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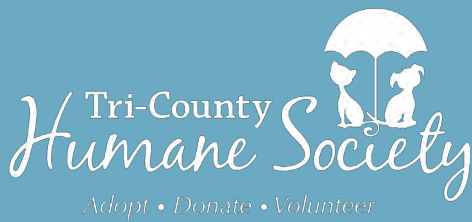
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Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Animals,

It seems with every newsletter, I have something exciting to share and celebrate. This one is a major milestone for us. It's one I've been waiting a long time to share: This is the last newsletter that will be published while we're in our current shelter! We're set to starting moving into the new building sometime in mid-August, not too long after this hits your mailbox. Finally, right?

If there's one thing that doesn't change about being in animal welfare, it's that it's always changing. (Go ahead and read that again!) And while the rest of the TCHS staff and I are more than ready for the next chapter, we are leaving behind a building chock-full of memories for not only us but the community. It's bittersweet.

This shelter has served us well for the past 30 years, but we never imagined how we'd grow, and how animal welfare (and this organization) would change during that time. When I started at TCHS in 1984, we kept the animals clean, fed and loved. That's about all we could do with the \$40,000 budget we had to work with. Quite primitive when you compare it to today, but if I may quote a Chinese proverb, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." That first building gave us the steps we needed to begin our journey to now. Today, we celebrate a milestone of many steps which have taken us from basic to better, and now we step from better into a best-practice animal shelter.

Our first shelter was an old gas station converted into an animal shelter by some dedicated and determined volunteers. That opened in 1976, two years after the organization formed. It had a dozen kennels, some puppy cages and a dozen cat cages. To put that in perspective, our budget this year is just over 1 million dollars and it's not unusual to house (at one time) 150 animals with over 200 in foster care. The new shelter will have even more space for our animals complete with a full veterinary suite. (And the people - staff, volunteers, and customers - will finally get a little breathing room and privacy!)

The new shelter will be a dramatic upgrade for TCHS, just like the 1989 building was a huge improvement from the converted gas station. But, just like then, TCHS is relying on its strong community support to help pay for the new shelter. We have many rooms that remain nameless!

We like to look back in part because it shows us how far we've come - and it makes us appreciative of what we have now. While TCHS is getting a much-needed cosmetic makeover, our heart is the same - it's with the animals, and you, the people who love them.

A year from now, or even many years from now, I will think back on the most recent "old" shelter and smile. For thousands of people and pets, it's where happiness happened for three decades.

For that I'm ever so grateful.

P.S.
Planning an open house during COVID will be a challenge. Watch our website and Facebook - we'll keep you posted!



Get a sneak peek of our new shelter on PAGES 14-15!

Our Current Wish List

For the Animals

- Help support our new shelter!
- Homes for animals
- Money for veterinary expenses
- Feliway for cats, both sprays and diffusers
- Adaptil for dogs, both sprays and diffusers
- Kitten and all-life stages dry food
- Clay cat litter (nonclumping is preferred, please!)
- Rabbit/guinea pig food



- Timothy Hay
- Toys for animals (Kongs!)
- Meat-flavored baby food
- Q-Tips
- Kitten milk replacer
- Puppy milk replacer

For the Shelter

- Gift cards to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Hand soap
- Heating pads
- Clorox wipes or other disinfecting wipes (if you can find them!)
- Mr. Clean Magic Eraser sponges (or the generic version of them!)
- New brooms
- Large, clear plastic totes
- Items for silent auction fundraisers (handcrafted items, unique gifts, items for pet lovers, and more!)

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We try to make sure that a meat protein source is the first ingredient in the food we feed to the shelter pets, and we avoid food with a lot of dye in it.

For the Office

- Color/white copy paper
- Postage stamps (forever and postcard) - we like to send thank you notes!
- Batteries (all sizes, but especially in need of Double A, Triple A, and 9 Volt)

Volunteer Needs

- Fosters!
- Cleaners/dishwashers/laundry attendants
- Shelter supply organizers
- Office assistants (must have excellent telephone skills!)
- Petco cat cleaners (must love kitties!)
- Customer service specialists
- Animal transporters

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- Aluminum cans
- Used ink cartridges (no large toners please!)



