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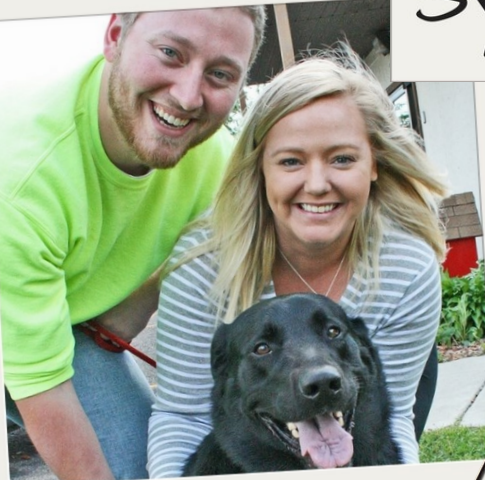
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Sylvie 09/28/17



Masmine & Popcorn 12/11/17



Chubby Bear
05/28/17



Kobu 08/05/17

2,921

Pets Placed!





MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support Central MN by practicing and promoting quality adoption services and humane education programs.

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Friday 12-8 p.m., Saturday 11-5 p.m.,
Sunday 12-5 p.m.

Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Tri-County Humane Society (TCHS) has come a long way since our humble beginnings in 1974. Our 93.44% placement rate in 2017 reflects years of hard work and dedication by staff and volunteers, as well as significant financial contributions from supporters through fundraising and donations. The remaining 6.56% for which euthanasia was deemed necessary were not decisions that were taken lightly. Euthanasia is a last resort, only considered when all quality of life is gone and it's the only humane option left or when a pet poses a legitimate danger to society. Tri-County Humane Society is truly a place you can be proud of.

We are the reflection of your care and concern for animals.

At TCHS we serve a much needed and important role in our community helping companion animals find caring people. We love helping make happiness happen – and we're really, really good at it! Nevertheless, the great work we are doing is becoming more and more difficult. Our old, outdated, patchwork of a facility has reached its limit and is badly in need of being replaced. With your help, we can do better for the animals.

The time has come to build.

We have done a lot of improvising over the years - patching, repurposing and tacking on as best we could, but the time has come to build a new shelter. And we will.

A brand new building on our current land, incorporating the newest ideas and best practices in animal sheltering, will allow our staff and volunteers to do an even better job. This will be a place of greater comfort and help for the animals. It will be a place where we can expand our humane education programs for children. And it will be a new source of pride for the entire community.

We've done our homework. This has been "in the works" for several years and now we are ready. Please help us make the animals' stay and visitors' experience more positive. **Help make a new shelter happen so that we can do even better for them.**

This newsletter features a few of the highlights from 2017 that we (we in the collective sense, which includes YOU) were able to accomplish.

In the following pages, you'll see more amazing statistics and outstanding programs showing how we've embraced new models of effectiveness and efficiency in service of both people and pets.

It has truly been another stellar year for TCHS, all made possible by the generosity of people like you who care about animals!

Thank you, on behalf of the animals -

If you would like to be a major contributor for our new shelter capital campaign, please contact me to arrange a visit and discuss the many ways you can leave a legacy for the animals for years to come.
(320) 252-1325, tchs@cloudnet.com



Our Current Wish List:

Amazon Wish List: <http://amzn.com/w/21QR28QARKN1R>

For The Animals

- Homes!
- A new shelter!
- \$\$\$ for vet expenses
- Clay, non-clumping cat litter
- Dry kitten food
- Dry cat food
- Timothy Hay
- Weiss Walkies

Food Note: We try to make sure that a meat protein source is the first ingredient in the food we feed the shelter pets, and we avoid food with a lot of dye in it. Thank you for considering their digestive health when making a donation.

For The Shelter

- **Gift cards** to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Dish/hand soap
- Hot/cold water hoses
- Clear storage totes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- 2XL—4XL scrub tops

For The Office

- Postage stamps (Forever and postcard)
- Canned air
- White/color copy paper
- Scotch brand thermal laminating pouches
- Clorox cleaning wipes
- Batteries (9-Volt, AAA, AA)
- Scissors
- Hand sanitizer
- Tape (all types)

Recycled Items for \$\$

- Aluminum cans
- Used cellphones
- Used tablets
- Used MP3 players
- Used iPads
- Used ink cartridges (no large toners please!)



