No matter who you are, COVID-19 has affected you or your family in some way. For our shelter, the possibility that we would need to shut down at any given moment due to the rapidly spreading illness was becoming more likely each day. We were faced with this daunting question—How would we give our animals the love and care they deserve while keeping our community and our staff members safe? Although the task would be great, the answer was simple: We knew that we needed to get as many of our animals that we could into foster homes as soon as possible. We wondered how the community would respond to this. Would we receive enough people willing to help our animals in a time where everyone is struggling to develop their own sense of a “new normal”? 

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“Our community of animal lovers made this possible. It’s so uplifting to see family after family offering up their homes to a foster animal. This not only lessens the burden on our staff and volunteers, but more importantly it ensures those animals will not have to endure the majority of their days alone in the shelter should we be forced to close down. We simply cannot thank you all enough!”

- Tara Bowser, Executive Director
**AFHS**  
*Board of Trustees*

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**How did you become Surrey’s owner?**  
Sue fosters for Above and Beyond English Setter Rescue. In August 2016, there was a plea to save a dog that was in danger of being euthanized at a rural shelter in North Carolina. The dog was being advertised as a purebred English Setter, so Above and Beyond Rescue stepped in and rescued the young dog. Surrey went into Sue's home for foster care, and because she fit right in almost immediately, Sue decided to make her a permanent member of the family. She later had DNA testing done that shows Surrey isn't an English Setter at all, she's actually a mix of Border Collie, Cattle Dog, and Great Pyrenees!

**Any siblings?** Georgi who is a mixed breed male 3 years old.

**Any more siblings in the future?** Currently fostering Illos – English setter. Sue likes to foster, so she keeps her pack at 2.

**Favorite treat?** Anything mom buys.

**Favorite toy?** She likes to chew on nylabones and occasionally steals the other toys from Georgi and foster dogs. She doesn’t necessarily want the bone, she just doesn’t want them to have it!

**Favorite things to do?** Loves to spend time outside in the backyard. She will sit for hours and watch the squirrels walk on the power lines. It’s like her own version of TV! She could binge watch all day if mom would let her!

**Bedtime ritual?** Sleeps in bed with mom

**Special tricks?** She is a great nanny dog to the foster dogs. She loves to play with them and teach them the ropes.

**How does she feel being the #1 dog in Butler County?** She feels special! Like a DIVA!

**Unique quality?** 2 different colored eye lashes. The right side of her face is white and the left is black

**Thoughts from the owners?** Rescuing/fostering/adopting is challenging at times, but it is very rewarding and so worth it. The pets make it all worth it!

**Other comments on Surrey?** She’s a very laid back girl for her breed. It was 4 months into fostering her before Sue ever heard her bark for the first time! Up until then, she thought maybe something was wrong with her. Sue thinks Surrey would make an amazing therapy dog (I agree, she’s SO docile!)
Thank You, Richard G. Fox, For 20 Years of Dedication To A.F.H.S.

By Carolyn G. Kramer

It takes a special kind of person to serve on a humane society Board of Trustees for 20 years. It’s a volunteer position without a paycheck. The reward is knowing your efforts have saved and improved the lives of thousands upon thousands of animals and benefited all residents of your County as well.

Richard G. Fox lost his wife Pati, who suddenly and unexpectedly died of a heart attack related to long term asthma in 1998. When he lost Pati, Rick felt a need to spend time on a worthwhile project. Because Pati and he loved animals, Rick decided he’d like to raise funds for the animal shelter that served Butler County.

Rick joined the Board of Animal Friends Humane Society in 1999 as treasurer. In 2005 he was elected President and began guiding the Board through difficulties at the original out-dated shelter building in Trenton, Ohio and into a new, up-to-date facility in Hamilton.

Sadly, the shelter building that had been remodeled and expanded in 1987 became inadequate and in terrible condition by 2005. Many thousands of dogs and cats had wreaked havoc in the building. Peeling paint and an old septic tank system that sometimes backed up made the place an unacceptable health hazard.