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Shop at TCHS

New to the Re-Tail Shoppe

Need a great gift idea for the dog person in your life? Check out the new necklaces from Dog Is Good that are now available in the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe. Complete with messages such as "A Dog Can Change the Way You See the World," these necklaces are sweet as well as stylish. They retail for \$16.99 (tax not included).



The TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe also carries high-quality pet food, leashes, collars, toys, and more! Don't see something you want? Just ask—we can do special orders.

Others ways to help

Look for the "Buy Me for Shelter Pets" sticker on select items in the Re-Tail



Shoppe. With all the profits going back to our pets, that means buying an item and donating it back to us is a double win for our animals!

And if you're an online shopper, make sure to use Amazon Smile and select TCHS as your charity!

TCHS Volunteer and Foster Appreciation 2019

By Kate Kompas

Volunteer Coordinator

It's an understatement that COVID-19 presented a ton of challenges for Tri-County Humane Society. One of the biggest was having to limit the number of volunteers on each shift. Volunteers have always been the backbone of TCHS, and while the basics – animal cleanup, dishes, laundry – got done, TCHS didn't feel the same this spring without our regular volunteer crew.

Now things are a little better, with more volunteers returning to the shelter and new ones coming aboard. But COVID-19 meant we weren't been able to do our usual summer celebration of TCHS volunteers and foster parents.

We'll keep waiting to see if there's some way we can have a volunteer/foster celebration this year, even if it's virtual. We have not created the full list of "winners," but we wanted to share some of the standouts from the last year. And we want all TCHS volunteers and fosters to know they are ALL superstars in our minds. **We literally could not do it without you.**



Tracey Worzala

Adult Volunteer of the Year

Tracey has in the past been honored as an Above and Beyond volunteer of the year, but she does so much we couldn't pass up the chance to recognize her again!

Tracey volunteers twice a week, as a dog walker and as a general shelter care volunteer. She is great with animals and customers. She also mentors other volunteers. Tracey volunteers at nearly every TCHS special event, and is known for always picking up cat litter, gift-wrapping paper, or other supplies that TCHS needs (without being asked).

Tracey is a prolific fundraiser, too; she made the top five in 2019's Companion Walk fundraising. The animals, staff, all of us, are lucky to have Tracey on our team!



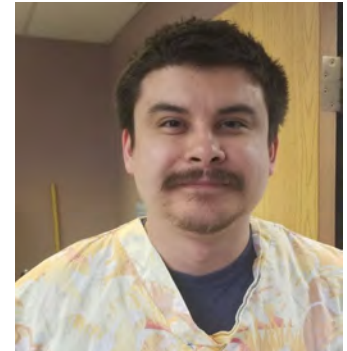
Kaylan Kremer

Junior Volunteer of the Year

Kaylan is an outstanding junior volunteer. She may have a quiet demeanor, but she is always hard at work, whether it be taking care of TCHS cats, helping a customer, or making sure dishes and laundry are in good shape.

Kaylan's attention to detail and work ethic always draw the attention of TCHS staff. She will always take on special requests and brings a positive attitude with her every time she is at the shelter.

At 17, Kaylan has been volunteer at TCHS since 2017. She's even helped at TCHS special events, having worked at brat sales. We know Kaylan has a bright future ahead of her, and we're glad to have been a part of her resume! Good luck at college, Kaylan!



Joey Lucius

Above and Beyond Volunteer

Before Joey was even officially trained in as a TCHS volunteer, he was working hard for us – he helped unload from our Wine, Kibbles & Bids fundraiser in 2018 without even being recruited! We knew then that Joey was a special volunteer, one who would do anything and everything to support Tri-County Humane Society. He used to come in to help at TCHS Kitty Korner during his breaks from work; he spends hours in the dish room to make sure everything is tidy; his fellow volunteers rave about how helpful he is. He put almost every single item back from the 2019 Companion Walk back in storage. You name it – kitten visits, extra shifts, helping move shelter supplies – Joey is among the first to volunteer. Thanks, Joey, for everything!

