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The **SCRATCHING** Post

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TOGETHER we are
SAVING THOUSANDS OF LIVES!

Message from Pam Miller, Founder & President

“A mind committed to compassion is like an overflowing reservoir - a constant source of energy, determination and kindness.” - 14th Dalai Lama

I love this quote because it is such an accurate description of our no kill cat shelter! Because of the energy, determination and kindness of our many volunteers, adopters and donors, SAFE Haven is leading our community with solutions for cat overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia.

I hope you will be very pleased with this report and the impact **YOU** have made possible this fiscal year.

Thanks to you, we adopted 864 cats and kittens this year. This is an increase of 39 over last year.

Through the SAFE Care Feline Spay/Neuter Clinic 2,958 cats have been sterilized. This is an increase of almost 1,100 (from last year) that will not be adding to our overpopulation problem. Most importantly, no one is ever turned away from the SAFE Haven’s clinic because they don’t have enough money.

As a transfer partner with six local County Animal Shelters, we responded when overcrowding forced these agencies to start euthanizing for space. In response, we took 276 cats from these shelters, providing them with a chance at a life in a caring home.

We supported 111 families (feeding 287 cats and 118 dogs in the process) with food from our Pet Food Panty (the only one in Wake County). **These owners can provide the pets they love with a much better life because of you.**

When hurricane disasters struck in the fall of 2017, SAFE Haven partnered with the Humane Society of the U.S. to take 47 stranded cats and kittens that were airlifted from the disaster areas in Florida and Puerto Rico. We would not be able to respond quickly to events like these without your compassionate support.

Through our TNVR assistance program, we sterilized 459 “community cats”, loaned countless traps and provided education and hands-on help to many colony caretakers.

As you can see, everyone involved with SAVE Haven is determined, has a lot of energy, and works to save lives every day. On the following pages you will read about our programs, services, and the many ways you can help. **Please come and join us in this life saving work.** We will be very grateful.

With appreciation for everything you do for the animals . . .

Sincere thanks,



Pamela Miller
Founder & President



Every photo of a cat in this newsletter is an actual cat from **SAFE Haven**.
NO STOCK PHOTOS HERE!

Because of YOU ... We are Saving Innocent Lives Every Day!

Your generous support saved many, many lives at SAFE Haven this year, and you are the main reason for our shared success. Below is our "annual report" infographic so you can see all the good we are accomplishing together. **We provided services to 5,690 animals this year (an 8% increase) at a cost of \$157.90 each.** The only way we are able to meet this challenge and provide these vital services is with the support of our unselfish volunteers who donated 11,100 hours of time this year with a value of over \$255,000. In addition, \$103,121 worth of food, towels, beds and other in-kind services were donated in 2017/2018.

