



2023  
Annual Report



### MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support the animals and people of Central Minnesota by practicing and promoting quality animal care, offering compassionate customer service, and providing humane education.

Incorporated Dec. 11, 1974

## Board of Directors

### President

Jason Hallonquist

### 1st Vice President

Ryan Coye

### 2nd Vice President

Jody Terhaar

### Secretary

Kelly Werner

### Treasurer

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Emily Bezdicek

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### TCHS Shelter Hours:

12-6 p.m. Monday to Thursday

12-8 p.m. Friday

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

12-5 p.m. Sunday

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# Message from The Executive Director

Dear Fellow Friend of Animals,

This 2023 Annual Report highlights accomplishments made during the final year of a rich 39-year legacy with former executive director Vicki Davis at the helm. It is clear from every statistic, every dollar raised, every smiling face, and every well-cared-for companion animal featured in this report that Vicki's unwavering belief in the human-animal bond and drive for excellence have taken Tri-County Humane Society to outstanding heights. Once again, thousands of animals' and people's lives have been impacted for the better. Vicki would be the first to tell you, however, this was only possible because of the kind, generous, hardworking, and committed people she surrounded herself with over the years.



To all former and current board members, staff, volunteers, fosters, donors, adopters, community partners, and animal welfare colleagues across the nation - **THANK YOU.** We could not do this work without you.

Having worked under Vicki as part of this amazing organization for nearly 20 years, **I am grateful** for the opportunity to serve our community as Tri-County Humane Society's executive director. **I am inspired** by our highly skilled team's ability to treat every customer and animal with compassion, kindness, and respect. **I am humbled** by our generous supporters who give their time, talent, and treasure so selflessly. And **I am excited** for the future as we continue to dream of ways to create a more humane society.

*Marit Ortega*

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## Message from The Outgoing Board President

After serving on the TCHS Board of Directors for seven years, my term will be ending in February. For over 30 years I have chanted to anyone who would listen, "As you sow, so shall you reap" and got to observe how that has played out at TCHS.

For 39 years, Vicki Davis has sown passion and commitment toward improving our community by promoting the welfare of animals and the benefits inherent within the human-animal bond. With the help of staff and contributions from countless volunteers and donors, TCHS has become a shining star in our community.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside Vicki, the staff and volunteer board members who sacrificially commit time, talent, and treasure to ensure TCHS remains a reputable and well-run organization. That means our community and the animals continue to reap the benefits from connecting animals with homes.

I am also grateful that Vicki's vision and foresight led to her mentoring Marit Ortega to be well prepared to become the next Executive Director. TCHS is in good hands that will continue to sow well, so the animals and community will reap well.



*Jason Hallonquist*

# 2023 at a Glance

Our placement rate was **94%**!



We organized 7 free microchip clinics, giving out more than **400 microchips!**

*That's a lot of animals who can find their way home more quickly!*



We returned to an in-person Wine, Kibbles, & Bids after a four-year absence! **PAGE 8**



And we prepared to bid farewell to retiring director, Vicki Davis! **PAGE 9**

## Team Members

### Leadership Team

#### Executive Director

Marit Ortega

Vicki Davis

#### HR/Operations Manager

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#### Director of Veterinary Services

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#### Customer Service Manager

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Susan Goldstein

#### Manager of Fund Development

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#### Volunteer and Marketing Manager

Kate Kompas

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#### Office Manager

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### Full-Time Shelter Staff

#### Animal Care

Kallie Braun

Jennifer Hass

Christina Hegstad, CVT

Sable Jenkins, CVT

Cassidy Morris

Joy Schoenberg

#### Foster Care Coordinator

Bryn Liffbrig

Brenna Habel

#### Customer Service Lead

Adam Lewis

### Part-Time Shelter Staff

Valleri Abear

McKenzie Allen

Marie Andrescik

Kayla Carry

Alicia Chan

Jacqueline Cross

Cali Emon

Caitlin Froelich

Brooklyn Geise

Olivia Gielen

Erik Gilkison

Katelyn Jabas

Conner Jacobs

Ashley Johnson

Caitlin Kertz

Jen Loch

Brittany Reich

Olivia Schomer

Emily Schwintek

Anna Steman

Gina Stirtz, CVT

Breanna Westby

Alan Zimmerman

# Animal Statistics

Animals received in 2023: **5,264**

Animals placed\* in 2023: **4,764**

*\*Includes adoptions, stray and safekeeping reclaims, Return to Field cats, and bite quarantines returned to owners.*



Cats placed: **1,862**

Kittens placed: **1,269**

Return to Field cats\*: **195**

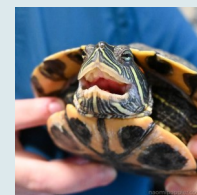
*Return to Field is a limited TCHS spay/neuter program that focuses on unowned, outdoor community cats.*

Dogs placed:

**938**

Puppies placed:

**334**



'Other' pets placed:

**361**

## Time in the Shelter

The average length of stay at TCHS is **only 8 days**. However, TCHS does not have time limits on our adoptable animals.