Top 5 fosters of 2019

Tri-County Humane Society foster parents put in thousands of hours of service last year. In 2019, 1,161 animals went into foster care. Here are the top fosters:

Crystal Markfort and family,
49 animals, 2,118 hours. They fostered 337 out of 365 days.

Marcia Chouinard, 41 animals, 1,641 hours. She fostered 261 out of 365 days.

Cynthia Ryg, 32 animals, 1,442 hours. She fostered 238 out of 365 days.

Emily Tronnes, 24 animals, 1,322 hours. She fostered 216 out of

365 days.

Nancy Sturtevant, 24 animals, 998 hours. She fostered 246 out of 365 days.

Want to foster animals?

Visit www.tricountyhumanesociety.org to apply!

Wine, Kibbles & Bids a Success Despite Virtual Change

By Kate Kompas

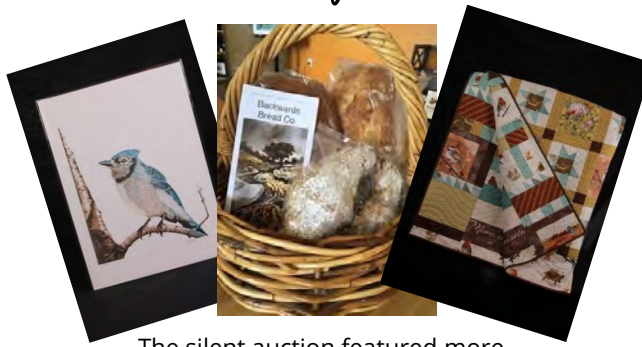
Volunteer Coordinator

By now readers have likely figured out a theme – COVID-19 changed a lot of Tri-County Humane Society's plans this past spring. Most of the challenges hit TCHS' fundraising department pretty hard because three key special events had to be postponed or reimagined. Those events were Flower Fundraiser and Spaghetti and No (Meat) Balls (both yet to be rescheduled), and one of TCHS' biggest annual fundraisers, Wine, Kibbles & Bids.

In 2019, Wine, Kibbles & Bids made more

than \$80,000 in profit for the animals. This spring-time event at Gorecki Center at the College of St. Benedict typically features a gourmet dinner, silent auction, music, and more. Due to COVID-19, the Gorecki Center cancelled all in-person events. That sent TCHS staff including Special Events Coordinator Angie Mundis back to the drawing board.

Just like the in-person event, the centerpiece of the virtual event was the silent auction, with an eclectic mix of items. And with the help of local company Bad Cat Digital Market-



The silent auction featured more than 170 items.

hosted a Wine, Kibbles & Bids telethon via Facebook.

All the effort paid off big time for the animals, and even though supporters couldn't raise a glass in person, they still came together and contributed financially. TCHS ended up raising more than \$65,000 in profit through the first virtual Wine, Kibbles & Bids.

That total includes profits from the silent auction, the telethon, and "Billy's Jar" – TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson's personal fundraising drive. (Billy's Jar raised more than \$33,000.)

"We're so thankful that people are still able to support us, even during a pandemic," Mundis said. However, she noted that even with



Bill Nelson shows off his jar's earnings.

the virtual event's success, TCHS was \$15,000 short of 2019's total. "We're hoping with some of our other upcoming fundraisers this year, our supporters will be able to help again."

TCHS staff and friends, including Nelson, celebrated the week's events during a scaled-down "dinner" that was broadcast live on Facebook.

The Scoop ... Keep Pets Safe During Dog Days of Summer



Many of us look forward to the warm weather in Minnesota.