Thanks to all our partners in the business of saving lives



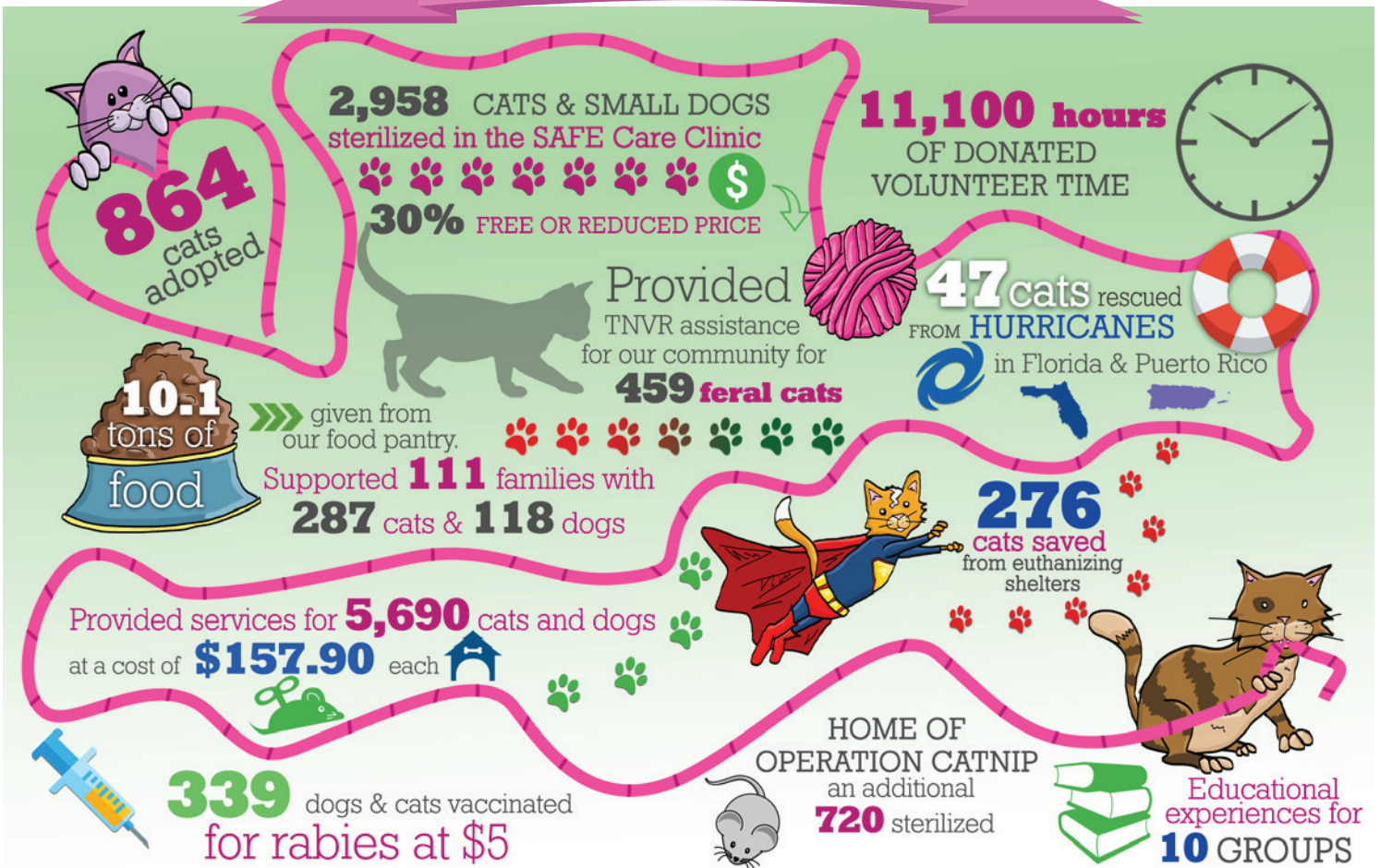
Honeysuckle and Hibiscus

SAFE HAVEN'S AMAZING

ACHIEVEMENTS

2017

2018



Loving,
Compassionate
Adopters



Adoption Program Recap

864 Cats and Kittens Find Homes!

Through your generous faith in SAFE Haven and with your support, we have had the most successful adoption year in the quarter century history of SAFE Haven for Cats, finding homes for 864 stray cats this year compared to 825 last year. This also means that each cat's time at the shelter is shrinking and they are finding homes more and more quickly. The average time it takes a cat to get adopted at SAFE Haven is just four weeks. (After a one-week isolation period.)

We attribute this success to our adopters, volunteer adoption counselors, our special groups of behavior experts (the Happy Cats and Shy Cats crews) and our life saving fosters.

A team of dedicated, caring volunteer adoption counselors facilitated adoptions for 864 cats and donated: over 3,200 hours of time this past year.

Wendy Alling	Ray Dragon	Dianne LaPlante	Ginger Rice
Susan Bartholomew	Michelle Hansen	Elizabeth Lindsey	Linda Roycroft
Mary Carver	Cait Hawley	Lisa Loiselle	Shalea Rhodes
Rosa Chrismon	Heather Hensley	Pat McLaughlin	Lindsay Russ
Ruth Covington	Kerry Holbrook	Colette Miller	Susan Wallace
Patricia Crowe	Sondra Jarvis	Elizabeth Moss Ohrberg	
Audrey Cummings	Lisa Karner	Mary Nell Murphy	



Specially trained volunteers make up the Happy Cats and Shy Cats Crews. They perform behavior assessments on shyer or scared cats, helping provide information to staff, adoption counselors and potential adopters.

Andrea Acevedo	Gail Bauer	Jayne Williams	Sue Minns
Kristine Adamson	Cathy Biondi	Lisa Karner	Barbara Mason
Susan Anderson	Pat McLaughlin	Lyn D'Angelo	
Susan Bartholomew	Rebecca Stephen		

These 40 families opened up their foster homes to 328 kittens and 22 adult cats this year.



Joanie Aitken
Danielle Batchelor
Michelle Bergeron
Jennifer Bledsoe Nix
Carl Nix
Cathy Biondi
Hillary Brown
Connie Burns
Jenny Carlisle
Mary Carver
Rosa Chrismon

Megan Clifford
Kristen & Patrick Elliott
Gina Jennings
Lisa Gramann
Sarah Green/Ana Garcia
Kiva Hall
Rebekah Henry
Traci Highsmith
Laura Hunter
Karla Johnson
Brittaney Keene

Megan Kime
Shelby Kinsey
Lori & Keith
Langreck
Yuliya Lokhnygina
Cam MacGregor
Nadine Maloney
Kathy Martin
Becky McAllister
Heidi McCann
Sparky MacMillan

Jacqui Murphy
Sarah Nau
Mary Nell Murphy
Eileen Nicholas
Melissa Nowel
Sherri Orner
Mary Reilly
Ginger Rice
Rayna Rowell
Margaret Woodlief

Together with the groups of volunteers listed above the following people donated over 11,000 hours of time to the cats this year as cleaning captains, shelter cleaners, litter box fillers, Pet Food Pantry volunteers, ambassadors at special events and catnip mouse makers! See our website to sign up to volunteer and attend one of our every-other-month Volunteer Information Sessions.