Jobs for Working Cats

- On occasion, we receive cats that would not make good indoor pets. These cats still have claws, are spayed or neutered, and are given a rabies vaccination.
- Call us at (320) 252-0896 to see if we have any available or to be put on a waiting list.
- **Name your own adoption price for all working cats.**

Volunteers

- Pet foster homes
- Behind-the-scenes cat enrichment helpers
- Animal transporters
- Birthday party hosts/hostesses
- Digital design/marketing volunteers

Misc.

- Paw Points (Fresh Step Litter)
- Choose TCHS to receive your More School Rewards Coborn's and Cash Wise points to help us fund our Humane Education Program.



Shop at TCHS:

Tri-County Humane Society's "Re-Tail Shoppe" is your one-stop shop for pet supplies! Want to treat OUR pets? Look for the "Buy Me 4 Shelter Pets" sticker on current need items to make a double impact. 100% of the proceeds benefit the animals!

We carry a wide variety of treats, toys and pet supplies as well as items for the pet-loving people in your life. Don't see your favorite product? Ask us about special orders.

Some items we carry:

- * Taste of the Wild, Solid Gold, Canidae & Diamond Foods
- * Frontline
- * Kong products
- * Made in the USA treats/bones
- * Yeowww!!! Catnip toys
- * Cat Attract litter
- * Pet-Opoly games
- * TCHS apparel



We're Minnesotans, so we know winter is tough. We want to tame ice – not to mention stay upright! But traditional salt can be harmful to dogs' sensitive

feet. One possible solution: Paw Thaw, which is available in TCHS' Re-Tail Shoppe. It's tough on ice but gentle on doggie paws. It's also safe for concrete/patios, and better for grass. A 12-pound container retails for \$12.50 (plus tax) in our Re-Tail Shoppe, and every penny goes back to the animals. Don't need to worry about your icy yard? Buy Paw Thaw at TCHS and donate it back to the shelter – a double win!

Purrs to...

All who participated in our Santa Paws Holiday Portrait Fundraiser (193 portrait sessions in 3 days!) which raised \$7,817 for the animals. Special thanks to Brooke Strassburg & Vicky Ernst, for donating supplies and creating an amazing Santa Paws set, photographers Lisa Crayford of Country Gallery, Steve Huss, Clint Buhs, Melissa King, and Kelly O'Donnell, for donating their time and talent taking portraits, and all of the volunteers who helped out.

All who donated on Give to the Max Day, helping us raise \$40,841 for the animals. Special thanks to Ann & Mark Thelen, Sharon Welke, Dorein Johnson, Kelly Sayre, Bill and Judy Atkinson, Linda and Kim Wagar and anonymous friends of TCHS, for offering matching grants for Give to the Max Day.

All who volunteered at our gift wrapping booth at Crossroads Center in December and/or had their gifts wrapped, helping us raise \$7,430 for the animals.

All who donate items from our wish list for the animals.

All who drop their loose change into TCHS donation banks at local businesses, and all local businesses that allow banks on their counters. It was a record-breaking year, with our bank route volunteers collecting \$11,334. Special thanks to volunteer Karen Howard for her hard work in organizing and adding new bank locations to our routes.

All who celebrated their birthdays at TCHS, including Bree, 8; Spencer, 12; Keira, 4; Jada, 10; Annabelle and Alison, 11; Kate, 8; Danielle, 12; Adley, 4; Emily, 11; Maya, 12; and Maddy, 11.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members, for donating Choice Dollars to TCHS.

The SCAR Dolls, St. Cloud's roller derby team, for choosing TCHS as its charity partner for its January 6th bout and donating \$1,000 to TCHS.

Lynn Richert, for keeping the TCHS parking lots free of snow this winter.

Karen Howard, Kathleen Desantis-Deignan, Lee Mae Elkins, Robyn Dillabough, for donating homemade cards.

Our newest 4-legged volunteers, Gunner, Otis, Ellie and Hotch, for joining our senior care facility pet visitation program.

Carol Berg, Pam Gacke, Tracey Worzala and Michele Hartmann, for joining our team of mentor volunteers.

FS3, Inc., for hosting a "Going to the Dogs" Golf Scramble that raised \$5,000 for TCHS.



Special thanks to Board President Cheryl Ley for coordinating our 2nd Annual Bloody Mary & Chili Contest, and to Rick Gaetz and the Red Carpet for hosting the event.