The summer can bring fun times with your pet, but it can also bring health

concerns. A major health concern for pets (especially dogs) in the summer is overheating, which can result in heat exhaustion and even heatstroke. Dogs do not sweat like humans to release



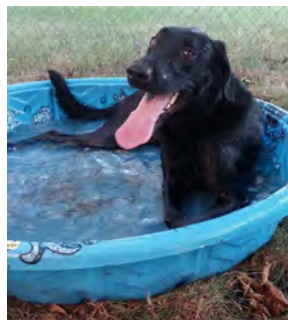
By Rose Hegerle, CVT

excess heat; rather they rely on heavy breathing (panting) to cool themselves.

When they are unable to cool enough with panting, their body temperature can elevate to dangerous levels.

Some signs of heat exhaustion and/or heatstroke are excessive panting, confusion, weakness, collapse, bright red gums and tongue, vomiting, and diarrhea.

If any of these signs are present in your pet, get them in a cool place and seek veterinary care immediately.



Rose's dog Gus keeps cool this summer!

Heatstroke is often fatal in pets, so prevention is vital. Outdoor time on hot days should be short and involve non-strenuous activities. Limiting playtime is necessary in energetic dogs. Provide access to plenty of fresh water and

shade. Never leave your pet in a car in the heat. Dogs who like water often benefit from a kid-size pool for fun. If your dog is bored and needs stimulation, things such as food puzzles, frozen stuffed Kongs, and toys and/or treats frozen in ice chunks are all options.

All dogs are at risk for heat exhaustion and heatstroke, but there are some more prone to it. Brachycephalic breeds (flat-faced dogs such as the pug, shih tzu, bulldog, etc.), Nordic breeds (husky, malamute, spitz, etc), dou-

ble-thick -coated breeds, overweight dogs, puppies, and seniors are all at a higher risk. An important factor in recognizing danger signs is to know your dog's habits. Changes in the way they walk, breathe, interact with others, or any other differences in their typical manners may be red flags. If you have any concerns, contact your family veterinarian immediately. Early intervention increases their chances of survival.

Enjoy summer with your pets, and be safe!

Who rescued who?

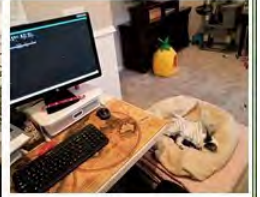
Tri-County Humane Society loves sharing stories and photos from adopters; if you'd like to tell us how your TCHS alum is doing, please do so via email (pets@tricityhumanesociety.org) or Facebook Messenger. Please include photos!



An update on Princess Di, officially renamed Betty in honor of Minnesota treasure Betty Crocker and Betty White's sweet character from the Golden Girls, who was also a proud Minnesota native.



Betty loves to play!!! She loves her tower and tunnel and tons of toys. Bells that jingle are her favorite.



Her mommy works from home and Betty is the best office assistant.

Betty is a snuggle bug who loves to cuddle. She sleeps beside me in bed each night and likes when I hit the snooze button for tons of morning pets.



Her new best buddy is an elephant blanket named Ollie.



Miss Betty found her forever home and her new mommy loves her so much. Thank you

A Purr & Wag of the Tail to...

Customers who shop using Smile.Amazon.com and select TCHS as their charity. We have received almost \$600 this year!

Customers who recycle used ink cartridges and other e-waste with us. With your help, we raised \$97 so far this year.

Customers who designated TCHS through Coborn's/Cashwise More School Rewards program. We received \$559 for educational programming this year from 88 customers.

Scrubs and Beyond for donating scrubs to TCHS!

Photographer Steve Huss for lending his time and talents to photograph the Wine, Kibbles & Bids online silent auction items.

Don Blonigen for donating hand sanitizer and other much-needed items to the shelter.

Becky Rossow for having a garage sale to benefit TCHS.

Julie Condon and her gardening team

for selling TCHS perennials so more people could have a little piece of our history. Also, thanks to Wright County Swappers Meet for providing booth space for Julie's sale.

Thrivent investors who designated Choice Dollars to TCHS.

TCHS volunteer Joyce Tebben and TCHS Certified Veterinary Tech Rose Hegerle for making reusable cloth face masks for us to sell in our Re-Tail Shoppe.