Butler County animal lovers to the rescue! A letter to the County from two thirteen-year old girls who volunteered at the shelter made Commissioners aware of the unhealthy situation, and a suggestion from another dedicated volunteer helped put a one-time levy on an upcoming ballot in 2006. The 0.5 mill levy passed by 60,508 to 51,081 and eventually resulted in a new shelter building erected on County grounds. Rick and other Trustees had to work out several serious problems with Commissioners.

Commissioner Mike Fox (no relation to Rick) grasped the levy idea and speeded the ballot process. There were many problems: Shortage of anticipated funds due to economic downturn. Arguments about the best location for the new shelter. Architectural cost overruns. Time wasted making decisions---working through three County Administrators until most were agreeable. The new animal shelter building finally opened August 9, 2009.

Rick retired from the AFHS Board in March 2020 after 17 years as president. He commented that his accomplishments were, “Being smart enough to surround myself with very intelligent people from varied career paths to make great teams and to stay out of their way so they could get the jobs done. I have been blessed with wonderful board members, a shelter staff that I wouldn’t trade for the world, an army of volunteers, and a generous public. I am so grateful to have had them in my life. I’m leaving the organization in very capable hands. Thanks for the memories which I will cherish for the rest of my life.”

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**Lisa Knapp**

Lisa has been fostering litters of puppies with us for the last 7 years! We thank Lisa for her time and effort she puts in towards her fosters and look forward to years to come with her! “I’m married to my wonderful husband Larry Knapp, who enables and supports me in this daily adventure of fostering puppies. Together, we’ve raised 5 sons who are all happily married and avid pet lovers as well.

We are expecting our 6th grand baby in December. When I was working, I was a teacher for 30 years. When I retired, I started an alpaca farm and that was also when I began fostering for Animal Friends Humane Society. Over the last 7 years, I’ve fostered at least 73 puppies and I’ve only kept 3! Being a foster parent to all of these puppies has been such a blessing to me! It brings me such joy to nurture, love and provide each puppy the best start in life we can provide. It has been my sincere privilege to work with and get to know the awesome shelter staff and volunteers who have made it their daily mission to help animals in need. Animals are God’s gifts to us all, and I am happy to have a small part in all of this. In closing, I need to thank all of my family, friends who help me with every litter we get. I also want to thank all of the adopting families and acquaintances who have opened up their hearts and homes to these puppies, giving them a forever family.”

**Wendy Burnette**

You will mostly see Wendy assisting back on the Petmobile! We are delighted to have Wendy as a volunteer and look forward to having her in the volunteer family for years to come! I decided to volunteer at AFHS when I was between dogs. I was working 40 to 50 hours during a four day work week which was too many hours to introduce another dog into my life. I had released my third 13 year old doberman to the rainbow bridge feeling guilty that my time with her had been so limited, relying on people to wake her up from her long naps to go out while I was gone. I was and am impressed by how well the dogs and cats at AFHS are cared for, often in a situation at the shelter better than from where they escaped from. The areas to walk on the trails and across the fields is so serene. I enjoy the other volunteers who know the animals so well and love them like I do. People ask me how I can be there and not take them all home. The only time I had any issues was with a beautiful 7 month red dober-boy, who was trembling and sad. A woman trying to adopt him had a shepherd who clearly would not have it. The adopter was about 300 pounds and could barely walk. When I left, I was grateful because that was clearly not going to happen. I got sick before going back on my next day off. He was then adopted to a home familiar with dobermans and had some active boys who would play with and really enjoy him. My favorite place to volunteer is on the pet mobile, because I can spend hours with one dog and work on skills. I have had the delight to see some get chosen for forever homes. I look forward to engaging in play yard where I have not participated due to lack of training. I finally got to work less hours and rescued a 3 year old floppy eared black doberman named Delilah, who is now 5 and loves to show off how obedient she is. Thanks for choosing me and asking for my story.