Our 2nd Annual Bloody Mary & Chili Contest was a huge success, raising \$3,337 for the animals! On January 27th, approximately 270 attendees voted on their favorite bloody mary and favorite chili, provided by The Hayloft, The Place, House of Pizza, Anton's, Cornerstone Restaurant, Torch Sauce, The Red Carpet and Olde Brick House. Congratulations to Torch Sauce for winning Best Chili and Anton's for winning the Best Bloody Mary in show!



Spray-ghetti & Meatballs Dinner

 Raffle & Silent Auction  Meat Raffle 

When: Saturday - March 10, 2018

Where: Sauk Rapids VFW
901 North Benton Dr., Sauk Rapids, MN

Time: 5:00 - 8:00pm **Cost:** \$10.00

Tickets at TCHS or online: www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/events

Special thanks to board member Bill Nelson for coordinating this event!

A wag of the tail to...

St. Cloud State University, for hosting a kitten yoga event and a finals week kitten stress-buster event for students.

Sartell High School, for their student program that encourages volunteerism at a variety of local charities, including TCHS.

Becky Stawarski with Hands Helping Hounds, for her magical doggie masseuse services that calm the most nervous or rowdiest pooches in the shelter.

Shelby Gunderson & Traci Pollreis, for transforming our shaggy pooches into posh pups! (You can find Shelby at La Dee Dogs when she's not volunteering!)

To our new volunteer photographers Melissa, Dana and Hannah, for joining our team!

Nicole Marie Moulzolf, for leaving a substantial estate donation to assist veterans with canine adoption fees at TCHS.

The Vintage Studio, for its donation of lovely Minnesota-related merchandise.

Waffle-It, for collecting donations for TCHS in celebration of their 1-year anniversary.

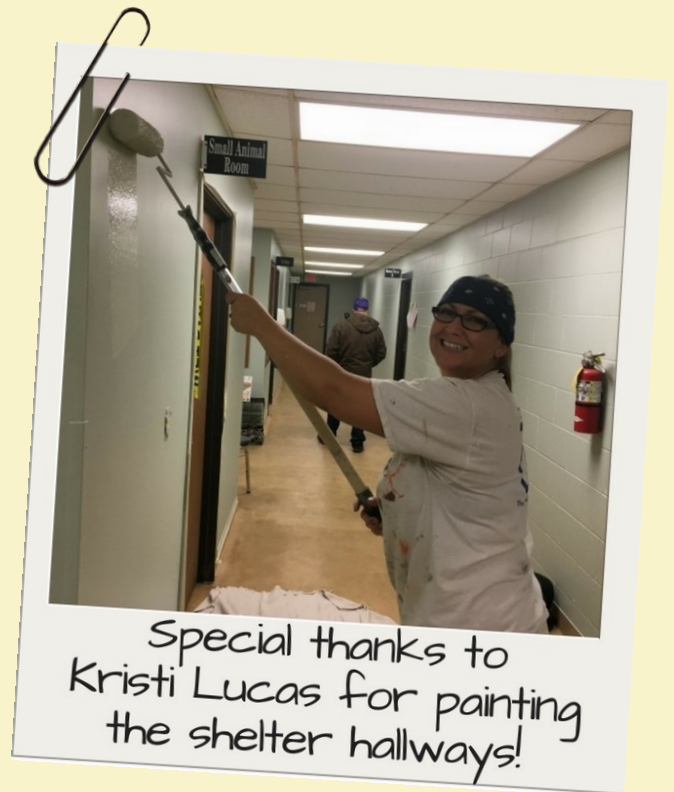
Bella Brandt, for asking for gifts for the animals on her birthday.

Isabel Ricard, for donating her allowance money to the animals.

Cold Spring Elementary kindergarten classes and Jenny with the Cold Spring Veterinary Clinic, for raising almost \$300 with their homemade Christmas ornament sale.

St. Cloud Medical Group's employees in the Call Center, for raising \$75 thanks to its "Jeans Friday" event.

Anderson Trucking Service, Inc. employees, for donating \$1,053 with their Casual Day for Charity Event.



TENDING FOR A CAUSE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 / 5-7PM

What: Fundraiser for Tri-County Humane Society
Where: Beaver Island Brewery
216 6th AVE S St. Cloud, MN 56301

Special thanks to board member Tim Stewart for arranging this Beaver Island Brewery event!