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Join our 2020 VIRTUAL Companion Walk for Animals!

Compassion isn't cancelled – and neither is our Companion Walk for Animals!

As we continue to work together to overcome this challenging time, we have decided to make our annual Companion Walk for Animals a VIRTUAL experience, allowing us to stay connected in our commitment to help the animals of Central Minnesota.

What is a Virtual Walk?

A virtual walk means you fundraise and then you get to walk for animals. You can walk on September 12th, or on your own time and at your own pace! Walk around the block with friends, in your backyard, or even on your treadmill. Then tag yourself in our Facebook event for a chance to win prizes! We are all #stillwalkingforTCHS and making #stridesforanimals.

Check our website for additional details and schedule of virtual events: www.tricountyhumansociety.org/walk

How you can get started

Fundraise, fundraise, fundraise! With animals entering our shelter each day, the money you raise for the walk is more important than ever. Grab your pledge sheet in this newsletter (PAGE 10) or print one at www.tricountyhumansociety.org/walk. Want to raise money online? Start a Facebook fundraiser and/or GiveMN.org fundraiser and start collecting pledges now. Online fundraising tips and prize levels are included on the next pages.

Donate a silent auction item! Our annual silent auction is still part of this virtual event, but it will be online instead of in-person. You can donate items such as handcrafted items, gift certificates, unique baskets and experiences for bidding. TCHS has generous and talented supporters – what can you donate to help us raise funds?

Bid in our silent auction! Beginning on September 1, 2020, items will be viewable at www.32auctions.com/walk2020, and bidding runs from September 7th through September 13th, 2020.

Learn more on next pages!

THANK YOU in advance to our early sponsors!



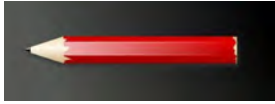
You are truly a hero for the animals!

START YOUR FUNDRAISING TODAY!

Invite your friends and family to support TCHS with a donation to your superhero walk. You will be rewarded with our thanks ... plus prizes!



3 Easy Ways to Collect Donations



On Paper



Use the pledge form in this newsletter (see PAGE 10) to start collecting. All donations must be turned in to TCHS by **September 14, 2020**, to qualify for prizes.



On Facebook

Log in to your Facebook and set up a new Fundraiser for nonprofit. Choose a close date of September 12th, 2020, so we can use your total amount raised toward your prize levels. If you continue to collect donations through your Facebook page after September 12th, that's awesome, but after September 12th, 2020, they will not count toward your total for prizes!

On the cover page you can click "edit" and then use our Calling All Superheroes logo or create your own Companion Walk-themed photo. Get started with inviting friends to donate and sharing on your page!

(Share early and often!)



On GiveMN.org

Visit [GiveMN.org](https://www.givemn.org) and log into YOUR ACCOUNT. If you don't have an account, it's easy to create one! Then, in the search bar type "Tri-County Humane Society" to find us and start your own fundraiser.

Or go to the official GiveMN.org 2020 Companion Walk event page, <https://www.givemn.org/story/Bnwd5f>, and click on the button that says "Start your own fundraiser to support this organization."

If you have already created your Companion Walk Fundraiser, you can connect it to our Companion Walk event page; it should be listed under your ELIGIBLE CAMPAIGNS.

Plan for a close date no later than the walk day so you can turn in your donations by September 14th, 2020. If you continue to collect donations through your GiveMN page after September 12th, 2020, you're still a superhero, but they will not count toward your total for prizes. (You can also create a team here. Get your superhero friends together and fundraise for animals as a team!)

***All pledge sheets and donations must be turned in to TCHS by September 14th, 2020, to be considered for prizes.*

*Early submissions will be accepted.***

Have a question about the walk?

Contact Special Events Coordinator Angie Mundis at 320-252-0896, ext. 14, or at events@tricityhumanesociety.org.



AND WAIT ... THERE'S FABULOUS PRIZES, TOO!



You're fundraising because you truly want to make a difference in the lives of animals, and for that we say, **"YOU ARE A SUPERHERO"** by offering prizes!

