RESCUE VILLAGE MISSION

to shelter and find homes for sick, injured, abused, and abandoned domestic animals that have no other alternative.
to foster compassion for all living things through education.
to reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs.
to prevent cruelty by enforcing animal protection laws.
Weaving the Threads of Compassion

Like a giant tapestry, Rescue Village has grown into a unique and vital humane society serving the people and animals of Geauga County and northeast Ohio. Rescue Village saves lives and heals souls. Every year, our archive of stories grows. Some shine so brightly that they serve as eternal testaments to the compassion that runs, like a thread, through everything we do.

Rescue Village is a home of sorts—a way station for animals who have been surrendered, abandoned, abused, injured, or neglected.

The Rescue Village tapestry is made of hearty cloth. You need a durable and professional organization to establish the direction, programs and services, and financial strength to grow a shelter like this one. You must have a trained and devoted staff. It takes a willingness to go above and beyond to bring 94 cats into the shelter and do everything possible to save their lives. Imagine the months it took to take care of them and get every one possible adopted.

In all, we helped over 4,730 animals in 2013. Love and life-saving by the numbers is woven throughout this Annual Report. There is a life force in this shelter . . . an unwillingness to give up on a dog who is 14 years old with medical problems, yet lots of kisses and tail wagging left to go. There are cheers when a cat, hit by a car, who has lost his sight, captures the heart of a family teaching kids the joy of unconditional love. There are sounds of delight when a child in our summer camp gets to gently hold kittens and puppies . . . whose uncertain futures were turned into second chances.

This past year is the story of 30 staff members, 427 volunteers, 18 board members, and 6,477 donors who embrace a dream of kindness and compassion and were then willing to get their hands dirty, offer their time, their talents, and their treasure to this special humane society on Chillicothe Road.

Sure, it is all about animals. Yet, it is also about the people—a two-way street and a sharing of love. In animals we discover loyal companions and our better selves. As we move into the future, expanding and remodeling Rescue Village, the threads of compassion will grow, saving even more animals, and immeasurably enriching our lives.

Gratefully,

Hope Brustein, Executive Director
A Tale of Two Rescues

Rescues involve trained humane agents and courageous people who dare to go inside buildings that defy description. They may have to humanely trap cats who are covered with fleas and scared of our every move. They may carry dogs in their arms who need help as soon as possible. The first stages of an animal seizure are just the beginning of a long and intense journey to save as many as possible.

While humane agents and staff are out in the field, a team is assembled back at the shelter getting ready for the animals’ arrival. Crates or kennels are readied. Medical supplies are counted and on hand. Logistics are planned so that we can keep sick animals coming in away from healthy animals already inside the shelter. These are not one or two day events. It may take months and will surely test skills, emotions, and team work.

Imagine adding 94 cats and 34 dogs from two different seizures to an already full shelter. (An expanded shelter with room to house these numbers will help.)

Our team is a combination of devoted staff members and volunteers. Some have had training from previous seizures or from being deployed to do disaster pet rescue nationally.

The volunteers who work alongside the staff have become knowledgeable about many things—from proper cleaning to safely handling animals. A deep trust has developed. Together we share will and woe, mourn every loss, and celebrate every victory.
When you adopt a kitten at Rescue Village, chances are that she or he spent time with a foster family. There is nothing like lots of human touch and care to get a furry little kitten ready for a new home. The fostering experience is magical and hard work.

Talk about dedicated—babies that need bottle-feeding wake up hungry all night long! Building and coordinating foster networks is a core program at the shelter. Kittens, puppies, and even adult animals that may need to medically recuperate, count on people who open their hearts as well as their homes.

Who knew? Litters of puppies come to Rescue Village by the dozens, each one cuter than the next. Among them, there are superstars in the making. This year, Rescue Village began partnering with Miracles of Hope. This unique organization trains service dogs for people with diabetes.

Our Dog Behavior Coordinator, already skilled at spotting potential search and rescue dogs, evaluates pups and makes recommendations. Two Rescue Village youngsters, Stella and Tank, were the first pups selected by Miracles of Hope. We wish them years of love and living life with a purpose.
All Animals Deserve Our Moral Concern

What is the smallest animal you have ever saved at Rescue Village?” he asked. “Why, a tiny mouse,” we answered. “What is the largest animal you have ever saved at the shelter?” he continued. “That would be a horse,” we offered. At least 14 species of animals have found shelter and sweet relief at Rescue Village.

Compassion defines our every day work at the shelter. Sometimes what is needed is softly soothing a frightened dog whose owner has died. Then there are times when we have to prosecute people who violate the law and perpetrate cruelty or neglect.

There are countless actions taken along this spectrum of compassion because we believe that all animals deserve our moral concern. Every program and service we provide flows from our Mission.

Living in a largely rural and agricultural county and having sole responsibility for enforcing Ohio humane law statutes, we expanded the scope of our work. In 2005, the Rescue Village Barn was built.

The value we place on being guardians and sentries at the gate drives us to protect and help thousands of animals each year.

Rescue Village Humane Agents, Wendy Grellinger and Christian Courtwright, are trained, certified, and given authority by the Geauga County court. We receive no government funding for this essential service.
Lessons of Love

Life is filled with “teachable moments.” For an inner city child, a classroom program about dog safety led to him touching a dog for the first time in his life. A meeting between an eleven year old and the sheriff’s trained German Shepherd sparked an imaginative conversation about all the things she did not know animals could do.