Wendy Abrams
Kristine Adamson
John Aiken
Emily Almond
Kiana Alston
Ellen Anderberg
Susan Anderson
Lisa Bachelder
Lexie Baird
Donna Bell
Joe Belna
Lisa Belsha
Natalie Belsha
Jordan Bennett
Katie Black
Betty Bland
Gary Bolz
Kelly Bolz
Heather Bowles
Jessica Brown
Daisy Brumit
Connie Burns
Colleen Camacho
Peter Camacho
Nancy Canterbury
Casey Chapin
Julie Cibula
Jessica Coley
Michelle Crawford
Lynelle Cunningham
Montia Daniels
Rita Davies
Emma Katherine Davis
Rebecca Deckard
Lary Dial
Eshan Dias
Ben Dierking

Alex DiGiacomo
Terri DiGiacomo
Rita Dimoulas
Madison Dirks
Jackie Dornan
Adrienne Drollette
Emily Dumonceaux
Julie Durin
Harriett Edwards
Betty Ellison
Sarah Evans
Rachel Feutz
Julia Fletcher
Sherrie Flowers
Susan Forbes
Nicole Friedlander
Dawn Fulks
Pam Glines
Lynn Godwin
Peggy Goff
Teri Goodrich
Greg Gorham
Elizabeth Haigler
Carolyn Haley
Darlene Hamilton
Lynda Harris
Laura Helwig
Janet Hensel
Michael Hess
Ellie Holder
Donna Howard
Maddie Huska
Bobby Iadicicco
Marie Jones
Tina Joyner
Suzy Kaelin
Terri Kelly

Max Kimata
Destiny King
Shelby Kinsey
McKenzie Kostura
William Kraus
Fabian Kuffel
Keith Langreck
Lori Langreck
Emma Larsen
Monica Lerew
Inez Leyden
Bruce Lorenc
Melanie Loury
Rob Loury
Kristi Lowe
Rebecca Loyd
Nadine Maloney
Abby Mapp
Christopher Martin
Kathy Martin
Mary Martin-Smith
Colleen McCann
Rachael McCarty
Matthew McCloskey
Amanda McCoy
Payton McFarland
Alexi McNabb
Robert McNeill
Abbey Mcpherson
Allison Mercurio
Paige Morrison
Taylor Munsterman
Jo Murphree
Eryn Murphy
Jennifer Murphy
Heather Nanney
Joe Nelms



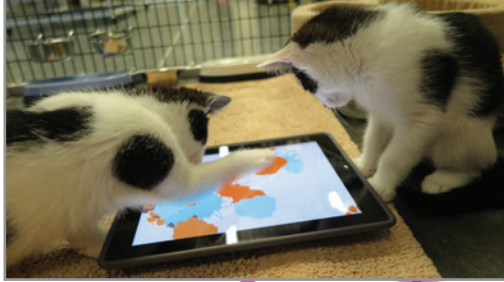
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Sue Neuman
Sydney Orr
Cassidy Orr
Jessica Parnell
Sharon Parrish
Tim Partridge
Cyndi Pearce
Hannah Perry
Jasmine Portee
Morrigan Potter
Patricia Ponders
Sara Powell
Ziv Profesorsky
Leonard Proseus
Julie Rashid
Brittany Richard
Douglas Rickert
Kristen Rivas
Juliana Ruiz
John Sabol
Lauren Satterfield
Shelly Schiff
Linda Shafer
James Shaloiko
Jeanne Simmons
Tony Sinisi
Joyce Sinisi
Jay Sliwinski
Marlene Small
Leverett Smith

Irena Smith
Lauren Smith
Gina Southall
Sydney Sowa
John Sprague
Rebecca Stephen
Patricia Stevens
Taylor Stiles
Emma Stollwerk
Hali Strykowski
Nina Swim-Wright
Rosie Swinehart
Chris Tackett
Donna Tierney
Katie Todd
Lillian Turner
Karen Wahle
Chrys Ward-Baker
Amy Wheeler
Amy White
Nelson Wilkins
Eric Wolf
Margaret Woodlief
Peggy Wyatt
Michael Yarnell
Nell Yen
Erin Zehngut
Paul Zipin



Whether it is our annual Kitten Shower & Palooza or WRAL's Clear the Shelters event, something is always going on at the shelter as you can see from these photos.

Our cats creating original artwork for Kitten Palooza



Our 9,000th Adoption



Getting to know you....



Cat's in capes!



Ashrah being adopted at Clear the Shelters

Hello Kitty!