Gifts for All Qualifying Walkers:

Raise \$75 and receive our exclusive 2020 Companion Walk T-Shirt!

Raise \$150 and receive the T-shirt PLUS an embroidered TCHS blanket!

Raise \$250 and receive the T-shirt, blanket PLUS a TCHS water bottle!

Raise \$500 and receive all the above items PLUS a facemask!

Raise \$1,000 and receive all the above items PLUS you will be entered into our Grand Prize drawing of a Family Portrait Session from Country Gallery Photography (value \$485).

Bonus Ways to Win Prizes:

Post a picture(s) of yourself walking for TCHS in our Facebook event! Tag yourself and get entered for a raffle prize!



Post a picture of you, your kids, and/or your pets in superhero costumes on our Facebook event. Tag yourself and get entered to win a raffle prize!

Find one of our themed *painted rocks* throughout St. Cloud and post a picture on our Facebook event. You guessed it—tag yourself and get entered to win a raffle prize!



This year's Companion Walk for animals is *Calling All Superheroes*, like you, to help us raise much-needed funds. When our community faces difficult situations, inspiring compassion becomes more important than ever. That's why this year's walk is so special. And while it may look different for each of us, wherever we decide to walk, we'll be standing together to help animals.

As we look forward to this exciting virtual event, we hope you and your families stay safe and healthy.

Happy (Virtual) Walking, #TeamTCHS!

Join our Flag of Friends!

Make a donation in honor or memory of a pet in the envelope enclosed in this newsletter, and we will add that pet's name to a ribbon on our Flag of Friends carried during our Facebook Live Walk at 10 a.m. on September 12th, 2020!

And don't forget to tune in to our Facebook Live! Follow us on www.facebook.com/tricountyhumansociety!





Tri-County Humane Society's VIRTUAL COMPANION WALK

September 12, 2020
 tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk

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Walker Name(s) _____

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Parent/Guardian signature required if participant is under 18 years of age. **Walker/Guardian Signature** _____

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Got a Barn?



ADOPT AND GET RODENTS UNDER CONTROL

Graphic by Jennifer Stricter

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Did you know that Tri-County Humane Society has a "working cats" program? Well, we do!

TCHS working cats are those that, for whatever reason, would not be a good indoor cat. Some are social; some are not, but they all still deserve a great home! (Some of them are even great mousers.) Working cats come spayed/neutered, with a rabies vaccine on board, and they are name your own price!

Some TCHS barn cats, like Molly (right), embrace their outdoor lifestyle and enjoy watching over their kingdoms. (Molly has her own Instagram page; follow her @judgingmolly.) Thanks to Molly's human, Cody Hoff, for letting us use Molly's picture.

Don't have a barn? No problem! Any adequate shelter—a heated garage, shop, etc., will be purr-fect for these employees!

Contact TCHS at 320-252-0896

to get on our barn cat list today!

And if you have a business in a rural area and would place a poster advertising our barn cat program, contact us.



Thank you to everyone who has given a working cat a job!

Dedications: In Memory of Pets

All our beloved dogs who have passed

Donna & James Leyk

All pound puppies

Loretta Delk

All the dogs I have had

Judith Nielsen

All the dogs we have loved

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Want to help TCHS?

Contact our Manager of Fund Development Tauna Quimby at 320-252-0896, ext. 28, or at give@tricityhumane.org for ways to give to TCHS both big and small!

TCHS' New Shelter is Opening Soon!

By Kate Kompas

Volunteer Coordinator

Tri-County Humane Society staff are moving

into the new animal shelter this month. It's a moment that has been long awaited by staff, volunteers, TCHS friends, and other community members.

