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Citizens for Animal Rescue & Emergencies

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



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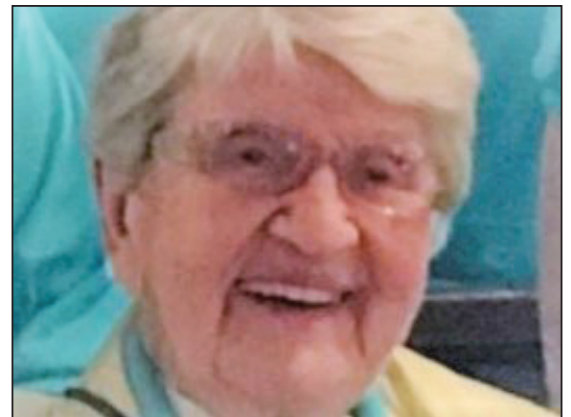
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## MEMORIAL PHYLLIS A. CARTER JUNE 24, 1926 – JANUARY 15, 2020

### Someone Special

*A special person,  
a special face,  
Someone we loved and  
can never be replaced*

The tears of our CARE members have not yet dried from the loss of our dear friend and CARE member/board member, Phyllis Ann Carter, this past January at the age of 93. Phyllis lived a full, and rich life for all of her 93 years with a family of daughter, Kathy, and sons Richard, Christian, and John, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren at the time of her death. As a nurse for 20 years she had a love for people and could converse with anyone while always intent on what they had to say. Phyllis was caring, kind and very compassionate. Her love for all animals led her to CARE 40 years ago and she never left. She was one of the best advocates for animal welfare that an animal could have; in her early years with



CARE she was out rounding up any injured animal including capturing a flock of turkeys! There is the time when she went out in frigid temperatures to rescue an animal frozen in a lake. If she had written about all the rescue stories she was a part of, it would be the only article in this newsletter.

Several CARE members shared their memories of Phyllis:

"It was because of Phyllis I joined CARE; I donated cat food and the next thing I know I was at a CARE meeting and loving it. Phyllis and I became good friends over the years as I admired her spit and vinegar! Phyllis was the CARE "historian" which she shared at meetings; I knew I wanted to be even more

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# Note from the President

Everything in our lives has turned topsy-turvy since the last newsletter in December, 2019! All of us at CARE can only hope that everyone on our mailing list is healthy and safe, staying in your homes as best as you can, and eating well and getting some walks with your favorite fur baby! For some time now, my husband has been walking our dog, Maize, almost every day for about an hour to an hour and a half. Since COVID has been in our lives, it has become a ritual for Mike and Maize to head out on a walk every afternoon. Not only does my husband gloat about losing weight, the long walks help to expend the energy of our Mini Golden-doodle, Maize. A win, win! Get out and walk your pets.....both you and the pet will be healthier for the effort and you can enjoy the spring blooms!

## GRANT FUND HELPS LOCAL RESCUES

CARE is so happy to announce that the Donna Thompson/CARE Grant Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint continues to help animals in our community in a big way! CARE is able to advise emergency grants to local rescues to purchase pet food. Several rescues have mentioned on Facebook they needed the help of the public with pet food donations as their long-time supply sources have stopped due to COVID-19. For instance, one of the rescues has 72 clients in Flint that they supply dog food; these animals are owned by low-income families and are 100% outdoor dogs. Twenty-four hours after posting on Facebook that CARE can help, 4 applications for food funds have been received and all will be helped. Because of your dollars, CARE can now help other rescues feed animals in the community. So grateful!

## MAGOO'S PET CENTER 2019 BONES FUNDRAISER

The annual fundraiser for selling paper bones was held for the third year at 3 local Magoo's Pet Centers in Burton and Flint. Magoo's employees sell the paper bones to customers



from the register during the month of December. It is a friendly competition between stores to sell the most bones and the winning store receiving lunch on CARE this year was Magoo's Courtland Center. While profits were down slightly from past years, it was contributed in part to Magoo's largest and busiest store on Center Road moving from that location to a store in Courtland Center in December. CARE is grateful to Magoo's Pet Center for allowing us to conduct this fundraiser and allowing their employees to sell for us. Thanks also to everyone who purchased a bone. Funds will be used to pay emergency vet bills for pet owners as well as spay/neuter costs.

## 10 YEARS AND COUNTING!

Childs Veterinary Hospital conducted a pet food drive for CARE during the month of December, 2019. A total of pounds was not known but every single bag of food in this drive was greatly appreciated. Unknown at the time, Childs has conducted a pet food drive for CARE every year for the past 10 years! Thank you to everyone who donated pet food; it was definitely put to good use.



## HOW COVID-19 HAS AFFECTED CARE OPERATION

Things at CARE operated fairly routinely up until mid-March when the virus became a serious threat. Since then, CARE has not been conducting monthly membership meetings and will not until the threat has passed and it will again be safe to mingle with our friends and neighbors. The weekly pet food program, on which many pet owners depend, was suspended to protect both our volunteers and our clients. All of the crowd-based events CARE attends over the summer have been cancelled or rescheduled to a later date. But what hit CARE the hardest is when All About Animals Rescue (AAAR) in Flint closed their doors temporarily toward the end of March. CARE depended upon AAAR for their low cost veterinary care to stretch the CARE dollars. Just in one week, vet costs of late have exceeded over \$700 for emergency pet care.

One of the changes CARE has made in an effort to help pet owners during this crisis is to pay for the majority of the vet expenses when the pet owner has lost their job with no financial means of support due to the COVID-19 outbreak. CARE will not allow pets in need of vet services to go untreated because the owner has no money.