**Christy Hopper McConnell**

Christy has been a volunteer since May of 2019. In her time of being a volunteer, she has logged in 213:05 hours! We are so lucky to have Linda in our volunteer family! I have always had a love for animals since I was a child. Growing up, we always had cats and dogs in our home. As a stay at home mother of four wonderful children, I decided I wanted to donate some free time to a cause that has always touched my heart. I attended orientation at AFHS in May 2019 thinking I would volunteer to walk dogs and socialize with the cats a few hours a week. It wasn’t long before there was a need for volunteers in the vet clinic, and I jumped on the chance to get involved. I started going in one day a week, and loving being there so much that now I go in as often as I can. It was then that I realized I truly missed my calling to be a vet tech. The team in the clinic—Kristy, Maia, Dr. Corfman, Dr. Ejlers, and more—welcomed me and made me feel like a part of the team. I have learned so much from all of them and enjoy being there so much that I now spend as much time at the shelter as I can. When the clinic isn’t busy, I love getting to know the cats and dogs there. I feel that I get as much or more out of volunteering here as the animals do that I get to interact with. The whole staff has been so welcoming, and I wholeheartedly see the dedication that they put into taking care of the animals. Waiting on me at home is not only my loving husband, Shane McConnell, but two veiled chameleons (Carm and Bob), one panther chameleon (Melon), two bearded dragons (Jewel and Sampson), a Cockapoo named Doctor. Last but not least, I have the sweetest most beautiful cuddly cat, Claire that we adopted from AFHS in 2012. With all of the dedicated volunteers that work hard every day, I must say it is truly an honor to be chosen as volunteer of the month. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful group of people and pets.

**Patty Baston**

Patty has been part of the foster family for three years now! We are so happy to have Patty helping us out as a kitten foster and can’t wait to have her for years to come! I became associated with AFHS in 2014 when I adopted Razzle my blue point Siamese kitten from the shelter. He was such a wonderful kitten we decided he needed a friend. That’s when we adopted Mittens, our little calico. From there it was a natural progression to begin fostering kittens. This had been my 3rd season fostering babies. And, I think, my most rewarding year. My first foster this year “Latte” became a permanent member of our home. And, of course there was Macy. My most challenging baby. But, thanks to her determination to live, and my dedication to help her thrive, she is now a beautiful healthy kitty with a wonderful, loving family. And, this is the very reason I foster.

**Natalie Hills**

Natalie has been volunteering with us since February of 2019. She spends her time walking dogs or helping with play yard groups! Within the year as a volunteer, she has committed 110 hours to the shelter! We thank Natalie for her time she puts in towards the shelter and look forward to years to come with her! I began my journey volunteering with AFHS last year & it was one of the best choices I ever made. I went through years of
Natalie continued...

saying how I wanted to volunteer, but not taking initiative to do so. Finally, I went and did the orientation to get started (it is only offered once a month for 2 hrs. on a Saturday morning). I can honestly say, this past year has been a life changer for me in many ways!! Being able to volunteer my time to show these animals that they are loved & not forgotten is something I look forward to every time I enter those doors. I love spending time with the doggies by taking them on walks, playing/loving on them in the play-yards and lots & lots of pictures!! In the process of finding Fur-Ever homes for these Fur-babies, I have been extremely fortunate to find some really Fur-bulous volunteers & staff!! If volunteering is something that you have thought of, I strongly encourage you to find the time to do the monthly orientation. It could be a life changing experience for you as well! I've always said: "As much as it helps the staff and these Fur-babies, it has helped me a million times more."