## Animal Intakes

Owner surrenders: **3,222**

Strays/safekeeping/quarantines: **1,383**

Transfers: **464**

## Return to Owner Rates

For stray dogs: **56%**

For stray cats: **13.2%**



## Humane Euthanasia

Medical-related reasons: **187**

Behavior-related reasons: **60**

Immediate evaluations\*: **178**

*\* Owner-surrender service in which euthanasia is a likely outcome due to an animal's health or behavior.*

# Animal Care and Customer Service

## Animal Care and Veterinary Team



(From left): Christina Hegstad, CVT; Kayla Carry; Bryn Liffbrig; Kallie Braun; Rose Hegerle, CVT; Jennifer Hass; Sable Jenkins, CVT.



Rose Hegerle, CVT  
Director of  
Veterinary Services



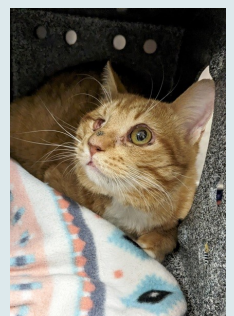
Dr. Deanna Quade (left) became our shelter's main contracted veterinarian after a long history with TCHS.

## Full-Time Customer Service Team



(From left): Joy Schoenberg; Customer Service Manager Kari Boehmer; Cassidy Morris; Customer Service Lead Adam Lewis.

TCHS staff continued to excel in both daily care and above and beyond medical care. Thanks to our talented staff and our community support, we helped animals such as Scott (right), who arrived as a nervous stray with an eye that needed attention. Our animal care team worked on his socialization, and our veterinary staff removed his eye to give him the best possible outcome. After his successful surgery, a longtime foster family saw his adoption profile, fell in love — and added Scott to their family.



## Surgery Team

Dr. Quade did the majority of the procedures in 2023, but TCHS continued to contract with vets Dr. Gina Kobluk and Dr. Anne Lottie. When Dr. Lottie stepped down in 2023 as TCHS' main contracted vet, Dr. Quade stepped in. In 2023, TCHS also was proud to have the volunteer services of veterinarians Dr. Jennifer Black, Dr. Caylie Hake, Dr. Cal Kobluk, and Dr. Jennifer Terhark. We also would like to give a special thank you to Boysen Animal Hospital and Animal Haven for providing supplemental veterinary care.

## 2023 Surgery Statistics

Total surgeries and dental procedures: **3,204**  
The vast majority of these were spays/neuters done on-site, but TCHS also did hernia repairs, dental procedures, amputations, eye removals, eyelid repairs, wound repairs, tumor removals, polyp removals, and more.

# Fosters

We couldn't help the volume of animals we do without the support of our volunteers and fosters!



**BRYN LIFFRIG**  
Foster Care  
Coordinator



## Foster Care Highlights

Total animals sent to foster: **849**

That is made up of **645** cats and kittens,  
**156** dogs and puppies, **15** rabbits,  
**14** guinea pigs, **10** hamsters, **4** chickens,  
**3** rats, **1** parrot, **1** hedgehog.

*Reasons for foster care (from most common to least):* Too young/too small; nursing; Foster to Adopt; socialization; neonate; medical; Adoption Ambassador; pregnant; upper respiratory infection; lack of space; field trips; ringworm; behavior.



## Top Foster Homes of the Year

1. (Tie): Nancy Sturtevant and Brent and Paula Jacobs with 28 animals.
2. Cynthia Ryg with 27 animals.
3. Lori and Jeremy Carr with 24 animals.
4. (Three-way tie): Becky Rossow, Debra Miller, and Kirsten and Joy Sales with 16 animals.