As does everyone, CARE is hoping the virus subsides and our operation can once again be at 100% in the animal community.



## HELPING PEOPLE WITH PET ISSUES

A sampling of how your donations were used to pay vet bills for many animals:

- Dog "Sebastian" with a hematoma and severe pain
- Cat "Zoe" a growth on one of the nipples
- Dog "Leonard" a broken leg
- Dog and cat euthanizations over 6 months
- Dog "Brody" emergency surgery to repair a broken ACL
- Dog "Winston" who consumed cooking oil
- Dog "Brite" needed a tumor removed
- Dog "Bear" walking on his knuckles
- Cat "CD" treated for tape worm
- Dog "Kallan" vomiting blood
- Cat "Zipper" treated for gunshot wound
- Cat "Nookie" treated for abscessed tooth
- Dog "Sky" treated for blood in stool
- Cat treated for ingestion of antifreeze – euthanized
- Dog "Scarlett" treated for pyometra (life threatening infection in the uterus)
- Cat, name unknown, treated for ingesting cocaine (feral, found in the street)
- Paid for many flea treatments, both dogs and cats
- Dog "Hannah" treated for open wound
- Dog "Bandit" bleeding in his ears
- Cat "Oreo" treated for respiratory issues
- Cat "Monkey" sneezing blood

Grateful your dollars helped save many animals.



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involved. It turned out I was elected Treasurer when Phyllis stepped down. Then several years later, I was elected President. Without Phyllis' guidance and mentoring, I would not have become so involved in CARE. She had a way of instilling in you a love of CARE that goes beyond attending meetings and fundraisers. It's about the people I have met, the animals CARE helps, and the happy results that matter. Always in my heart...thank you dear friend."

"I was referred to CARE for help in getting my kittens fixed. I called CARE and Phyllis called me back. I wasn't able to repay CARE, so I volunteered as a way to give back – that was many years ago! When I met Phyllis at a meeting, our friendship grew from there. Phyllis was the Treasurer at the time and she called on me to help her reconcile the accounts; many Saturday afternoons were spent doing just that. I didn't know that our initial conversation would lead me to this beautiful soul. I will be forever grateful to Phyllis and will always treasure the friendship we had; I could talk to her about anything. She will always hold a

special place in my heart. Miss you so much my beautiful friend."

"Phyllis was a great person and a great nurse! She was a person who would help you anytime of the day or night. Phyllis was a great mentor. I loved her so."

"I am thankful I met Phyllis as she introduced me to CARE. I am grateful for all I learned from her; she was my mentor. I was always inspired by the love and kindness Phyllis and her husband, Bob, showed to one another. They were a special couple. I love and miss you Phyllis!"

"Phyllis was a mentor to us all in many ways. Her knowledge and compassion were insurmountable. She was like a life-long best friend. She would always take time to see how you were doing and you could always count on a birthday card in the mail each year. I loved that she was more stylish than me on most days and had such spice to her personality. She is missed greatly by all of us."

"Phyllis was a true blessing for CARE; it was a joy and blessing to know her."

## PIERSON PET HOSPITAL PET FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!



The CARE newsletter in December mentioned a pet food drive conducted by Pierson Pet Hospital in Davison during the month of December, 2019. What a success it was! A very special thank you to Dr. Rod Pierson for personally matching funds donated during the food drive. The funds were used to purchase additional pet food from Hills Pet Food at the wholesale price used by vets resulting in stretching the dollars even further! CARE volunteers picked up the pet food from Pierson and found a whopping 900 pounds of pet food that included not only cat and dog food, but some miscellaneous items for smaller pets such as gerbils. It was even more special to have the Hills Pet Food representative stop by unexpectedly to see all the Hills food that was going to help feed many pets in our Community. It was mentioned that perhaps next year, other pet food representatives could be involved in the drive. CARE is so grateful to everyone who donated either money or pet food, etc., to the drive! Davison people rock!



## Return Service Requested

# 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. In addition, you can donate on-line at the CARE website [www.careflint.com](http://www.careflint.com) by using a major credit card.

The memorials and honorariums listed below occurred between December, 2019, and April, 2020. The list appears in no particular order.

### PEOPLE MEMORIAL

#### Helen Heuer

By Gail and George Hester

#### Merri Smith

By Kristin and Gary Moore

#### Phyllis Carter

By Kathleen Rapacz

Pets In Peril

Kathy S. Trout

Kathy Carrithers

Bobbie Anderson

Fred Bondesen,

Shirley and Larry Wilkins

Sadonna and Larry Myers

Nancy and Dennis Mizell,

Darlene and Tim Stevenson

Peggy Plumb  
Barbara and Gerald Bowyer  
Cheryl and Gurdon Hobson,  
Kathleen Hayes  
Shelley and Larry Isaacson

#### Brian McCartin

By Barbara McCartin

### PEOPLE HONORARIUM

#### Phyllis Carter

By Kathy Hayes

### PET MEMORIAL

#### Jesse

By Kathleen George

#### Hoover

By Julie and Bill Kelly

#### Thomas

By Pam Emery

#### Lucas

By Judith Hovey

#### Purdy

By Karen and Jerry Whitacre

#### Missy and Tuppy

By Janet Myers

#### Brady

By Dawn and Steve Shapiro

#### Farley/Ketty

By Joanne Gerow

#### Syther

By Karen and Jerry Whitacre

#### Shadow

By Maxine Hackley

### PET HONORARIUM

#### Zoey Jane Kitty

By Toby Jane and Russ Pintacura

#### Sassy and Tortie

By Joan Ferrell