Shep and his new owners



Kitten Shower - May 2018



Kitten Shower donations

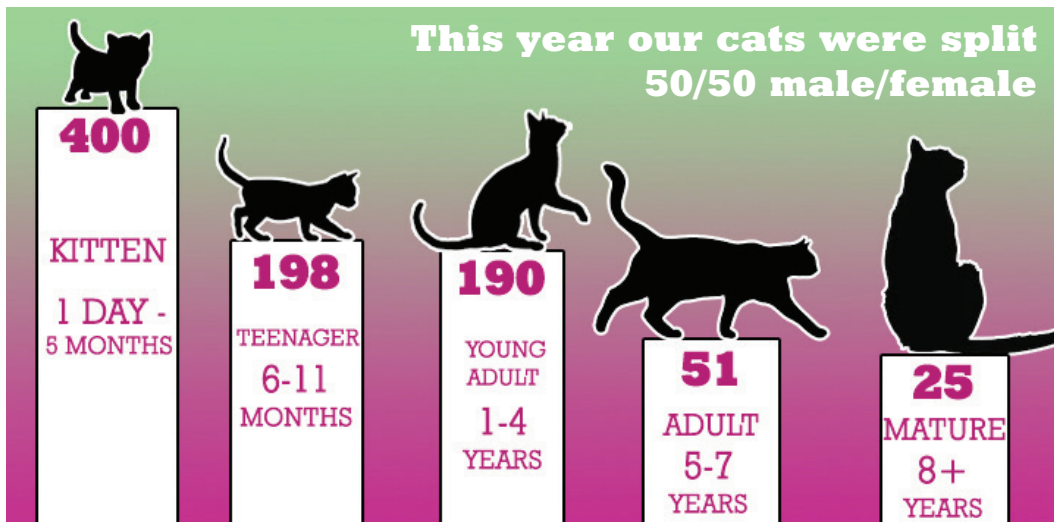
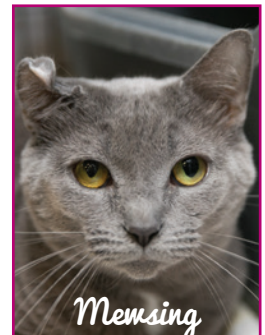
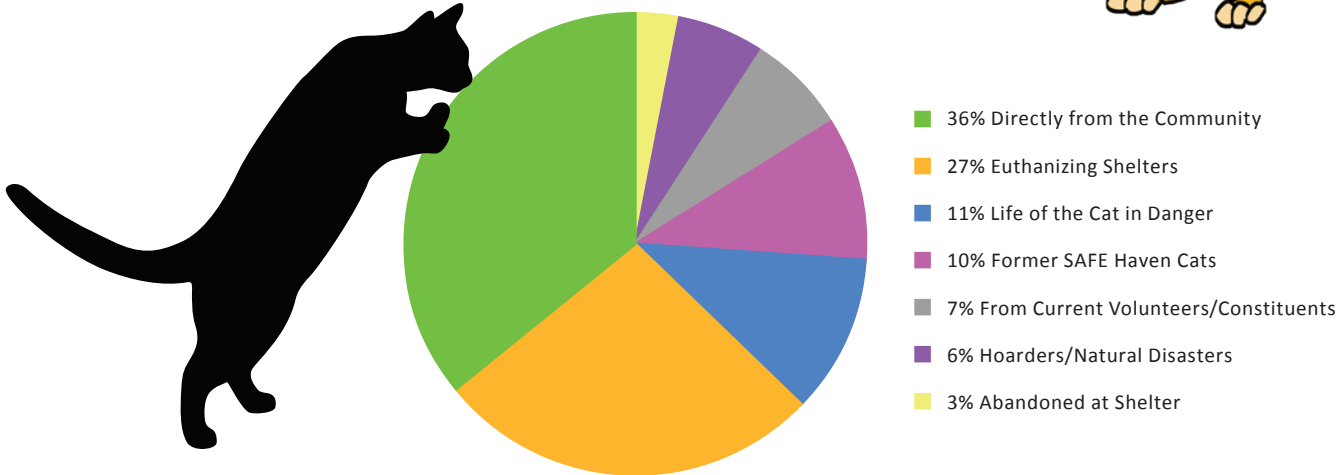
Who are these cats?

People are always curious about where all these cats come from. Well, here is the answer! They were all former stray, abandoned, injured or orphaned cats and kittens.

864 cats were adopted from SAFE Haven this year. The average length of stay in the shelter for all these cats was four weeks (after a one week isolation period). Below is where they came from, their ages and sexes!



Where they came from . . .



Thanks to YOU . . . Happy Endings

In September and October of 2017 the United States faced many disasters as the result of hurricanes. SAFE Haven, an Emergency Placement Partner with the Humane Society of the U.S., was preparing to take cats from Texas in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey when Irma struck Florida. Less than a week later 30 homeless cats arrived at SAFE Haven from Jacksonville. Then not a month later, Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico. On a warm night in October we went to the airport and took 17 cats from the Island. All found wonderful homes here in the Triangle, shortly thereafter.

Cats from Puerto Rico



A long trip from Jacksonville



*Tigger came all the way from
Puerto Rico!*



Naranjo & Rojo

Before & Afters

SAFE Haven places many cats each year that come to us in not-quite-perfect condition. After all, these are all stray, abandoned, orphaned and injured cats and kittens. How we wish they could talk to us; tell us where they have been. But we make a commitment to them to restore them to health and find them a permanent home. Here are some examples of what your support makes possible in the following “before” and “afters”.



Lemonhead



Bing - Surgery for deformed breastbone



Estelle, 17 years old, surrendered to the Wake County Animal Shelter



Brick in his diaper - treatment for a damaged urinary tract



Tropicana - Injury to his brain

Rain, Reiko, & Kai

#4everSAFE

Kai 15 weeks

Reiko 15 weeks

Rain 15 weeks

All three at 3 weeks old

SAFE Care Clinic Program Recap

Help for the public with pets, strays and feral cats.

From “Beat the Heat” to “Toms for \$10” we have had fun while promoting one goal: to spay and neuter as many cats and kittens as we can every day, to reduce euthanasia of healthy animals.

More than 26,000 cats have been spayed at the SAFE Care Clinic since it opened in 2001. If they would have produced even two kittens each, they would have added 208,000 stray cats to the Triangle in only two years. In 2017 in the Triangle and surrounding counties, 7,785 cats (46% of those entering the shelter system) were euthanized. (NC Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Division, Animal Welfare Section, Animal Welfare Reports.)

