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Citizens for Animal Rescue & Emergencies

"To Help Animals with People Problems and to Help People with Animal Problems."

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DESIGNATED AS BE KIND TO ANIMALS MONTH

"the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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CARE GRANT FUNDS HELP OTHER ANIMAL RESCUES

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The duration of animal welfare grants that are awarded to 501c3 animal rescue organizations through the Community Foundation of Greater Flint using CARE grant funds is normally a one-year period. This summary will contain information for 2 of the 7 grants that have been completed to date.

A \$5,000 grant was awarded to Friends of Genesee County Animal Shelter, Inc., in 2015 to provide low-income pet owners with free spay/neuter surgeries. The spay/neuter surgeries were done in a targeted zip code area in Flint. This zip code is a high-poverty area and backyard breeding, for some, is a way to make a living. Three volunteers from Friends of Genesee County went door to door in neighborhoods in the targeted area explaining the pet

population problem in Genesee County and at the same time offering to help the pet owner with free spay/neuter services. The volunteers set the surgery dates and provided transportation for pet owners who had no way of getting their pets to the mobile surgery unit. The spay/neuter grant funds provided by CARE allowed surgery for 90 cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies; 90 animals that will not be adding to the population problem.

Lucky Day Animal Rescue was awarded a grant in the amount of \$5,595 in 2015. The funds allowed Lucky Day to purchase a microchip kit that included scanners and 100 microchips. They were able to microchip 169 animals which included every animal in their rescue as well as those adopted out. But they didn't stop there; they were able to spay/neuter every animal adopted out which totaled 80. As in all rescues, volunteers at Lucky Day played an important role by providing transportation for the 80 animals to and from the vet for their surgeries.

CARE could not accomplish on its own what these two rescues have accomplished with the grant funds. It seems that keeping the animal population under control in Genesee County is a continuing battle but with combined efforts such as the above, we are making a dent. CARE was fortunate to have benefactors who believed in our organization and believed in what we do. As final grant reports come in, updates will appear in this newsletter so the good work of rescues can be recognized and applauded.



Note from the President

May is National Be Kind to Animals month. It goes without saying that CARE believes being kind to animals (no matter the animal) is every day, 365 days a year! We hope that you feel the same way.

With the start of 2017, I issued a challenge to our current membership that each member bring one new member into our organization. To date, we have two new members. If you are interested in sharing ideas, meeting like-minded people, and have a love of animals, what better organization in which to belong. Membership meetings are the third Saturday of each month (no meetings in July or August) at 11 a.m. for about an hour. For new members this year the annual membership fee is waived. If you are interested in attending, you can call CARE at 239-3567 and one of our volunteers will be happy to talk with you OR go to CARE's website www.careflint.org and click on the 'volunteer' tab, complete the form, and send. It's that easy.

Help us to help the animals in Genesee County!

2016 FUNDING FOR ANIMALS

One of the primary areas of focus for CARE is to help pet-owners-in-need with veterinary pet care. Through your donations, CARE is fortunate enough to be able to provide this financial support. The following gives an indication of how your donations were used in the CARE of animals. Amounts have been rounded.

Biohazard disposal (vet offices)	9.00
Cat medicine	932.00
Tests run on cats	577.00
Cat vaccines.....	70.00
Dog medicine.....	536.00
Dog vaccines	30.00
Tests run on dogs	96.00
Euthanasia.....	122.00
Spay and neuter costs	2,431.00
Vet exam and/or office fees	3,235.00
Vet surgery fees	318.00
Ultrasound fees.....	320.00
Xrays.....	565.00
Total	\$9,241.00