FEBRUARY 2020

Laila Kunvarji

Laila has been fostering kittens with us for about 8 months. She has fostered about 14 litters/single kittens in that time! We thank Laila for her time she puts into caring for the little ones and look forward to years to come with her! Hello everyone! My name is Laila and I’ve been fostering kittens for 8 months. Last spring, I attended the kitten shower here at the Animal Friends Humane Society and I decided to fill out an application to become a foster. Just a few weeks later, I attended orientation and left with a bottle baby, my first foster. I love having kittens around and I have accepted that I will never be able to have a straw in my cup. Lol! The best part about fostering is getting to watch these tiny babies blossom from scared, shy sometimes sick kittens, into sweet, social, cuddly kittens which is very rewarding to my family and I. My daughter, Jasmine, has helped me tremendously along the way and is planning on fostering kittens once she’s graduated from college. She adopted Cleo, our first foster, who is the sweetest kitten I have ever met and they share a strong bond. I also foster failed two precious siblings, Lilo and Stitch. Our fur family includes four cats named Charlie, Ellie, Lilo and Stitch, Lily the Chihuahua and Koko the African grey parrot. My family & I love having kittens around all the time. It’s like heaven on earth!! I have learned so much about these babies along the way and have met some very nice people who share the same love that I have for animals. Thank you so much for choosing me as volunteer of the Month and giving me the opportunity to make a difference.

MARCH 2020

Larry Stolte

Larry has been volunteering with us June of 2018. He spends his time socializing our cat in cat adoption! Over time of volunteering with us, he has spent 386:10 hours! We thank Larry for his time he gives to our cats and look forward to years to come with him! I started at AFHS almost two years ago after retiring from the U.S. Postal Service. My time as a letter carrier exposed me to the reality of the stray/feral cat situation, chained up dogs, and missing pets. My job and love of animals allowed me to reunite lost pets with their people, build simple cat shelters while convincing homeowners to allow them on their property, feed and water less fortunate critters, and even bring a few in for spay/neuter. I eliminated the feline middleman (sorry AFHS) by reeling in Karma, Rames, and Shamrock right off the street from my routes and into our home. Now that I’m retired, future pets will come from AFHS. This is why I hang with the cats at AFHS, attempting to socialize them and convince their future servants to adopt them. Twenty years ago, I volunteered at the Humane Society in San Diego. Though I spend my time with cats, I love dogs. I feel that breed specific laws are nonsense. I (mailman for three decades) am especially fond of what people refer to as pit bulls. They are delightful snuggle bunnies.

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How many of our animals would we be able to place with such short notice? We were completely blown away by the response. During the first week and a half we sought to place our animals in foster homes (from March 15th-March 24th) we placed 63 total animals into foster care (24 cats and 39 dogs). We also adopted out 41 total animals (12 cats and 29 dogs). 14 of those adoptions were done directly out of foster homes, with 8 of them being adopted by the foster family themselves! Even in the midst of a crisis, good can be seen.

Since then, we have still been taking in new animals- emergency owner surrenders, cruelty cases, and strays. We are not currently doing adoptions at the moment (This was written in March/April, as the shelter was closed due to the stay at home order), but instead we are placing all animals directly into foster homes. We will continue to place all eligible animals into foster homes while we are not operating on typical business hours. We hope to be back to normal soon, but in the meantime we are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. Our animals rely on their humans to be their voice and advocate for their safety- and our staff, volunteers, and fosters have done just that! We will navigate through these unpredictable times together, as a community, for the well-being of our furry friends!
IN MEMORY OF DONATED BY