The SAFE Care Clinic, owned by Dr. Jennifer Bledsoe-Nix, helps cats, kittens, feral cats and small dogs every day. The clinic is founded on the principle that no one is ever turned away because they cannot pay the already low fee of \$85.



SAFE Haven helps other rescue groups and shelters to make sure more cats get sterilized before adoption. They include: Best Friend Pet Adoption, Franklin County Animal Services, FCAS/Paws for Life, Marden's Cat Tales, and the SPCA of Franklin County.

SAFE Haven's TNVR Mission

“Un-owned or semi-owned community cats number between 30 to 40 million in the U.S. Only 2% of them are sterilized.” (Managing Community Cats, HSUS, 2014.) How many community or feral cats do we have in the Triangle? According to experts, a mid-range formula is 10% of the human population. The current population of the Triangle is 1.3 million people. In fact, we are the 16th fastest growing region in the nation. That would be an incredible 130,000 cats.

Free Feral Fridays!

Every Friday in February + March 3



Through aggressive and mostly free services, with your help, we have **sterilized and vaccinated 459 feral cats and kittens this year**. You will notice a change from TNR to TNVR. This is to emphasize what has always been true: that these services include rabies (and distemper) vaccines. In helping government officials and others accept TNVR we emphasize this important requirement.

SAFE Haven supports our community in many other ways to help feral cats:

Foundation Grants

As you might imagine, unlike human causes there are very few grants available for animals. Although grants make up just 5% of our income, SAFE Haven wants to gratefully acknowledge the support of the following for the SAFE Care Clinic:

The Margo T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation
PetSmart Charities

Make your Spay/Neuter Appointment

Call: 919 872-7730

Email: Clinic@safehavenforcats.org

Website: safehavenforcats.org/spayneuter-clinic

Basic package (\$85) includes: sterilization, exam, pain meds, rabies and distemper vaccines, ear cleaning and nail trims!

Additional services available: FeLV/FIV testing, microchip, deworming, FeLV vaccine and parasite control.

Fix the Family

Fix the parents to get the kittens fixed for FREE!



- Loan of humane traps and training/support to safely catch elusive cats
- Classes – Basics of TNVR, Tuesday, February 12, 2019
- Management of the www.TNRWake.org feral cat registry. Confidential, third party registry that can help you reclaim a feral cat in Wake County
- Free food for feral colony managers
- Home of Operation Catnip, the Triangle's oldest feral cat sterilization program. Housed one Sunday a month at SAFE Haven, OC sterilizes about 700 cats a year.

Volunteer Program Recap

Celebrating SAFE Haven's Incredible Volunteers

This year hundreds of volunteers selflessly donated over 11,100 hours of their time to our animal shelter adding \$255,000* to our bottom line.

(*One hour of volunteer time is valued at \$22.99 by the Points of Light Foundation.)



Be sure to sign up for our next Volunteer Information Session on September 18 at safehavenforcats.org.

Pat McLaughlin
Greeting Visitors in the Lobby



Special Event Volunteers
Connie Burns and Rita Dimoulas



Off-site adoptions
Susan Wallace and
Kerry Holbrook



Volunteer Roles



Board of Directors—On a top level, you can advance the long term goals and vision of SAFE Haven.

Cleaning Crew—Come to the shelter daily and scoop, tidy up, refill waters, do laundry, mop floors, etc.

Tabby Cabby—Transport cats to veterinary specialists for treatments or pick up cats at other euthanizing shelters (like the Wake County Shelter).

Public Ambassadors—Help connect people to our services and programs at street fairs, civic organizations and schools.

Mouse Makers—Help assemble catnip mice toys that are sold at area veterinarian's offices.

Pet Food Pantry Volunteer—Help distribute tons of food to needy dogs and cats. Place and monitor food collection barrels at various locations.

Adoption Counselor—Work in one of twelve shifts available every week connecting excited adopters to their new family member.

Happy Cats & Shy Cats Groups — Are you the Cat Whisperer? Work with shy cats to help them regain their essential "Catness".

Foster Home Provider—Take a SAFE Haven cat into your home.

Fill-a-Truck Volunteer—Distribute our "wish list" to shoppers on their way into Walmart. Fill-a-Truck when they come out with their incredible donations for the cats.

Special Events—Volunteer for a committee or to work at one of our major events: Run for their Lives 5k (October), the Tuxedo Cat Ball (April) or the Cat's Meow (June).

Animal Advocates — Are you a teacher? Enjoy working with young people? Volunteer to conduct educational programs and tours for kids.

Community Outreach & Education Programs Recap

The Pet Food Pantry

The Pantry is the only one of its' kind in Wake County. Last year we fed 287 cats, 118 dogs, and helped 111 families by providing them with over 10 tons of food. People in need can apply for help from the Pantry. There are just a few simple rules: They can't have any more than six animals, cannot adopt any more pets while receiving food from the Pantry, and SAFE Haven assists them to assure that 100% of their pets are spayed and neutered.