*Thank you to everyone who opened their homes to a foster animal!*

# Volunteers

Total volunteer hours:

# 16,627

*Not included in this total are hours contributed by community service workers and service learning volunteers.*



**Kate Kompas**  
Volunteer and Marketing  
Manager

## Volunteer Hour Stats

Hours spent caring for animals  
and on shelter cleanup:

# 9,204

Hours spent walking dogs:

# 2,319

Hours spent assisting in surgery:

# 1,177

Hours spent cleaning/organizing:

# 744

Hours spent doing office work:

# 498



Hours spent at offsite adoption events or outreach events: **153**

## Volunteers of the Year



Jean Michael  
*Above and Beyond*



Barb Kolbinger  
*Adult Volunteer of the Year*



Abigail Gielen  
*Jr. Volunteer of the Year*

### Dedication Awards

**Cathy Jo Kiloran:**  
For always working so hard on Saturday mornings!

**Betty Thell:** For her versatility!

# Fundraising

We had another successful year thanks to our staff, community of supporters, and volunteers!

## Companion Walk

Themed “Furrassic Park,” the annual event drew hundreds to Wilson Park, featured dozens of vendors, and raised **\$39,163.**

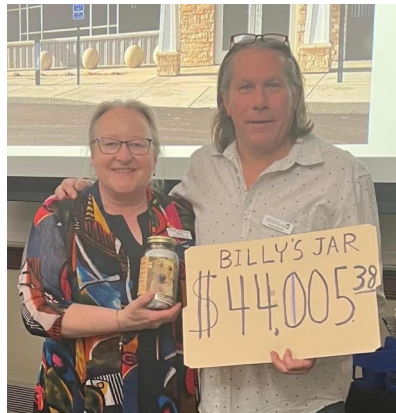


**EMILY PRODINSKY**  
Manager of Fund Development

## Wine, Kibbles, & Bids

TCHS returned to an in-person event for the first time since COVID. We raised **\$76,934\*!**

\*Includes fundraising from TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson’s efforts!



## Other Key Fundraisers

**Give to the Max Day:**  
\$35,993

**Kennel Sponsorships:**  
\$27,200

**Coin Banks:**  
\$11,493

**Winter Silent Auction:**  
\$8,110

**Santa Paws:**  
\$8,050

**Flower Fundraiser:**  
\$2,750



# Executive Director Vicki Davis Retires after 39 Years

TCHS has gone through many changes over the decades, but one constant has been Vicki Davis. She was hired in December 1984 to lead the shelter; during her time she helped bring about many improvements and transform TCHS into a respected force in the animal welfare field. Happy retirement, Vicki!



*Vicki Davis (third from right, middle row) with TCHS staff members on her last working day at the shelter on Dec. 28, 2023. Vicki officially retired on Feb. 3, 2024. While we know she won't be a stranger to TCHS, we sincerely hope she savors every minute of her newfound "free time"!*



*(From left): Vicki and shelter mascot Badoo; Vicki and her dog, Abbi, at a Santa Paws event; Vicki and a friend; our cover girl!*



## Notable Achievements During Vicki's Tenure ...

- \* TCHS' new shelter has an in-house surgery suite, which Vicki lovingly referred to as the heart of the shelter. TCHS has been spaying/neutering all dogs/puppies, cats/kittens, and rabbits for more than a decade before they are adopted.
- \* TCHS became an open-admissions shelter, meaning we do not turn away animals based on factors such as breed.
- \* Vicki developed the Animal Welfare Conference, which has been going on for more than 20 years!
- \* Vicki became a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator!

# Our Supporters

Our team sincerely thanks everyone who gave to Tri-County Humane Society last year, including those who wished to remain anonymous.