MORE CARE HOUSE UPDATES

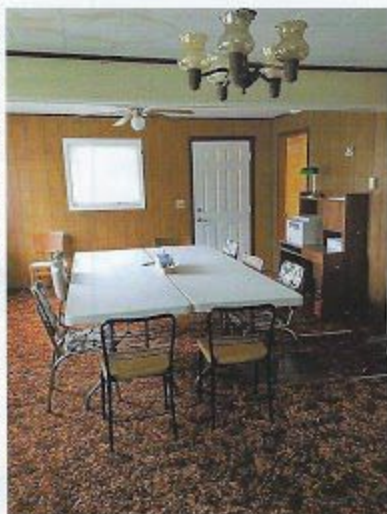


done. A main issue in the house was the lack of general meeting space; the CARE House is very old and doesn't have that 'open concept' that everyone these days is so crazy about. The existing closet was removed and the new support beam was installed. As you can see from the photos, what a difference a day makes! One of the best parts of the project was the guys were able to

CARE is so thankful for the volunteer carpentry skills of Mike Vaughn and Gary Cornelison. Whenever we bring ideas about renovations and/or updates to them, they get busy and get the job

use much of their own materials they brought from home; the project ended up costing CARE very little. For security reasons,

the back door needed to be replaced and a storm door added. The back door was original to the home which had seen better days as there had been break-in attempts made through that door which damaged the door frame and the ability to provide a secure lock. Now we have a steel entry door with good locks and a storm door with screens that allow us to enjoy nature's breezes.



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2016 FREE PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION

At CARE, success is judged each year by how much is spent on the animals, how much is spent for spay/neuter, and how many pounds of food are distributed to pet owners/pets in need in our area. According to records, in 2016, CARE serviced 316 pet owners and distributed 5,862 pounds of food. Included in the food distribution were 2 pallets of canned dog food donated to CARE by Genesee County Humane Society. Those who came for pet food were told to take as many cans of canned food they wanted. In addition, CARE distributed cans to another rescue that mainly services dogs living outdoors in Flint. Sometimes it takes a village....

CARE MEMBERS ATTEND FOSTER RECRUITMENT

Donna Polzin and Peggy Vaughn attended an animal fostering recruitment along with 8 other animal rescue groups for a seminar sponsored by Concept HOPE. Concept HOPE is a new 501c3 animal welfare non-profit located in Flint. Their intent is to reduce the number of animals in our shelters by focusing on educating the public/pet owners about spay/neuter options, provide obedience training, and providing foster training. Although the turnout of potential fosters was low, CARE volunteers were able to learn about each rescue when a person from each group shared what they do and what would be expected from their fosters. CARE has not fostered in quite some time and it is a goal to have a program again but finding people who want to take on the temporary responsibility of housing cats or dogs that would be available for adoption is difficult. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a foster, please contact CARE at 239-3567.

Special Thanks

..always to Riegle Press in Davison for donating the layout and printing of this newsletter.

..to Nancy and Carl Pohly for 'giving back' to CARE - CARE is so grateful.

..to Sam's Club for donating cat and dog food when it becomes available.

..to everyone who made a monetary donation to CARE.

..always to Andi Lau who donates cat food continuously.

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

..Mike Vaughn and Gary Cornelison who donate their time to provide needed renovations and repairs at CARE House.

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 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 information required. In addition, you can 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 from November, 2016 through April, 2017. The listing..... in no particular order.

PEOPLE MEMORIALS

Wally Schlanzky
by Ingrid Halling

Joel Nichols
by Joyce Nichols

For Mother and Robert Carter
by Renee Nanasy

Sandy Yaklin
by Bob Yaklin

Ben Klatt

Richard "Smitty" Smith
by Pat DuBarry

Ben Klatt
by Agnes Dunn

Beverly Nichols
by Phyllis Carter

Charmian Miller
by Sheri M. Mamero

PET MEMORIALS

Nemri
by Marie Courter

Little Bit
by Janice Martin

Mercy, Pookie, Petey
by Gail Bean

Papa
by Jeri Thomas

Chance The Wonder Dog
by Susan Walton

Millie, Maggie, Sally
by Gregory Hynes

Bootsie
by Jonnie C. Shumaker

Suki, Tisza Mitzy
by Helen Mitru

Chance
by Nancy Shayna

Conner, Toby
by Keith DeWitt