One way we get food for the Pantry is at the Fill-a-Truck event at the Wake Forest Walmart (Pictured below)



Distributing food one Sunday a month



Volunteers organizing the Pantry



Accepting donations



Outside Walmart at Fill-a-Truck

Community Outreach & Education Programs Recap

Low Cost Rabies and Microchip Clinic

This year we were able to provide **339 low cost rabies vaccines** (\$5) to members of our community at our twice yearly rabies clinics.



Lined up across the parking lot for Rabies vaccines!



Good Dogs waiting for their shots

Feline Fundamentals

SAFE Haven hosts a series of classes yearly to help educate the public on a variety of topics.

Check out the class schedule for this year:

Pet Readiness for Natural Disasters	Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Caring for Your Cats if you can't – Basics of Legacy Planning	Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Caring for Senior Cats	Tuesday, October 16, 2018
TNVR Basics	Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Foster Sleepovers	Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Bottle-Feeding Orphan Kittens	Tuesday, April 2, 2019
Cat Communication	Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Cat Enrichment	Tuesday, June 11, 2019



Bottle Feeding Class



The cats are distracting us from our teacher!

Sign up for any class
at our website:
safehavenforcats.org

Individual Contributions: The Key to Success for the Cats

Thanks to 6,418 gifts from compassionate animal people, SAFE Haven met its financial goals this past fiscal year. Additionally, we successfully managed our expenses and benefited from \$255,000 of donated time from our volunteers. Over \$33,000 of cat and dog food, paper towels, toys and litter were also donated to the cats. A total of \$69,000 of in-kind goods and services were donated to our special events.

We conducted a successful Matching Campaign in October-December 2017. The generosity of our donors and friends allowed us to exceed a \$130,000 matching opportunity. The Tuxedo Cat Ball, our largest fundraising event of the year, raised \$131,000.



Donations are vital to our organization since adoption fees do not cover the basic medical care of the cats SAFE Haven takes into our shelter. And as a “No Kill” shelter, we believe in treating every medical condition we are able to – just like you do for your beloved pets. You may not know it, but as a private, non-profit animal shelter, we do not get any funds from the City of Raleigh, Wake County or the State of North Carolina. **Because it is of the utmost importance we continue to offer no-cost or low-cost sterilization services to every person/cat in our community who needs it, the support of our donors is vital to this mission.** Several hundred cats who use the spay/neuter services of the clinic have never been to a veterinarian. Were it not for the availability of these services, many cats would go unneutered and hundreds of homeless kittens would be born.

***Note:** Many people ask us why we are not on rated on Charity Navigator. It is because Charity Navigator only includes nonprofits whose organizational budget is over a million dollars. SAFE Haven’s budget is just slightly over a million dollars so we look forward to a listing soon. SAFE Haven is however, a Silver Rated Charity on Guidestar. You can access our most recent (year end June 30, 2017) tax return (990) at safehavenforcats.org; simply click on the “Donate” button.*

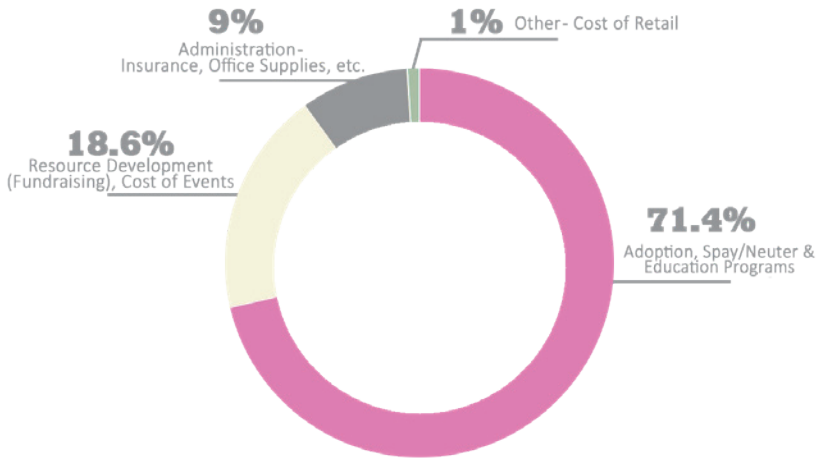


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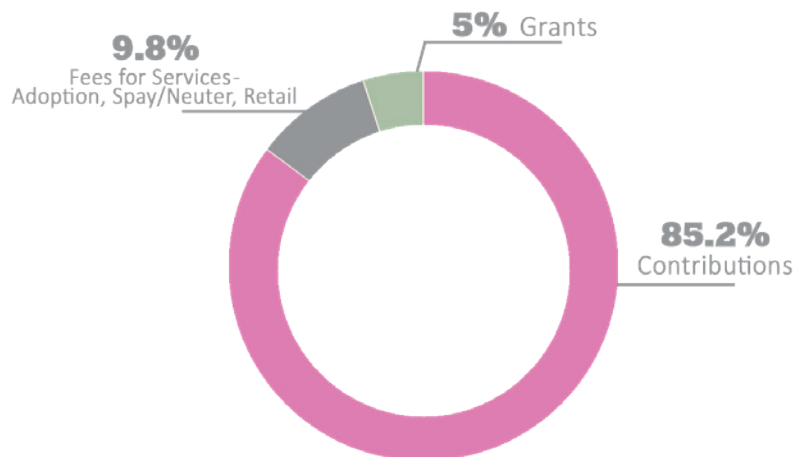
SAFE Haven—the numbers at a glance.