Molly........................Charles Kleine
Jasmine..........................Dolores Schuessler
Cocker spaniel Penny ..............Kay Clark
Heershey Cohen................Karen Whalen
Anita Jung, Sharon Alford
Wiggles..........................Peggy Burton
Red..............................Mr. & Mrs. George Speck
Dutchess & Stuffy..............Carole & JB Little
Sammy & Bosco.Paul & Cynthia Weingartner
Schutz..............Russell & Ernestine Winkler
Olive..............................Gloria Rogers
Takashi..........................Carol Marshall Burke
Megan...............................Patricia Spelski
Patsy Wagers.....................Joe and Kate Wesper
Lou Saveli........................Judy Florio
Jerry McCandless..................Paulette McCandless
Jim Strausbaugh....................Alexis Scott
Betsy Grathwohl.....................Kent Wrampmeier
family & Lawrence family
Robert “Bob” Burkett..............Lynn McKeehan
Frieda Burchell.....................Jean & Janet Carter
Fred Hudepohl......................Diane Mueller &
Dolores Schoenhofen
Judith Page........................Nicole & Mike Ingram
Hilary Mueller, Lisa Francis
Michael Goldhagen..............Larry & Carolyn Parsons
Patricia Herlinger.................Florence Beall,
Suzanne Lohbeck, Amy & James Riegler
Betty Gross..........................Thyen family
Ronald Bohannon.................Rhonda Lynn Bohannon,
Aurilla Jacobs, Dr. Cindy Flenniken
Mama Evans......................Rebecca Evans,
Lorraine Donnell,
William Coombs, Renee & Tom Haase
Ralph C. Donnell.................Lorraine Donnell
Herbert Hood......................Judy Bailey, Jane Roth
Albert and Cleo Martin family
Adalyn Bush Mayer..................Doug Mayer,
Amy Purcell, Kelly Wittly,
Dennis & Lisa Logsdon,
Renee Leuthold, William Lower,
Thomas Sharp, William Hermank,
Palanihammy Solai (Accenture),
Karen Bouldin, Sue Heidi, Melanie Langley,
Doug Sypniewski, Tom Ledford,
Eric & Claudia Berg and family,
Jeanette Hargreaves & Victor Moreno,
Audie Bryant Benson..............Bobby Musgrove,
Debbie Rutkowski
Denise Gilliam......................Jamie Blake
Sherry Ray..........................Deborah Morningstar
Julia Ann Talarico.................Robert & Joan Turner,
Jack, Tom, Dan & Virginia Flaherty
Cadee and Dudley..................Sharyl Strunk
Ally and Sam......................Teresa Davis
Iris “Baby”, 18 yr old cat........Cathy & Bill Greene
Ewok..............................Patricia Spelski
William Tegeder.....................Jennifer King,
Chris Gabbard, Jeffrey Motzer,
Arlene Hall, Bob & Kathy Riesenberg,
Delisa Niemoeller, Kathy Renck,
Gary & Sharon Hobson
Larry Scott Puckett...............Jennifer Kismore Rice,
Ashley Wynia, Luann Trueman,
Gregory & Kelly Turner,
the Owens Family
Michael Lacey.....................A L Mulvane
Gary & Barb Daughtel,
Dee Sign USA, LLC (Diane Palaggo)
Ronald Gann......................Robert William &
Sally Ruskap, James Jason,
Helen James, Fred & Mary Jo Fox,
John & Peggy Kelly
Matthew Dorrance..................Robert &
Jean Kupastus
Deanna Black........................Melony Stamper,
George & Carol Dettenwanger
Dolores Allen.....................Kim Hooper
Susan Kemp, Ken Keno
Rebecca Keyser.....................Mr. & Mrs. Jan Steiger,
Mr. & Mrs. CT Pfeifer, Peg Martin,
Jeff & Julie Thorne,
Jerry & Betty Gramke,
Gloria Gardner, Joe Bressler,
Sharon, Marcus & Jon Alford
Chas Ashworth.....................Nan Paisley Brunk
Spencer Grueninger.............Geye Grueninger,
Gary, Frisco Ticlia, Michelle Nabel-Miller,
Mike & Missy Pucinni,
Tamara Fox, Linda Dunaway,
Mrs. Alene Rice,
Patricia Balboni, Janet Louden
Maggie Paulik........................Sara & Dean Porter
Sterling Baer........................Sara & Dean Porter
Judy Schliesman & Jack Frost..........................Nicholas
Schliesman
Lady Bug............................Karen Lowren
All pets..........................Jim & Barb Cooley
Nataliah Read........................Susan Read
Karen Runnels.....................Charles Runnels
Tim Abner...........................Marilyn Compton,
Robert Kennedy,
Angela Back (Liberty Mutual Insurance),
Jo Ann Lambert
Jim Huff............................Linde Louise Huff
Sylvia Cawein......................Patty McCarthy
Le Roy Singleton..................David & Billie Spicer
Case Hasting......................Cheryl Hasting
BMC Henriqueto, U.S.N., Ret.D
Carol Couto
Bill Priest, Viet Nam Veteran...Mrs.
Shirley Mason
Walter Nephew...............Mrs. Mary Ellen Nephew
David Amson.....................Annette M. Sherman
Russel Selby........................Tara McCarthy