St. Cloud
Pet Expo

April 7, 2018 10-4
St. Cloud Armory
stcloudpetexpo.com
Vendor Space Available



(320) 258-3434

234 Pine Cone Road South
across from Walgreens Pharmacy in Sartell.
Mon, Wed, Fri | 8:00am - 5:30pm
Tues, Thurs | 8:00am - 7:00pm

Drop-off appointments,
extended evening, &
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www.pineconepethospital.com

2017 Annual Report: Highlights



Received 2,094 Cats



Received 291 Other Critters

Received 718 Dogs



2,921 (93.44%)
Pets Placed



Performed 1,826 surgeries (1,681 onsite, 145 offsite) on shelter pets — primarily spays & neuters.



Hosted 24 MNSNAP low-cost mobile spay/neuter clinics.
Hosted 21 Kindest Cut low-cost mobile spay/neuter clinics.



Placed 1,207 pets in foster homes.
Main reasons: too young/small and pregnant/nursing.



850 Volunteers put in 16,695 hours.



50 Children celebrated birthdays at TCHS.



Finished 2017 with 19,959 Facebook followers.

2017 Annual Report: Financials



*Annual audits and 990's can be found at www.tricountyhumanesociety.org.

Income	Amount	%
General Contributions	\$376,771	35.56%
Spay/Neuter Fund	\$39,200	3.70%
Bequests	\$43,463	4.10%
Grants	\$17,400	1.64%
Fundraising	\$170,920	16.13%
MN Conference/Education	\$16,831	1.59%
Adoption/Animal Intake Fees	\$360,611	34.04%
Retail (net)	\$34,218	3.23%
	\$1,059,414	100%

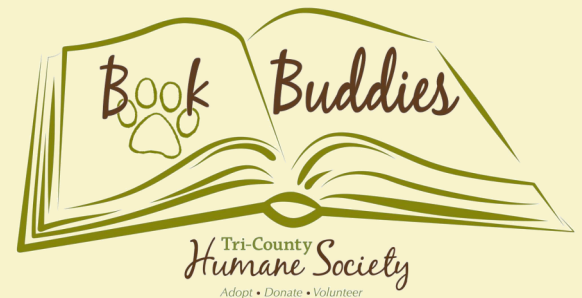
Expenses	Amount	%
Animal Care, Adoptions & Sales Tax	\$485,947	54.62%
Management and Development	\$238,531	26.81%
Marketing and Communications	\$37,878	4.26%
Fundraising	\$32,484	3.65%
Utilities & Shelter Repairs	\$34,926	3.93%
Shelter Supplies, Insurance, & Tech.	\$59,861	6.73%
	\$889,627	100%

2017 Annual Report: New TCHS Program



Olivia Holloway
2017 Top Book Buddy

TCHS started Book Buddies in June 2017. Since then, more than 50 children have become Book Buddies, volunteering their time to read to shelter animals and help soothe them. Our top Book Buddy of the year is Olivia Holloway, who was the first one to reach 20 hours of reading time. Way to go, Olivia!



Call Kate at (320) 252-0896 ext. 27 to get involved!

2017 Annual Report: Volunteers of the Year



Tracey Worzala
2017 Above and Beyond
Volunteer



Kyle Waytashek
2017 Junior Volunteer
of the Year



Pam Gacke
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the Year

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Talents and contributions may vary, but we all share a common bond in wanting to help animals. This sincere "Thank You" is to those not mentioned.

Your support and donations are immensely appreciated, and the fact that you care so much for animals is heartwarming.

~Vicki Davis, Executive Director



"We adopted Bubba in December of 2017. He plays fetch with paper balls and loves to be held and cuddled. He's been a great addition to our family!"

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April 25 Administrative Professionals Day Flower Delivery Fundraiser Order Form

Show your appreciation by sending flowers to an employee or co-worker on Administrative Professionals Day — or surprise a friend or loved one! Any day is a good day to receive flowers! Delivery restricted to St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Sartell, and St. Joseph businesses only, no home residences. Must be available to receive delivery between 9-12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25. All other orders must be picked up at the Tri-County Humane Society.



Contact Information of Person Ordering Flowers: *Please Print Clearly*

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

DELIVER TO:

Business Address _____

Directions/Landmarks _____

Please clearly indicate below who you want the cards on each vase to be made out To and From.