Experiential education is what we do best. A naturalist from the Geauga Park District wowed kids about wildlife and even let them pet a skunk. Campers met Beetle and Echo, two horses who were rescued and up for adoption in our barn. They got to groom the horses, and learned about horse anatomy.

Rescue Village held its first interactive pre-school story time in 2013. Forty pre-schoolers became characters in a story, Stone Soup, and interacted with therapy dogs to tell this tale about sharing and giving to others in need.

We offer the region’s only year-round, large-scale, humane education program. A visit from our humane educator, especially with animals, captures everyone’s attention. We hope that every point of contact people have with the humane society leaves them better role models of kindness towards animals, people, and the environment.

ANIMAL INTAKE 2013

- Humane Cases .................. 172
- Transfers ......................... 429
- Strays .............................. 767
- Owner Surrenders ............... 613
- Returns .......................... 132

HUMANE EDUCATION 2013

- Children .......................... 3,425
  (not including campers/Scouts/birthdays)
- Campers .......................... 103
- Schools .......................... 60
  (both public and private)
- Ambassadors ...................... 46
  (41 active, 5 retired or deceased)
- Camp Helpers .................... 5
- Scouts .............................. 26
  (Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts)
Spay/Neuter: A Critical Part of Our Mission

“We, as humans, can control our population and if we care about critters—dogs and cats, who can’t make decisions for themselves—then we work to spay and neuter as many as possible. There will be no end to homeless animals unless we are committed to these humane population control programs. I have seen more and more people coming to understand this and help to make this happen.”

—Brenda Donahue, volunteer with the CatSmart TNR program

Spaying and neutering animals saves lives. Rescue Village is a hub for low-cost, high quality spay/neuter programs in Geauga County and the Chagrin Valley. Community forums aim to educate about the benefits of spaying and neutering our pets and recruit volunteers.

With our first “Fixin’ Frenzy” in 2013, we did a whopping 53 spay/neuter surgeries in a single day. Yes, we actually do get excited about this! If each one of these surgeries prevented even one litter of kittens or puppies from being born unwanted, we have already saved hundreds of lives. Think about the impact of 2,679 spay/neuter surgeries through our collage of spay/neuter programs . . . now, THIS is some kind of wonderful.
Dog walking is a year round job, rain or shine. Kathy Chapin has been volunteering her time at Rescue Village for almost seven years.

559 Heroes and Heroines

*The Rescue Village staff cannot say enough about our volunteer corps*

Priceless, compassionate, creative, reliable, unwavering, inspiring, focused, enthusiastic—these are just a few of the words which describe this irreplaceable group of extraordinary individuals.

It is not surprising that over 100 people come to the annual volunteer fair, where they get to meet staff and learn about dozens of opportunities to assist. Lisa may love dog walking while Loretta enjoys welcoming the public at the front desk. Trish enjoys making sure our events are sell-outs. Gary and Jim keep the building up-to-snuff.

Every person who donates his or her time is special. For the animals, these humans make their lives better. It’s not just the cuddling and socializing or laundry and cleaning. It is everything—including stuffing envelopes, mucking stalls, and joining the capital campaign steering committee. To save animals’ lives takes a willingness to be generous, hands on, and a team player.

At the end of each day (and volunteers serve 365 days a year), these 559 heroines and heroes are our partners.

**SPAY/NEUTER**

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*TNR—Trap, Neuter, Return

**VOLUNTEERING**

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“A highlight of 2013 was launching the ‘Raising the Roof to Save More Lives’ capital campaign for the expansion and renovation of Rescue Village. The support has been tremendous. We started the campaign in the summer of 2013, and ended the year with over $2.3 million in pledges—a great accomplishment.

When the doors of the new building open, we will be rising to a new level of performance, setting our sights on new accomplishments with our ever-evolving programs and activities. Together, we can do this. Here’s to our continued success!”

—Nancy Rubin, Board President

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Raising the Roof to Save More Lives

THE CAMPAIGN FOR RESCUE VILLAGE

2013 marked an exciting milestone in the history of Rescue Village. Following a thorough feasibility study, the Board of Trustees approved a plan to launch a $3 million capital campaign to expand and reconfigure the current shelter. We need more space to serve more animals, save more lives, increase the number of adoptions, as well as provide additional operating funds for expanded operations.

The project will reconfigure the existing 10,500 square foot building and add 9,100 square feet of additional space. A team of staff and volunteers were engaged to envision the expansion and reconfiguration of the back of house operations areas, medical clinic, and support spaces. Ground-breaking is slated for late spring or summer 2014.

The Leadership Phase began in May 2013 and by the end of the year Rescue Village board members and leadership donors had committed over $2.3 million in gifts and pledges. This total includes a $1.5 million gift from an individual donor who wishes to remain anonymous at this time, but whose name will appear on the front of the building after completion of the project. We are grateful to all of our leadership donors for providing early support and enthusiasm for this campaign.

As news of the campaign spreads, we are poised to welcome thousands of people to help make our dream come true. For more information, please visit rvcampaign.org or contact Leslie Bednar at campaignassociate@geaugahumane.org.
**2013 Financial Report**

**OPERATIONAL FUNDING**

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**Building Fund** $20,670
**Capital Campaign Fund** $246,572
**Endowment/RV Foundation** $4,717,725

*2013 Financials include capital campaign gifts
2013 Donor Recognition

Geauga Humane Society recognizes and thanks our 2013 donors

Totals based on cumulative cash gifts received from January 1 to December 31, 2013

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