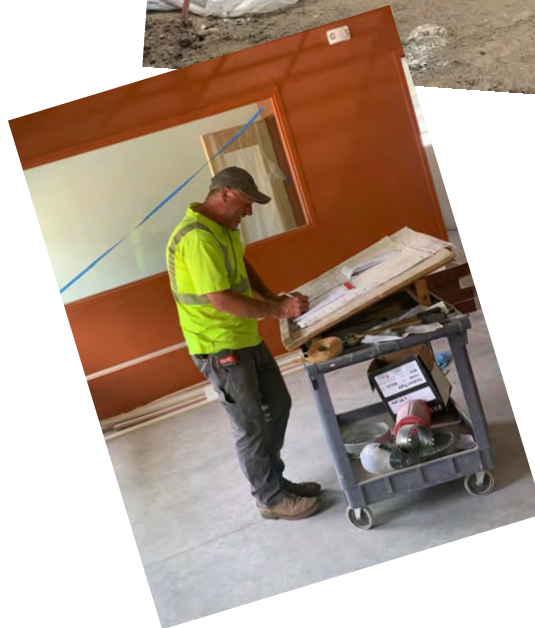
TCHS broke ground on the building in November 2019, with BCI Construction and HMA Architects heading up the project and Falcon National Bank being a special partner. The new shelter is double the square footage of the soon-to-be closed current TCHS shelter, which was built in 1989.

Among the highlights of the new building:

- Separate areas for customers who are adopting versus customers who need to rehome pets, allowing for privacy and confidentiality.
- A state-of-the-art veterinary/surgical suite for spays/neuters and other procedures.
- Improved energy efficiency.
- Better play/socialization areas for animals, including "cat colony rooms" and cat-specific meet-and-greet rooms.
- More distance between the dog rooms and the cat rooms.

TCHS Animal Care Manager Laura Lund and TCHS Certified Vet Tech Rose Hegerle said the expanded space will make a big difference as far as animals'

comfort. Lund pointed out that having the veterinary/surgery suite in the building means no more literally carting animals across a parking lot to the stand-alone surgery building.



The exam room will be less stressful, too for the animals receiving care, Hegerle added.

All these improvements will benefit more than the four-legged guests. "I am most excited that the additional space will allow us to provide a more comfortable experience for both the pets and the people we serve," Customer Service Manager Anna Stratton said.

For TCHS Executive Director Vicki Davis – who was at TCHS' helm in 1989 – the new shelter is a dream finally realized.

"I'm excited that TCHS has reached this next level," Davis said. "It feels like the new shelter will finally catch up to the standard of care we've been offering the animals the last several years in a challenging environment."

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TCHS Manager of Fund Development Tauna Quimby is working to secure the remainder of the funds necessary to make the new shelter what it needs to be. TCHS has raised about \$2 million, halfway to its goal.

"We're asking all animal lovers to make happiness happen in the years to come with a gift to the capital campaign fund," Quimby said. "If every family in Central Minnesota donated \$45 we could move in to the new building debt-free."

And there are plenty of opportunities left to donate, Quimby added.

"Choose to make a one-time gift, monthly gift, or pledge for up to five



(TOP) The new TCBS shelter includes plenty of natural lighting. (TOP RIGHT) The dog kennels in the new shelter. TCHS will be able to house twice as many dogs.



years to help us close the funding gap on our new building," she said. "We've got special places in our hearts and throughout the shelter to say thanks for making happiness happen. Donors will be acknowledged on our electronic recognition

board, donor appreciation wall, or in the room you named with your gift."

There's still a lot of work left to be done - moving, raising money, getting settled into a new building. But although downtime will be next to nonex-

istent, expect Davis to take a second to reflect.

What's the first thing she's going to do when she enters the new shelter?

"Smile ... and knowing me, probably get a little (or a lot) misty," Davis said. "Then I want to take a walk through the animal rooms and see how their new backdrop suits them!"

How to help

Contact TCHS Manager of Fund Development Tauna Quimby at 320-252-0896, ext. 28, or give @tricity humansociety.org. Or visit www.happinesshappenshere.org for a full list of naming opportunities.

TCHS' shelter throughout the years ...



TOP: The first shelter in 1976.

RIGHT: Groundbreaking in 1988 for the shelter.

BOTTOM: The first clients enter the 1989 shelter.





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