Companion Walk is going virtual; we need your help!

Learn how YOU can be a hero for animals on PAGES 7-10
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!)

A Note About Pet Food Donations:
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 kittens!)
- Customer service specialists
- Animal transporters

Recycled Items for $$
- 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!
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 standout volunteers 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 Wergala**
*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 draws 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**

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Want to foster animals? Visit [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org) to apply!
In 2019, Wine, Kibbles & Bids made more than $80,000 in profit for the animals. This springtime 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 Marketing, TCHS staff also 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 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 hazards. 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 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), double-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@tricountyhumanesociety.org) or Facebook Messenger. Please include photos!

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.

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 Rosow 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.
Join our 2020 VIRTUAL Companion Walk for Animals!

Compasion 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.tricountyhumanesociety.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.tricountyhumanesociety.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.

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 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@tricountyhumanesociety.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/tricountyhumanesociety!
### Tri-County Humane Society’s
**VIRTUAL COMPANION WALK**
September 12, 2020
tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk

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ATTACH COPY OF ADDITIONAL DONATION FORM(S) AND SUBTOTAL HERE

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**FOR REGISTRATION AND PRIZE PACKAGE USE ONLY:**

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**WALKER: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS AND BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE**

**Walker Name(s) ____________________________**

Are you walking as part of a team? If so, 
**Team Name: ____________________________**

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**Make checks payable to: TCHS** Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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**PARTICIPANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** I do hereby pledge to participate in the Tri-County Humane Society Companion Walk. By signing this form I hereby release TCHS, the event committee and individuals, the City of St. Cloud, and other official sponsors from all claims or liabilities of any kind of nature resulting from, arising out of, or incident to my participation and to my pet(s) participation in this event. I realize that participation in this event could potentially cause injury. I hereby accept and assume all risks associated with participation in this event and agree to practice road and pedestrian safety and clean up after my pet(s). In signing this, I also give TCHS permission to use photos submitted of me during the event in any promotional material, publication, social networks or on the TCHS website.

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

Email ____________________________ Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip __________ Phone __________
Employ a ‘working cat’ today!

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
Mary Kay & Richard Grabmeier
All the special pets in my life
Pam Loehrer
All the special pets in my life
Korman
All the dogs we have loved
Cy & Olga Douvier, to ensure their care and love of dogs lives on
Jeff Hoff on behalf of the Douvier estate
Dakota & Trudy
Ginny Gapsinski
Daphne
Alan Faber
Diana
Rose & Patrick Hegerle
Dot Dot
Jean & Irv Loftus
Draco
Michelle Garber
Dugal: Small Dog, Great Joy
Fischer Family
Duke & Brin
Michael & Pam Dille
Emma
Becky Couter & Sanford Moskwitz
Freckles
Cindy Schultz
Glady's
King & Barbara Banaian
Grace
Jean & James Michael
Gus
Michelle Denn
Hinkle
Joanne Clepper
Ike
R.M. Dowsett
Isabella
Ellory Hollingsworth
Jack
Kathy Zenzen
January
Lonnie Johnson
Jeanie
Annette Peters
Katie
Kris Stewart
Katie - Beloved dog of Kris Stewart
Shannon Bennett
Darin Byrne
Vicki Davis
Scott Devor
Bud Flagstad
Margaret Havey Ueke
Susan McKinnon
Shreya Shankar
Karen Zimmer
Koda (2009-2020)
Tabitha Roth
Koko, our beautiful 16-year-old Siamese who died in June
Ted & Jan Dahl
Laser
For Kiera Kightlinger from the extended Kightlinger family
Louie
Debbie & Kevin Wood
Louise
Rebecca Fienne
Lucy
Jim & Nadine Ferlaak
Lucy
Karen Johnson
Marco
Jim Hart
Misty
Wayne & Sue Stevens
Molly, Jazzy, Suzie & Daisy
John & Ann Ostendorf
Monty
Julie Peters, Mark Zabee, & Aunt Bea
Mr. Shiogemitsu
Donell Ellingson
Muffin
Darlene Switala
Nelli Hagen
Heidi Doverspike

Memorials and honorariums are published in the issue nearest to the date received. Kennel sponsors are published in the May/June issue; Constant Companions are published in the August issue; and other donors from this year will be published in the winter issue along with highlights from our annual report.

Dedications: In Memory of People

Alice Johnson
Theresa Johnson
Annette Sandoval
Delores Dengerud
Aunt Verla Helmin
Kevin & Carol Graves
Barbara Sobotik
Marcene Finken
Bradley McClintock
Noel & Laurie McClintock
Carolyn Young
Gillian Blauvelt
Charlotte Nelson
The family of Charlotte Nelson
Cy & Olga Douvier, to ensure their care and love of dogs lives on
Jeff Hoff on behalf of the Douvier estate
Deanna White
Michelle Peterson
Dorothy B. Olson
Hazel O. Tanger
Dr. Lois E. Harmon, TCHS veterinarian, 2005-2018
Bonney Bielen
Duane Patten
Donna Patten
Fran & Arlene McGreavy
John & Patti McGreavy
Gary Abraham
Leslie Abraham
Jake Jacobson
Jo Senta
Jeanne Brom
Rose & Peter Calvin
Jennifer (Vollen) Hollen
Ted & Ava Hollen
Talleith & Karen Vollen
Jerome Barthel
Diane & Jerry Barthel
Jim Breska
Patty Jeffers
Joan Akers
Mike & Marilyn Trunk
John Blood
Michelle Denn
Judy Johnson
Janis Cimmerman
Kathryn M. “Kathy” Huben
Vicki Davis
Thomas Kremer
Barbara Melville
Lawrence “Larry” Heim
Jackie Berglund
Margie & Al Bowatz
Karen Reiter
Matt Reuter
Polly Hart
Megan Atkinson
Kirk & Terry Atkinson
Melissa & Steve Frank
Barbara & Thomas Frank
Rebecca Nara
Micki Binkley & Dan Michaels
Rudolfo Rinaldo Verrilli
Catherine Verrilli
Rudolph A. “Rudy” Gapko
Stephanie & Dave Cofell
Sara Devick
Salvador & Julie Cruz
Winona Hanson, To honor & remember Winona with love; grateful for her life & our time together
Alta Hanson
Cheryl Hanson
Rod Hanson
Kelly Welsh
Julie Schippers