Parker Anson......................Katie Kennedy
Michaela Eder...................Bill Eder
Morris VanGorden...............Maria & Danielle Devine
Mary Hamblin..................Mr. & Mrs. George Brown II,
Eduwin Stitzel, Patricia Stitzel,
Erick Stitzel........................Dianne Ninke
Carl Massi.......................Charles & Linda Smith
Gretchen.........................Terrance Bledsoe
Her cats: Pumpkin, Georgia, Callie, Tudden
Cuddles, Socks, Minnie, Chessie; and dog
Dobie..............................Dianne Thomas
Long-haired doxie, Max...........Toni Dennis
Logan..................................Clark Moore
Her beagle, Charlie; and cat,
Hershey............................Patricia Szimnoore
His dog, Mama..........................James Pressler
Dizzy..................................Ruby McGuade
Bella...............................Marcie Gochwold
Cats: Fluffy and Missy; and her dog,
Ace....................................Loma Bolling
Cody, Huey & Peppey..............Michael Hamann
Zoe & Quinn..........................Larry Pitinski
Their dog......................Donald & Lucinda Reed
Shi Tai–Pepper...............Rick & Jennifer Scheid
Katie........................................Carol Taylor
Rags..............................Nancy Davish
Poodle—Amber Suzette..........Kenneth & Joanna
Mergard
Oscar...............................Chad Heflin
Keno.................................Vikki Johnston
Junior............................Patty Spath-Meyer
Wicket.............................Glynda Smith
Moe..................................Rae LocBuono
Anne & Rosie.....................Jaine Janish (an avid animal lover)
Janice Janish (an avid animal lover)
Forrest Houser
Herman & Ruth Dickersons...............Dickersons
Pete Jensen..........................Grace Joy
Alijoon Johnson’s Mom..............Susan Huff
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Totten...........Kay Sarver
Matt West.........................Anne & Allen Cole
Marjorie Clark......................Murstein Line Dancers
& 5 O’Clock Girls
Mayzie..............................Judy Van Niman
Granddog Lola.....................Sue Sowder
20 yr old cat, Ashley “Poo Poo Princess”...Ken
& Judie Lakes
All our four-legged angels........Lora Schueler
Zoey King..........................Melissa King
Daisy—16 yr old dog..............Joan & John Sebastian
Maggie..............................Bonnie Bollie
Mia..................................Annalisa Wolf
Snoopy & Mama Cat................April Jester
Sarge.................................Pam Klamer
Mr. Red, a kitty...............Gary & Jennifer Speck
Silke, Buffer, Nugget, Bailey, Max....
Nancy & Jackson
Bandit................................American Scaffolding, Inc.
Candy...............................David Menchen
Sam, Snoopy, Ruby & Bud...........Doug Blazer
Callie, Carl, Corbin, Collin, Caleb...Cynthia
Daisy
Teddy, Cindy, Sunny, Bandit, Sam...Barbara
Price
Amanda, Ruby Windholts
Markie..............................Debra Brown
Maggie................................Carole Reploge
Tigger.............................Kathy Young
Adopted pets: cat Linus, dog Sophia...Gregory
Romahoe
Wilma Pendergrass................Mike & Sandy Collins
David Evans......................Joe Luebbe
James & Margaret Baker, Connie &
Chuck Duersch, Robert & Nancy Moore,
Kathleen Marriott, Robert & Sue Lowery,
Sue & Mike Samoviski, Pamela Furmon
Alice Holmes..............Bridget McCarthy-Osswald
David Wittman...............Mrs. Claire Wittman
Dr. Rock Alford..............Robert & Sharon Medlock
Robert Weekley..................Robert & Sharon Medlock
Gunner..........................Jackie Andrews & Johnny Dillon
Bubbles, Snoopy, Smokey, Biffy, Dempsey,
Jade..............................Cherly Thomas
Rescued border collie, Casey.........Mrs. Lea
Steinken
Candy & Honey...............David & Elaine Taggart
Sadie................................Verdelane Withrow
Lindy & Rudy..........................Linda Dinkel
Percy & Lewie.......................Robin Rosenhain
Henry & April.........................Thomas & Mary Schell
Josey..............................David & Wilma Edmonds
Charlie, Lucille & Dusty.............Barbara Curtis
Loto....................................Neil & Ellen Marwehe
Ed & Sophie.........................Vickie Stuss
Aby.................................The Chandler family
Sierra, resuced beagle/Belgian Malinois.....Jan
& Doug Clauclert
Rescued cat, Linus...............Gregory Romshie
Polo and Wolfgang...............Susan Snyder
Buckeye............................Jeffrey Thullen
Dexter...............................Heidi Wyant
