to 3 kittens (normally \$10 each if the mother cat is being altered). CARE welcomed Kim Thomas as a new member. A letter will be sent to all veterinarians that CARE uses to update the list of what CARE members can approve charges. The roof replacement began on May 18. The roof will be paid with claim funds issued to CARE by their insurance company.

June – There were a few minor issues with the roof replacement but those have been repaired and CARE house is once again leak-proof. The new downspouts are pointing

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with People Problems
and to Help People
with Animal Problems.

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water away from the house foundation so the water issue in the basement should also be solved. The chimney was found to need extensive repair after the roof was replaced. It was suggested to the Board of Directors that to avoid spending \$1,500 for the chimney repair, we replaced the gas water heater with an electric water heater enabling the chimney be removed and roof repaired at a cost of \$800.

The front porch of CARE house needs to be renovated as it was damaged from the same storm that did damage to the roof. Bids will be received for that repair. CARE welcomed Pam Laureto as a new member. Swart Creek Hometown Days was deemed a success as there were several special-priced spay/neuters sold along with other CARE items. Members received their CARE polo shirts in time for Swartz Creek Hometown Days. CARE will have a table at the Genesee County Fair Adoption Tent in August again offering the special priced spay/neuter vouchers.

No member meetings are held in July and August

September – Our insurance company sent an independent insurance adjuster in August to inspect the CARE house inside and outside. After that visit, CARE received a list of repairs from the insurance company to fix/update. Included was the renovation of the front porch to stabilize the existing awning as well as erect porch railings and step hand-rails. Bossman Construction was hired to update the porch to insurance specifications. Other things included: floor repair on the second story (structural engineers needed to cut several holes in the floor during their inspection), repair of foundation which has eroded in one corner, repair or remove brick facing on the front of the building which has come loose, and a few minor issues inside the building. The insurance claim funds will be used to pay for these updates. The front of the house also received new windows (donated) and in place of the removed brick facing, new siding was installed to match the existing siding. The work was done by Mike Vaughn, David Wright, and Gary Cornelison and CARE thanks them immensely for the work they did. The other issues are being worked on as of this writing. CARE is applying for a grant to help with updating the inside of CARE house that includes opening up the first floor for a larger meeting space, new flooring (carpet is about 40 years old!), and a steel rear entrance door. Due to the many requests CARE receives from pet owners for help with veterinarian expenses, it was discussed establishing a base amount to be paid on a vet visit rather than paying for office calls to become effective January 1. CARE

members voted on and began planning for a First Annual Dog Halloween Costume Competition to be held on Saturday, October 31 (see article). CARE welcomed new member Donna Makidon.

October - The electric hot water heater wiring was run (thank you Rocky Polzin) and the heater installed (thank you Mike Vaughn). Planning continues for the Halloween fundraiser. Calls will be made to get quotes on commercial insurance for CARE house and property. Grant preparation continues by Tonya Petrella (thank you so much!).

November - The Halloween Fundraiser was deemed a success with a net of \$780 (see article). Planning began for our annual Christmas Dog and Cat Gift Bag sale. CARE will be attending an adoption event on Saturday, December 12, at the American Legion Hall in Swartz Creek. We will be selling the 'special price' spay/neuter vouchers as well as the Christmas gift bags. Members voted to eliminate CARE paying vet 'office calls' and then voted to pay only \$30 toward the pet-owner vet bill. Vet office calls range in price from \$30 up to \$42 depending upon the vet. CARE will continue to assist those pet owners in need with vet emergencies and the amount CARE will pay for those calls may vary according to need. Officer and Board Member will remain the same in 2016 as there are not the required amount of active members to hold an election per CARE Bylaws. The writer of this article received a 'thank you' from Sage Credit Union regarding help with a kitten found in their parking lot. Vicki Davis, a CARE member, assisted in the rescue so this little kitten is now in a safe and warm place. Way to go Vicki!

December – In order for CARE to conduct fundraising raffles, they must obtain a license from the State of Michigan. First, however, the non-profit organization must be recognized as a civic organization by the city in which the organization resides; in our case, Burton. Paper work was completed, submitted, and approved on December 21 by the City of Burton and has been sent on to the State for approval. Members discussed taking up donations among the membership for items to give to Pets In Peril, a rescue organization that goes mainly to the north end of Flint to provide dog coats, food, straw, and dog houses to outdoor dogs; not just in the cold months, but during the summer as well. The last membership meeting of the year included a pot luck with excellent food and great company. Thank you to everyone in CARE for every minute you donate to this organization --- we would not exist without your devotion!



CARE House Updates

Last fall was a busy and exciting time at, what we in CARE call, 'CARE House'. Thanks to the work done by friends and volunteers Gary Cornelison, Mike Vaughn, and Dave Wright, as well as Bossman Construction, the front of the house has been transformed from a shabby appearance to an appearance that is not only safe but clean and inviting. Bossman repaired and stabilized the damaged awning and added new porch railings and step railings. Our volunteers removed the aluminum framed windows and installed newer, smaller vinyl windows and they removed the loose and fallen brick facing and replaced it with matching siding. Everyone involved at CARE is so pleased with the updates that there is a renewed energy among us to paint and update the appearance inside the house! Thankfully the updates were accomplished because of the money received from the insurance damage claim.