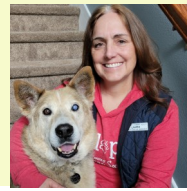


## Our Top Monetary Donors of 2023

|                            |                            |                                |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Leslie Abraham             | Mary and Phil Dullinger    | Ladtech, Inc.                  | Susan Rosenberg                  |
| Advanced Care Pet Hospital | Mark and Sue Durant        | Legion Post 455                | and Jeffrey Roos                 |
| AIS Planning               | Tom Eickhoff               | Cheryl Ley and                 | Sherm Roser*                     |
| Susan Anastasio            | Joseph Elwood              | Richard Witteman               | Suzanne Ross                     |
| Anderson Family Foundation | Dale and Patty Evens       | Deanna Lundquist               | Wayne and Juli Schluchter        |
| Rollie and Barb Anderson   | Falcon National Bank       | Lunds & Byerlys                | Jim and Joanne Schultz           |
| Julie Aronson Dehnel       | Jill Fox                   | Jackie and Dick Lundstrom      | Dr. Rachel Schuneman             |
| ASPCA Grants**             | FS3, Inc                   | Luther St. Cloud Honda         | and Dr. Yang Lo                  |
| Bill and Judy Atkinson     | Gate City Bank             | Luther St. Cloud Subaru        | Sentry Bank                      |
| Kirk and Terry Atkinson    | Gilleland Chevrolet        | Casey Maas                     | Perry and Terre Severance        |
| Audio Video Extremes       | Dorothy Gorecki            | Maddie's Fund**                | Sexton Family Foundation         |
| Rick and Helga             | Melissa Griffin            | Beverly Mallgrave              | Stephanie S. Shaler              |
| Bauerly Foundation         | Ann and Jason Hallonquist  | Tom and Tracy Mayers           | Bernie Silvers                   |
| Jon and Metta Belisle      | Chad Hallonquist           | Deb McCarl and                 | Tim and Patty Simpson            |
| Jason and Jen Bernick      | Clare Hanson               | Marilyn Skurdahl               | Laura and Taylor Skelton         |
| Pamela Bernick             | Nancy Ann Heisick          | John Moline                    | Brian and Diane Smith            |
| and Jasper Bond            | Ralph Helnbracht           | Taylor Montag                  | Donna Stelzner                   |
| Bernice Berns              | Leo T. Henkemeyer Fund of  | Greg and Sherry Nemeč          | Kris Stewart                     |
| David and Karen Blattner   | Central MN Community       | Christopher Newman             | Sue Wahl Storbeck and            |
| Cheryl and Patrick         | Foundation                 | and Michael Romanski           | Lee Storbeck                     |
| Bounds-Spellacy            | Theophanis Hortis          | Nancy and Larry Norton         | Judy and Eric Strommen           |
| C & H Truck Repair         | Stephanie Horvath          | Mary Olsen                     | Subaru of America                |
| Bev Carlson                | Jan and Jim Hovda          | Optimists Clubs                | Patrice Sullivan and Ken Fischer |
| Janis Cimperman            | Humane Society of          | Mark Holm and                  | Cary and Renee Swenson           |
| Becky Coulter and          | the United States**        | Susie Osaki Holm               | Karl and Jody Terhaar            |
| Sanford Moskowitz          | Denise Humphrey*           | Pet Evolution                  | The Boxers' Workout Gym, Inc.    |
| Steve and Beth Cragle      | Humphrey-Sands Fund        | Pet Supplies Plus              | Mark Thelen                      |
| Eileen Dauer               | Tom and Linda Hynes        | Kris Peterson and Sue Haller   | Kelley Torkelson                 |
| Nancy and Todd Deaton      | Paul Jeddelloh and         | Kourtney and Justin Piepenburg | Jenell and Todd Van Nurden       |
| Susan Dege                 | Nancy Bowman               | Rapids VFW Post 6992           | Sharon Welke                     |
| Larry and Jeannie Degraaf  | Carol and Joseph Jerkovich | Sandy Reese                    | Nicole Wollum                    |
| David Dennison             | Clifford and Betty Johnson | Linda V. Ringsmuth             | Wolters Kluwer                   |
| Warren Determan            | Evan and Carol Jones       | Kimberly Ann Ritsche           | Financial Services               |
| David and Joanne Dickson   | Janelle and John Kendall   | Memorial Fund of Central MN    | Karen Young                      |
| Sheri Douvier              | Marina Koopmeiners         | Community Foundation           | Annella Zellner                  |
| Charles and Diane Driver   | Jim and Anne Kostreba      | Jane Roberts                   |                                  |

\*Bequest, \*\*Grant

# Financials



**Laura Lund**

TCHS Operations/  
Human Resources Manager

## Expenses

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Programs/Operations | \$1,641,678.60        |
| Fundraising         | \$30,858.62           |
| Education/training  | \$14,006.41           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$1,686,543.89</b> |

## Revenue

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Program revenue               | \$858,429.23          |
| Donations/fundraising         | \$783,010.94          |
| Bequests                      | \$137,519.40          |
| Employee Retention Tax Credit | \$297,191.62          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$2,076,151.19</b> |

## Community Engagement

TCHS made an impact far beyond our adoptions and fundraising events last year. Take a look:



*We created educational events for kids such as Snake Storytime and Readin' Reptiles and Stellar Spiders. The attendees got a chance to interact with pets such as Seamus the snake, Phoebe the tortoise, and Lou the bearded dragon. They even got to see a few tarantulas up close!*



*After debuting free microchip clinics in 2022, TCHS went all-in on them in 2023! We organized seven free microchip clinics for the public, including one at our Companion Walk and two at Pet Evolution in St. Cloud.*



*And we got a new (to us) van to use at outreach/offsite events. Keep an eye out for us when we're out and about!*