Bruno, Sergius, Damian, Alexander,
Apollo...............................Lois Medecke
Stinky..............................Sylvia Maynard
Annie................................Carole Colacrusa
Kitty & Teddy..........................Dann Anderson
Romeo..................................Sharon Haiber, Brian Mack
Helen Fisher......................Fred Fisher
Roger Rau..........................Lee Ann Rau
Toby Garde.........................Greg & Kristen Wright
Harvey C. Nathanson...............Elinor Nathanson
Cecil Lay..........................Lisa Oravec
Lois Romans........................Diana Bradley
Ruth Elizabeth Jurrus............Carol “C.” Couto
Christian............................Timothy Welsh
Boo, Khaki, Patches, Buster.......Kimball Sigala
Butch Earhart......................Jeanine Thomas
Frank & Alene Kelly..............Frank Kelly, Jr
Jazzy Hill..........................Samantha Kilkenny
Ollie...............................Diane Keafar
Greyhound, Gus......................Carole Thomas
Schatzy and Sassy .................Russell &
Ernestine Winkler
Ginger............................Patrick DiConcillo
Chocolate lab, Godiva..............Dawn Pavuk
Penny & Ebbie......................Tammey Eads
Will...................................Cindy Dyer
Lexi..................................Stephanie Denzel
Rosco, Allie & Toulouse............Karen & Matt Fuchs
Chris Robinson....................Martha Brown
Pati Fox, Ed Fox, Esther Fox, Geneva Owen,
George Owen.......................Rick Fox
Peaches, Goldie, Link CoCo, Mitzi, Nikki,
Snoop, Taffy, King, Clover, Apollo,
Wendell and best buddy, Slick...............Rick Fox
Joyce Elaine Diggins..................Amy Hanskins, Avon
friends: Carol, Reba, Wilma,
Valerie, Max, Sue
Fort Hamilton Laboratory........ Judy Bartlett Cheyenne and Shoney................. Bev Garland and Geoff Goetsch
William Hollander, Meryl Sweeney, Francis Calardo, CardsToInspire, Amanda Owens and lab friend, Lulu; Ron and Pamela Wilson
Kathy & Greg Munfo for Christmas........ Joan Haydock
Napoleone.............................. Joyce Zinser
Christy................................. Michelle Catania Gracie............................. David Kass
Lyn............................... M.C. Schellenbach
Piper & Mackenzie—2 westies. Jean Landeen Barbara Upson............ Kathy Larson
Maureen Ferris.................. Sandra Pennington
Robert Palatchi.................. Mrs. Donna Palatchi
Princess.............................. Alice Sizemore
All the helpless ones—not forgotten........ .....Kit
Palmer
Clippy................................. Brad & Karen Gertsh
The Sherron Family and Thunder, Bella & Zoey.............. Dawn Knochenmuss
Heather Kellum...................... Cindy Butler
Astro, Puppy Bowl 2019............ Ariel Perelmuter
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Punki and Hipperm….. June Pierce
Roxie and Iceman.................. Jonathan and Kristen Carlson
Christmas Gift Beel Family...... Vicki & Gary Beel
Lee Feltner......................... Gail Stark
Ferris Pendergrass.............. Mike & Sandy Collins
Jon Karlsson and his cats, Mr. Big and Yum Yum............... Dawn Knochenmuss
Tom Leck............................ Robert Leck
Susan Frazier...................... William Gracie
Jennifer Goris........................ Maura Wittkugel
Karla Gumm’s Birthday............ Alexander Gumm
Todd Ventura for Christmas...... Caitlin Cook
Terri Sturgeonne's cats............ Patricia Hays Bond
Christina Crosswell............ Kurtis Polacek
Holly McBride.......................... Danielle March
J 8 Winters............................ Susan Harris
Paula Hutton....................... Ryan McDonough
Daniele Evans
Terry Winoker....................... Ben Winoker
Pauline Clark.......................... Dave & Stephie Snellner
Lisa & David Creelman........ Mary Sue Wentzell
My special angel, Diva........ Donna Kaufman
Watson............................... Chris & Bedel
Deaf Pyrenees, Brinkley......... Michael & Trayci
Mazzafarri
Kii Su................................... Helina Piano
Rescue dog, Honey.............. Richard Watson
Favorite girl, Kona............... Andrea Renner
Good girl, Idgie...................... Jordan Brown
Cory Black.......................... Dave & Wendy McInnis
Jonah Lestinsky............... Dustin & Wendy Miller
Scott D. Ford, RFC
Mindy Staton....................... PEO Chapter CL;
Marcia Koenig, Treasurer
Skeg and VanGogh............... Carole Fridichke
Barb Engel........................... David Griffl
Janie Rowlands’ birthday........ Dan Rowlands

