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.
Honoring the Past as We Reach for the Future

It's the simple things that keep us moving on. A tiny calico kitten rescued from the side of a road goes home after time in foster care then finding love and adoption at Rescue Village. A scared and untrusting Great Pyrenees, part of a seizure of over 100 animals, finds family who are determined to rebuild that trust. Zoey, a horse who was close to death when she was rescued to our barn, is protected and trained for over two years, until going home to a farm in Ontario. The beauty of these stories, and thousands more, involved a whole shelter and myriads of details. Still, at the end of the day, compassion and kindness comes easily for this community and its humane society.

After many months saving animals in the midst of a construction zone, we are at the start of a dream come true. We expanded and remodeled for one simple reason – so that Rescue Village could grow its capacity to help animals and people while maintaining standards of care which honor the values of our community. With over 10,000 more square feet, and redesigned animal holding, clinic rooms, temperament testing, kitten and puppy adoption, and more, we project that Rescue Village will be able to save over 25% more animals and help thousands more people. The big picture and sweeping landscape of animal welfare has growing and changing needs. They will be addressed inside a new Rescue Village that still knows the names, personalities, and unique needs of every animal that comes through our doors. (We do admit we were not as familiar with each and every Guinea Pig that came in a group of 50!)

We also know our people. Through working with WomenSafe we have been able to help individuals who are courageously leaving situations of domestic abuse. When community service volunteers do “stints” at Rescue Village they do meaningful work and learn the values of compassion and integrity. For dozens of developmentally challenged young adults, Rescue Village is a center for learning skills and teamwork. The volunteer corps works side-by-side with staff helping in everything from socializing cats, to cleaning, to greeting, helping with events, dog walking, and a dozen other jobs.

Our home is in Geauga and we remain committed to being this county’s most comprehensive animal welfare organization. In addition, we will be able to make an even bigger mark through partnerships with regional rescues and humane societies to save animals that, otherwise, may not have a second chance. This involves animal transport and foster networks. Collaborations also involve stopping cruelty and neglect through working for positive change in Ohio’s humane law statutes. We will continue to work for an end to puppy mills and for more stringent penalties for perpetrators of cruelty and neglect.

We are happy to present the 2014 Annual Report. This year we are honoring the past as we reach for the future. This place we call Rescue Village will stand so long as there is a need for safe haven and rescue. Its worth will be written in the countless bonds that have been built between people and animals. While far from the city lights our arms extend a welcome to animals in need across our region. Thank you for your support and involvement!

Sincerely,

Nancy Rubin, President

Hope Brustein, Executive Director
Putting their Best Paws *Forward*

Hundreds of dogs enter our care each year and every one of them has their own journey to living happily ever after. Most of them find that perfect home within a couple of weeks but every once in a while there’s one that takes some time. In 2014, that “one” was Chica.

Chica’s story began when she was adopted from another shelter and then surrendered to us a year later. She was not an aggressive dog. Actually, she bonded with people so tightly that even the shortest separation threw her into terrible anxiety.

Rescue Village staff immediately recognized her good nature and went to work. A volunteer “Emergency Intervention Team” formed up to provide extra attention, training, and to use every trick in the book to help Chica learn to be calm and feel safe when she was left alone. If anything, Chica loved being in the shelter too much!

The determination to turn Chica’s tale into a great success story was contagious. Everyone was rooting for her. In mid-November Chica went home. She now lives with a family and another dog, Victor. She is happy and has learned to feel safe and secure whether her family is home or away.

This above and beyond individualized approach to saving dogs is a hallmark of the Rescue Village program. We can customize our approach to help hard-to-adopt dogs put their best paws forward. With an expanded shelter and many more dogs coming into RV, we are taking our professional skills and our heart and saving even more lives.
“Special Needs” Means Special Attention

At Rescue Village we LOVE Cats! Black cats, cool cats, curious cats, timid cats, old cats, tiny kittens, cats without tails, 3-legged cats, deaf cats, blind cats. Running our cat program is all about love and making a difference in these furry felines’ lives. Cats have wonderfully distinct personalities, and make great companions. Still, going from being rescued to being adopted can be more challenging for some cats than others. We call these cats “special needs” and usually their road to happiness involves special people. Trixie and Tibor were a perfect example in 2014.

Trixie and Tibor, both blind, were brought to us after they were found as strays wandering onto different porches in Auburn. Blindness has its challenges and inside of an animal shelter those obstacles can grow. New sounds, confinement, and strange people create stress. Our volunteers and Cat Behaviorist made sure they received the extra attention and care to keep them comfortable.

After months of waiting, Trixie was adopted by a compassionate woman who offered her the life she deserved. Shortly after Trixie was adopted, Tibor arrived at Rescue Village but he wasn’t there for long! A month later Trixie’s mom returned to RV to adopt Tibor. All three are living together in harmony. We work hard for every cat in our care. We offer soft touch, for cats that accept it, all the way to clicker training for cats who need to “improve their resume.” The RV cat program uses enrichment, behavioral help, and a deep belief that every adoptable cat has a soul mate out there. We are proud to be “CATvocates!”