Otis & Pixie
Lois Coleman
Pubert, Pugsley, Shiloh & Newman
Lisa Brownstein
Reggie the dog, Etta Jane & Abby the Felines
Jaci Brunn
Rhett, Abigail & Chloe
Jan Stanley
Rocky & Mugsy
Bonney Bielen
Rogue. The best friend I’ve ever had. Miss you forever
Bubs.
Kyle Hoffman
Rosi
Chuck & Kitty Haselkamp
Rufus
Mike & Georga Thiennes
Sadie
Rita Winter
Sassy, loving pet missed by her personal attendants, Bob & Ruth
Vicki Davis

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Simon
Susan & Thomas Williams
Sybil Seimone Ashphoel. Our beautiful tuxedo kitty, who thrived to the age of 17, despite being Feline Leukemia positive
Liz & Kakk Ashphoel
Tanner & Toby
Don & Lois Blonigen
Tedy
Scott & Marjo Davis
Toby
Donald Jarnot
Toby
Carol M. Koenig
Toby, Brode, Winston & Natti
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Baez who was adopted from TCHS and just turned 15!
Lynn Rae Olson and Carrie Raiche
Barney
Sandra Brakstad
Bonnie & Mittens
Tammy and Kate Kraemer
Champ, Mr. Keeks, Moe & Pickles
Adam and Emily Herron
Chester & Merlin
Kelsey Polcher and Travis Hockett
Cooper
Klarkowski Family
Diablo
Kelly Sayre
Dillon & Toff
The Nelsons
Duke
Warren Determin
Elizabeth Cat Watch
Mag - Newsletter cat
Sarah Solinger
Finn
Nancy Goman
Fluffer, Jake, Tessa & Katie
Denny and Carole Betten-dorf
Georgia & Sandy
Jim and Karen Howard
Karl, our cat
Lloyd and Carolyn Tobiassen
Kindi, Maddie, Brie & Stewie
Ross and Romelle Anfinson
Lilah-Cat, Bo-Dog, Stella my cat
Sarah Solinger
Lily
Doris Feuchtenberger
Lola & Keesha
Stephanie Horvath
Louie, Millie, Maggie, Allie & Rudy
Scott and Lynnette Erickson
Maddy Lynn & Cleo Patra
Kourtney and Justin Piepenburg
Maggie & Ginger
Paul and Jeanne Friebe
Micky
Gary Gilbert
Midnight
Louise Baribeau

Miss Boots “Boo” adopted from Tri-County Humane Society summer of 2017
Cindi Olichwier
Muffin, Lucky, Penny & Princess
Diane and Anthony Bella
Our cat Karl
Lloyd and Carolyn Tobiassen
Pete & Grace
Suzanne Ross
Riley
Yvonne and Patricia Warzeha
Rocket
Ernie and Ann Lriger and family
Rocky - Pug
Clarence Rauch
Roxy, special-needs dog, and Stella, my cat
Sarah Solinger
Snowball & Charlie
C&H Truck Repair, Pat & Wendy Hicks
Taylor
Rhonda Danielson
Tinkerbell
Robin Olson
Trita
Jamie Fuchs
Wren - Dove, Wrinkle - Budgie
Sarah Solinger

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Jim Bianchi
Matthew Blissenbach
Sandra Brakstad
Keith Branson
Vicki Derr-Hoppe
Beth Doeden
Dawn Estey
David Foster
Jill Fox
Kim Golembeck
Charles Grell

Kristen Gunderson
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Jodi Johnson
Tom Johnson
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Alyssa Kolb
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Ann Mooney Hebert
Jill Morrison
Teddy Munson
Michael Nixon
Jill Nordquist
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Tauna Quimby
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Sharon Samson
Julia Schaeffer
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Wade Zwiener
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Mary & Harley “Biff” Smith
Jacquie Weide
Matt & Amy’s 20th Anniversary
Kell Nystrom
Rose Hegerle, CVT
Mike Linnemann
Sherry Roth
Lori Baerg
The Awesome & Dedicated Staff at TCHS
Arsalan Khan
The Vet Techs at TCHS
Dr. Timothy B. Simpson

Happy Birthday!
Thank you to everyone who hosted a Facebook birthday fundraiser for TCHS!
Andrea Lambrecht
Andrea Nelson
Becky Stawarski
Dani Marie
Cassie Kunkel
Sherrie Lahr

Constant Companions

Leslie Abraham
Ross & Romelle Anfinson
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Sue Becker
Tara Bernick
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Cheryl Bounds-Spellacy
Sandra Brakstad
Lisa Brownstein
Jennifer Brutger
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Contact our Manager of Fund Development Tauna Quimby at 320-252-0896, ext. 28, or at give@tricountyhumanesociety.org for ways to give to TCHS both big and small!

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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.”

By Kate Kompas

Volunteer Coordinator
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 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 nonexistent, 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!”

(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.

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