First Annual Dog Halloween Costume Competition

Montrose Orchards in Montrose was site of the First Annual Dog Halloween Costume Competition fundraiser on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Dan Hill, the orchard owner, was gracious enough to donate space and an out building for this event. The day started and ended under gray skies, a gusty wind, and the threat of rain. Thankfully, the fall weather didn't keep pet owners and their dressed-up dogs from coming! Participants paid a fee of \$10 that included a Trunk 'n Treat for the dogs and fresh apple cider for the pet owners, as well as scary Halloween music by DJ Joe Osbourne. Vendors include Key-Lore Kanine Kountry Klub and Doggie Day Care, Beyond the Basics Dog Care, Genesee County 4H/MSU Extension, Doggie Delights, and Clio Animal Hospital. The judging panel included April Rose, on-air personality at NASH 95.1 radio, her husband Nate Rose, on-air personality at WIOG 102.5 radio, Dan Hill, and Richard Cummings, Assistant Fire Chief, Montrose Fire Department. Dogs were

judged in three categories including Scariest, Most Original, and Owner/Dog Look-Alike. All doggie winners received beautiful dog beds and the owner received a picture frame in which to place not only a pet picture but a ceramic paw print created by the owner. All proceeds



from this event were raised to purchase items needed by active military dogs serving in the Middle East. In fact, one of our members, Donna Polzin, has a cousin who is on active duty and has such a dog and is currently serving in the US. A beautiful picture display poster of the military dog with Donna's cousin was displayed (thank you Gretchen Ridley). This first-time event was deemed a great success in terms of the number of participants and the amount of proceeds. Look for the Second Annual Dog Halloween Costume Competition to be bigger and better in October, 2016!



2015 Donors

Listed below are the CARE donors from 2015. Not included in the list are people who made contributions and donations that were not monetary but include: pet food donations, helping behind the scenes with fundraising events, businesses that donated items or event locations, and those who have donated bags for pet food distribution. CARE thanks anyone and everyone who has helped make what we do a success.

\$0 - \$25

Abke, Karen and Keith
Ainsworth, Bertha
Allard, Georgie and Clyde
Bacon, Linda
Baker, Isabelle
Bazzell, Suzy
Becker, Doris
Briggs, Cheryn
Buhler, Grace
Campbell, Edith
Carlson, Jackie and Bob
Carrithers, Kathryn
Cason, Tracey
Courtney, Janice
Croteau, Judy and Dave
Cummings, Carrie
Dalton, Brenda
Davis, Roberta
Davis, Vicki
Dewitt, Keith
Endicott, Vicki
Ferrell, Joan and John
Foutch, Harold
Gerow, Joanne
Gilbert, David J.
Griffus, Luann and Dave
Grimes-Lavelle, Anne S.
Hall, Nancy and James
Halter, Joyce and Kenneth
Karol, Diane
Makidon, Donna
Martin, Janice
Miller, Roxanne
Moon, Christina
Myers, Sadonna
Page, Todd
Pintacura, Toby
Prescott, Daphne
Retired Men's Fellowship of Greater
Flint
Roberts, Norma
Schafer, Faith
Schumaker, Collette and Roderick
Schumaker, Jonnie
Smith, Michael and Patricia Zito-Smith
Thygesen, Helen
Trout, Kathy
Valley, Jean
Vaughn, Freda
Vaughn, Patsy
Verier, Jennifer
Waters, Chris
Weisenberter, Charlene and John

\$26 - \$75

Behil, Mary
Boyd, Patricia
Burgess, Mildred
Carter, Janet and Randy
Chaffee, Ruth
Couture, Richard
Emery, Pamela
Eremia, Charlotte
Farmer, Heath and Joe
Fielder, Gail
Hayes, Kathu
Hodges, Helen and Donald
Hynes, Gregory and Jane Johnson
Kaye, Mary T.
Keskes, Jeanette
Knag, Virginia and Michael
Lawrence, Dana
Myers, Janet and Thomas
Price, Pamela
Ross, Sharol
Schultz, Tamra and Howard
South, Sandy
Teunion, Lois and Robert
Thume, Evaleta S.
Vargo, Carolyn and Larry
Vaughn, Peggy and Michael
Vollmer, Karen and William
Wilkins, Shirley and Larry

\$76 - \$125

Carter, Phyllis
Conrad, Sherry
Cook, Virginia
Coscia, Patricia and Richard
Hackley, Maxine
Hill, Linda
Hoover, Margaret and Terry
Kelly, Julie and William
Kosciolek, Sylvia
Miller, Carol
Pohly, Nancy and Carl
Smith, Dorothy
Thompson, Donna
Welsh, Kathleen

\$126-\$500

Beale, Bob
Bondesen, Fred
Hamp, Jane and Nicholas
June, Marcia and Michael
McCartin, Barbara and Dr. Brian