The following charts show you (our supporters) how your dollars are spent and what the major expenses of the organization are.

Expenses by Category (As a percentage of total budget)



Income by Category (As a percentage of total budget)



THANK YOU TO OUR PAW PALS*

... MORE THAN 150 DONORS WHO GIVE TO SAFE HAVEN MONTHLY!

*Join our Paw Pals at safehavenforcats.org

Andrea and Javier Acevedo
Wendy Alling
Susan E Anderson
Antonia Astor
Cassandra Atherton
Janelle & Charles J Babington
Christy Bagwell
Laura Ann Bailey
D. M. Baker
Sue Bathgate
Charles Beal
Jenny & Lee Bennett
Catherine Biondi & Larry Robertson
Kenidee Blake
Althea Brandon
Jennifer Brooks
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Ann Buddenhagen
Susan K Byrd
Leslie Cameron
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Holly Heath-Shepard & Thomas Shepard
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Enid Hickingbotham
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Theresa Kelly
Heather Kent
William Kerr
Michael Kimals
Bev & Vic Kirkman
Kenneth Kistner
Jean Knott
Leslie & Alex Knuth
Bruce Kovar
Gordon Kramon
Amber Landis
Nancy & Gary Landis
Malia & Ben Lang
Kevin & Nicole Langton
Gail Bernadette Lee
Richard A & Rose Lejk
Kelly LeSage
Elizabeth Lindsey
Margaret Lockard
Kimberly E Logan
Bruce C. Lorenc
Yvonne Lorichon
Charlene Lowell
Judith Lynch
Maggie Mackenzie
Austin R. & Jeanne Maher
Dr. Kelly McAvoy
Jani McCreary
Lany McDonald
Jennifer McDonough
Kate McGrath
Patricia & Jim McLaughlin
Jonathan Melenson
Bruce Miles
Pamela & Chowsky Miller
Robert Miller
Julie Mills
Vicki Lynn Mills
M. Sue Minns

Debbie & Stephen Mitchell
Gabrielle Morrow
Olga Muravyeva
Sue Neuman
T J & Ashley Nevis
Kelley Oberhart
Jill Odom
Karen Yvonne Palasek
Patrice Kim Pandick
Andrew & Becky Parliman
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Barbara Prillaman
Kristy Pruitt
Gina Register
Angela Rice-Warren
Dick & Judy Richardson
Leigh Ann Robertson
Nicole J Rosmarino
Pamela Roy
Paula Salmon
Gail E & Dan Scheck
Robert Segal
Heather Settle
Lonna Lee Shaw
Tina & Brian Shoaf
Wilma Sieczkowski
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Karin D Smith
Laura P Smith
Tommy & Jeannette Smith
Gina Southall
Debby Spencer
Iris & Dorothy Spencer
JoAnna & Art Stange
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Mary H. Bottinga Zadeits
Paul & Lynda Harris Zipin

Let Your Love for Cats Live on as Your Legacy.

SAFE HAVEN FOR CATS LEGACY SOCIETY

Please let us know if you have included SAFE Haven for Cats in your estate plans so we may thank you and recognize you as a member of the SAFE Haven Legacy Society. The Society celebrates members who have included SAFE Haven for Cats in their Estate Plans.

Bonnie C. Andrews
Peter Emil Campbell*
Nell Coletta
Clyde M. and Eunice I. Crider
Sidney and Carla Dalis
Leah L. Dey
Alice Dulaney
Michael & Joy Ferrell
Kay M. Flynn*
Diane Hardy
Trisha L. Hasch
Bernice Holshouser
Jan Maher*
Eileen McGrath and Thomas Tiemann

Pat and Jim McLaughlin
Jill M. Odom
Angela Rice-Warren
Doug Rickert
Christine and David Sabio
Mark and Katie Selph
Irena and James Smith
Sandy Weinstein
Deanna Springall and Sally Wilging
Angela Tedesco
Ron and Ana Tuckman
10 Anonymous Donors
*Deceased



Please consider including SAFE Haven for Cats in your will or other estate plans. You can guarantee stray and abandoned cats and kittens can be helped, whenever they are in need, while considering your needs and tax-planning strategies. We would be glad to discuss any planned giving option with you – in confidence and without obligation. For more information please call Pam Miller at (919) 582-7834 or email us at Pam@safehavenforcats.org

You may designate SAFE Haven for Cats in your will, living trust, insurance policy, or other estate plans in any of the following ways:

- Name SAFE Haven for Cats as the beneficiary of a specific amount or percentage of your estate/trust.
- Name SAFE Haven as the beneficiary of your retirement account (or a portion of it). This can include an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), Keogh plan, or other qualified retirement plan.
- Life Insurance – name SAFE Haven for Cats as the primary or secondary beneficiary.
- Stocks or bank accounts – name SAFE Haven for Cats as the direct charity to “transfer upon death”.

Gifts now:

SAFE Haven appreciates gifts of Required Minimum Distributions from IRA's and stocks, bonds and mutual funds too! Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs) are becoming an increasingly popular way to provide financial support to SAFE Haven.