MEDICAL CASE SUCCESS STORY!

"Thank God for 9 lives! Sheldon was a community cat who spent his days roaming his neighborhood, and was seeking shelter at night in an abandoned house in the city of Hamilton. On the evening of March 21, a fire broke out in the abandoned house where Sheldon was sleeping. He thankfully was able to escape, but suffered smoke inhalation and his whiskers and fur were singed from the fire. Animal Control officers were called out to the fire ravaged home to pick up Sheldon, and he was immediately brought to Animal Friends for care. Our medical team monitored the loving grey and white cat over the next few days to make sure he didn’t have any permanent damage from the smoke inhalation, and once he was given the “all clear” from our vet, he was placed into a caring foster home. The foster family said he does flips on the ground like a puppy to get attention and belly rubs, and his whiskers and hair are growing back! We’re happy that we were able to play a part in Sheldon’s recovery!"

By: Tara Bowser
Thank you, Rick Fox
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His “second career” is still going strong. Since 1998, he’s performed as the talented drummer with the Thunderbay Band that was established 39 years ago and has a great reputation in the area for country/rock music.

Rick nominated Greg Varacalli to replace him as President of the AFHS Board of Trustees. “The Varacalli family has been volunteering at the shelter for many years. Greg has a compassion for animals and good business sense. He listens to problems, thinks them through, and makes good decisions. I have a lot of respect for Greg and know that Animal Friends is in good hands for years to come.”

Thank you, Rick Fox! Your dedication and behind-the-scenes work has resulted in safer, healthier, happier communities.

OUR WISH LIST

1) SCOOPEABLE CAT LITTER
2) BREEDERS EDGE KITTEN FORMULA
3) CANNED CAT FOOD
4) SOFT DOG TREATS
5) GAS GIFT CARDS
6) POSTAGE STAMPS

...AND GOODIES FOR OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!

NEW DATE
Friday, September 25, 2020

**All upcoming events are COVID-19 dependent**