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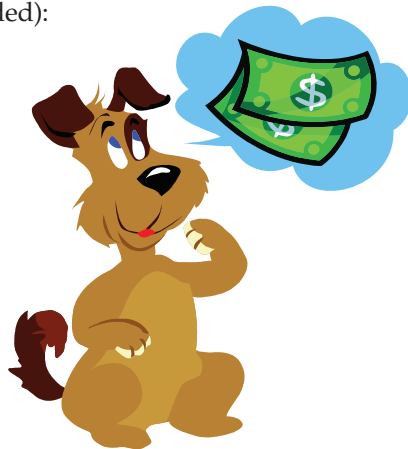
A very generous thank you to Gary Cornelison, Mike Vaughn, and Dave Wright for volunteering their time and combined talents in updating the front of the CARE house with the new windows and new siding. A huge thank you to Rocky Polzin for his wiring talents in the basement preparing for the new hot water heater.

A huge thank you to Andi Lau and Troy Nasser for donations of pet food.

To all the CARE members for their continued loyalty to this organization, for their help in planning and participating in the first annual Halloween fundraiser as well as the Key-Lore fundraiser, and for helping put together Christmas dog and cat gift bags and selling them.

Where The Money Went In 2015

CARE is able to judge our success by the amount of money that was spent for the health and well-being of animals. Following is a yearly summary of how we helped care for the animals in our county (all numbers are rounded):



Animal Food*	\$ 83.00
Cat Medicines	213.00
Cat Tests	346.00
Dog Medicines	338.00
Dog Tests	82.00
Spay and Neuter Surgeries	2,409.00
Vet Examination Fee	450.00
Vet Office Call Fee	2,665.00
Vet Surgery Fees (other than spay/neuter)	506.00
Vet X-rays	70.00
Total Animal Expenses	\$7,162.00

**When donated pet food is depleted, CARE purchases food for the free Pet Food Program.*

What Will Happen To Your Pet?

Submitted by Peggy Vaughn

No one, including myself, likes to think about the ultimate ending of their life. Having been in CARE now for 15 years or so, I find myself belonging to many rescue organizations on Facebook, going to adoption events and talking with other folks in the animal rescue world, as well as reading and hearing many stories about abandoned animals. In some cases, these abandoned animals happen to have been in loving homes all their lives when suddenly, their owner is gone from this world. If no one remains in the home, it is left up to friends and family to make a decision as to the fate of the pet. They find they don't want or are not able to take the pet for reasons that may include: already have too many pets, pets are not permitted where they reside, there may be pet allergies, etc. Where do these pets end up? You guessed it.....county animal control in a cage until someone adopts it (senior pets are very hard to find homes for), or worse yet, they may be euthanized. They may find themselves at the local Humane Society where they are well cared for but no human contact when they need it. At times, these pets find their way to animal rescue groups where they are fostered into temporary, loving homes and then taken to adoption events.



If the pet is a senior and is lucky enough to get adopted, there is yet another home and new humans to adjust to. During all of this, there is undue stress on the animal not to mention the animal may become depressed. However, you can take a simple step to ensure your pet is cared for in the way you would want, and that is to make pet care stipulations in your will. Search out that family member, close friend, or neighbor who would be more than willing and able to care for your pet when you are gone. Include any other issues such as medicines, allergies, etc., that this person would need to address when they take in your pet. And, of course, you may want to remember CARE in your will just as others have done in the past. Remember, where there's a 'will', there's a way!

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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 funds gifted through this newsletter are used in several of CARE's ongoing efforts; i.e., low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter program, veterinary care for pet owners with pets in need, and 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 information required. 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 include those made in mid-June, 2015, through December, 2015. This listing also appears on the CARE website. The listing is in no particular order.

PEOPLE MEMORIALS

James Kautman

by Mildred Burgess

Mary Jo Meade

by Lois and Robert Teunion

Robert Carter

by the following:

Suzy Bazzell

Doris Becker

Fred Bondesen

CARE Members

Kathryn Carrithers

Janet and Randy Carter

Patricia and Richard Coscia

Roberta Davis

Heath and Joe Farmer

Harold Foutch

Luann and Dave Griffus

Joyce and Kenneth Halter

Kathy Hayes

Linda Hill

Anne S. Grimes-Lavelle

Daphne Prescott

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Sharol Ross

Patricia Zito-Smith and Michael Smith

Donna Thompson

Evalita S. Thume

Jean Valley

Peggy and Mike Vaughn

Shirley and Larry Wilkins

PET MEMORIALS

Koegel

by Dorothy Smith

Baby Cakes and Beta Kitty

by Dr. and Mrs. Brian McCartin

Sally and Maggie

by Jane and Gregory Hynes

Duffie and Max

by Gail Fielder

Momma Kitty

by Joan and John Ferrell

Rascal

by Virginia Cook

PET HONORARIUMS

Molly and Sadie

by Carol Miller

Lucky

by Virginia Cook