TO:	FROM:
1.	
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Total Vases _____ x \$15.00 = Total Due \$ _____ Payment Method: Cash Check Charge

MC/Visa/Disc # _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing Address _____

I authorize the TCHS to process debit or credit card transactions from my account. Transactions will appear on my statement and will serve as my receipt.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Order form and payment must be received by Wednesday, April 18, 2018.
Mail form and payment to TCHS P.O. Box 701 St. Cloud, MN 56302 or call (320) 252-0896.**

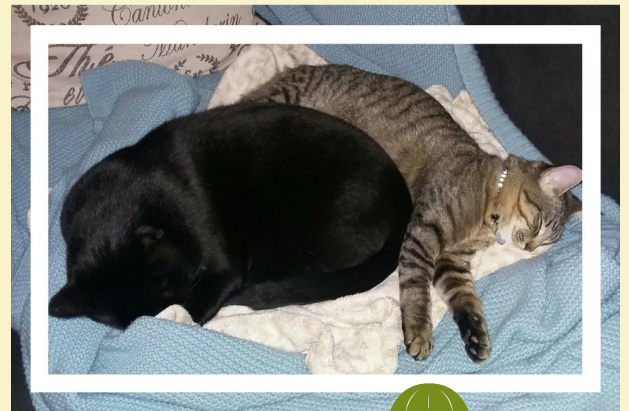
Who Rescued Who?



Hello friends at Tri-County!

In October 2017, my husband spoke with a volunteer of yours (who happened to be a co-worker at one of his jobs) about visiting the shelter and just taking a peek at all the beautiful babies you were housing; he assured me it was just a visit but I was less than thrilled. I've been a big allergy sufferer all my life but pregnancy changed my tolerance for some irritants, one of them including cats, which we found out when we adopted our first fur son Pascal from a rescue 2 years prior. I felt so blessed by having Pascal that I didn't want to press my luck but, as I predicted, we fell in love with a little guy named Leo who clung to my husband during our visit and had the most beautiful purr! We had just bought a house, had the space for a proper introduction, and thought it may even help Pascal with some naughty behavior if he had a companion. We were ready to try again!

Vocal little Leo (Leonidas Bunich when he's being naughty!) and our resident buddy Pascal instantly bonded, with Pascal finally able to be an alpha male in the house, get more play and stimulation during the day, completely cure his naughty behavior, and increase his patience with our 5 year old. Leo, on the other hand, gets all the cuddles, kisses, and treats we can give him, a big brother to show him the ropes and keep him busy, and just celebrated his very first Christmas complete with naughty tree climbing, ornament batting, and the occasional surprise ninja attack on Pascal (who sleeps under the tree EVERY year). He's EXTREMELY food obsessed; he's VERY good at stealing from his human sister, digging into trash cans, and general begging because he isn't keen on kibble, but it's something we're working on and his cuddling skills totally make up for the trouble. He has been a very welcomed addition to our family and we look forward to a long life with our new baby boy.



The Bunich Family

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We receive wonderful stories of TCHS alumni on a regular basis, and we want to offer our sincere thanks to all who take the time to share them with us. Over 3,000 pets enter our doors every year. Some stay for just a few days while others stay for months before finding the perfect match, but they all manage to wiggle their way into our hearts. We are invested in each and every pet we care for, and we want the best for them.

You can imagine the joy it brings us to receive pictures and updates from adopters like this one! It seems only right to share them with you, our friends and supporters who make our work possible. THIS is why we do what we do. Why you give, volunteer, adopt, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Share YOUR adoption story with us by messaging our Facebook page or emailing us at: pets@tricountyhumanesociety.org. We'd love to hear from you!

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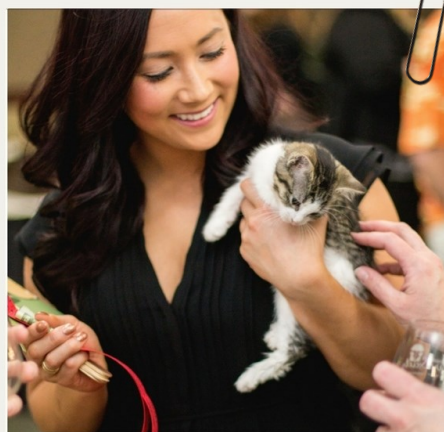
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