SAFE Haven announces the “Serenity Surviving Cat Program”

At SAFE Haven for Cats we are frequently contacted by caring cat owners who are making plans for their cats in their estates. If there are no friends or family members who are willing or able to care for your cats, it is possible to have peace of mind through your estate plan and the **Serenity Surviving Cat Program**. For more information, please contact pam@safehavenforcats.org.



SAFE Haven Media Recap

Whether social or traditional, SAFE Haven was in the news many times this past year. Local media such as WRAL, WTVD, WNCN, UNC-TV and the News & Observer turned to SAFE Haven for expert help in explaining the cat issues of our day. We were showcased for the work we did with the cats from Hurricanes Irma and Maria. SAFE Haven was also featured in the Philanthropy Journal and was on WRAL presenting the “Pet of the Day” every month.



Whether it is Holiday Cat Photos at PetPeople, the Spaygetti & No Balls Dinner or Kitten Palooza, Facebook is the place to find out what is going on at SAFE Haven and interact with our online community.



Our **#4everSAFE** campaign (which encourages people to post pictures of the cats they adopt from SAFE Haven) has hundreds of shared photos and comments. www.facebook.com/safehavenforcats

Our website, has been used by thousands of people and is a key tool in educating the public about overpopulation and connecting our community to our services. Visit us at www.safehavenforcats.org, and tell a friend about SAFE Haven! SAFE Haven is also active on Twitter and Instagram and publishes a monthly E-News (the Cat Chronicle) that is received by over 12,000 people. Twice a year, The Scratching Post, SAFE Haven’s Newsletter is mailed to 7,000 people and is read by an additional 5,000 people online.



IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR E-Mail you are definitely missing out. There is an envelope in this newsletter. Simply fill out your name and e-mail and drop it in the mail to us, OR on the bottom of our website home page there is a huge box to **“sign up for our newsletter!”** safehavenforcats.org

SAFE HAVEN EVENTS RECAP

We had so much fun this year at all our events. From the Cats' Meow to the Tuxedo Cat Ball we celebrated the awesomeness of the Cat!



Tuxedo Cat Ball



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Run for their Lives 5K



Cat's Meow Houses





Join us on **Saturday, October 20** for the **sixth annual Run for their Lives 5K**

Saturday, October 20, 2018
 8:00 – 11:30 am
Events: Competitive 5K & Fun Run/Walk – dogs and strollers welcome

Pricing: Early Bird through August 31 \$15
 Sept. 1 – Oct. 19 \$20
 Day of Race \$25
 Souvenir Race Tee Shirt \$8

Registration is now open at <https://RunforTheirLives5k/itsyourrace.com/register>
Part of the Triangle Race Series presented by Precision Race and sponsored by Omega Sports

About Sixth Annual Run for Their Lives 5K Run/Walk

Run for Their Lives is a 3.1 mile (5K) in North Raleigh for animal lovers and in particular cat lovers. The race will start and finish at SAFE Haven for Cats near the corner of Durant Road and Capital Boulevard in North Raleigh and participants will run/walk on a USAT&F certified course. There is a timed competitive race as well as a recreational walk where dogs and strollers are welcome. Join fellow animal lovers in warm-ups before tackling a unique course that may be new to you. Our 5K features some long grades up and down, a view of a geese-filled lake and a challenging start and finish.

For all ages and very family friendly, the race is in North Raleigh where parking is easy and we are near Wake Forest, Rolesville and Zebulon too. We have lots of vendors from fitness experts to the latest in pet items from local pet stores. You can shop for cute cat beds and doggie leashes!

What is the best thing about SAFE Haven’s 5K? That after you finish your race you can come inside SAFE Haven and pet kittens. AND you can see all the wonderful cats we have for adoption. This is surely better than being blasted with dye, right?

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OUR MISSION: To use no-kill principles and education to save cats' lives through rescue, adoption, spay/neuter services and community programs.

OUR VISION: To be the industry leader in ending euthanasia to control animal population and eliminate pet homelessness.

OUR CORE VALUES:

SAFE Haven for Cats believes that:

- Every animal and human at SAFE Haven is an individual being with a personality, feelings, intrinsic worth and value. As such, they will be treated with respect and care in a non-judgmental, safe environment.
- We will always exist as a 501(c)(3) no-kill organization and strive to find homes for every adoptable, treatable and recoverable cat we accept.
- Community volunteers are a vital part of our success and we acknowledge and celebrate their contributions.
- Affordable sterilization, community education and trap/neuter/return are proven methods to stop euthanasia as a means of population control for companion animals.
- No animal will ever be adopted before sterilization.
- No animal will be euthanized except in the case of illness, injury or other condition from which they cannot recover, and only by lethal injection.
- Partnering, collaborating and advocating with other organizations and government agencies increases our ability to benefit these animals and save lives.

Calendar of Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

Clear the Shelters Adoption Event	Saturday, August 18, 2018
Triangle Vegfest	Sunday, August 19, 2018
Pet People Adoption Event	Saturday, September 1 & 15, 2018
Volunteer Information Session	Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Rabies & Microchip Clinic	Saturday, September 22, 2018
Legacy Planning for your Cats	Tuesday, September 25, 2018
Run for their Lives 5K	Saturday, October 20, 2018
Tuxedo Cat Ball	Friday, April 12, 2019

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Read all about last year in our Annual Report Newsletter