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Through 63 total foster homes
The Long Journey Home

The Rescue Village Barn Program points the way to a more humane world for horses and farm animals. Its role in rescue, and providing safe haven while animals are rehabilitated and re-homed, is crucial to Geauga County. We live in an agricultural county which is the center of the horse world in Ohio. Through its work, the barn has built an impressive record of successes. Scores of horses and farm animals have found shelter and second chances because of the indomitable spirit of RV staff, volunteers, and friends who support the care of these fine animals.

A horse named Zoey arrived in 2011 - close to starvation, her coat filthy, her eyes like dim lights, survival uncertain. She was discovered when a neighbor did not see footprints in the snow leading to a barn for days. Yet they knew there were animals inside. The Rescue Village Humane Agent legally searched the property and found Zoey and another horse who tragically succumbed to neglect.

Zoey was moved to Rescue Village just in time. No one was sure she would survive the refeeding process. After a year of rehabilitation, she beat the odds and pulled through, slowly putting on weight and learning to trust again. Her personality re-emerged and she was a fiery mount to ride. In the words of Adrianne, her friend and trainer, “Once she learned to trust someone, she would give to the moon and back. Zoey attached quickly to other horses, as though she never wanted to be alone again.”

Over the next three years, Zoey lived in foster care at another barn. It is not easy to find new homes for older horses like Zoey. In 2014, a young woman from Ontario, Canada drove five hours to see her. She had been following Zoey’s story on RV’s website for two years. It was love at first sight. Last November, Zoey crossed the Canadian border and began her new life with someone who wanted nothing more than to love her like a family member.

Sometimes we are asked, “Why do you put so much care into a horse or goat?” Part of the answer is that RV is responsible for enforcing Ohio humane law statutes in Geauga County. But a deeper answer emerges through the scores of stories about Zoey, Muriel or Cricket the pig, Lady BaBa the goat, and more. All animals deserve our moral concern. Their long journeys home underline our humanity and enrich our world.
The Indomitable Spirit of Rescue

We passed this property a million times. Going 50 mph on a country road means you can’t tell what’s way back off road. Stopping cruelty and neglect depends on tips and complaints. We follow-up every single cruelty and neglect complaint. On these rolling hills, we discover, far too often, a barn full of neglected dogs or a house overrun with Jack Russell terriers hidden in back rooms.

This is the stuff of hoarding, involving neglect and cruelty. Rescue Village has taken responsibility for protecting the animals of our county. There is no government funding for this work. Yet, we are the first line of defense, prevention, and protection. While this rescue work strains the shelter to its limits, it is at the core of our mission. 150 animals came to RV through our Humane Law program in 2014, despite being under construction. Our expanded shelter will have the space to take rescued animals in and keep our promise that they will never know abuse and neglect again.

An indomitable spirit drives humane agents and staff, the animals they rescue, and the adopters who open their hearts and homes.
Spay it Forward

“Spay/Neuter is a simple solution to a complex problem. Simply put, sterilizing cats and dogs means fewer animals crowding shelters, and fewer animals ultimately being euthanized.” This quote, taken from Humane Alliance, perfectly expresses why Rescue Village has directed so many resources, human and financial, to our tapestry of Spay/Neuter programs.

In our newly expanded shelter we have the capacity to fix even more community cats through our CatSmart Program than ever before. These cats, who live outside, may be feral, semi-feral, or friendly but, left unaltered, will keep reproducing. After being humanely trapped, the cats come to RV, where they are fixed, ear tipped (so they will not be trapped again), and returned to their homes. This simple “outpatient” surgery is essential to helping alleviate the problem of cat overpopulation in rural, suburban, and urban landscapes.

In addition to our CatSmart Program, we provide a rural low-cost Spay/Neuter program called Fix it in the Farmland. This program helps low income and Amish residents of Geauga County and has altered legions of dogs and cats over the past 4 years. We believe in reaching out to animals and people in need, building understanding, and forging new relationships that open doors to more responsible pet ownership and animal care. Our commitment to Spay/Neuter programs is about “spaying it forward” and being pro-active leaders in hands-on animal welfare.
Is that YOU Cuddling that Cat?
The person cuddling that cat, walking that dog, putting on that event, assisting with camps may be your neighbor, your co-worker, or it may be YOU! It literally takes a village to care for and adopt out thousands of animals each year. We are lucky enough to have a corps of over 500 dedicated volunteers, each one of them essential.

RV volunteers are committed to our mission. Sheri shows her dedication by coming in at 8:00 AM on Sundays to walk dogs. Tami expresses her commitment by never hesitating to say yes when we ask her to foster yet another litter of kittens. Jan and Gai are longtime volunteers who have watched us evolve from a small shelter on Merritt Road to the state of the art facility we are today. To say the least, our volunteers are talented, generous, and devoted to animal life-saving. With our new building we need more volunteers than ever!

Without these amazing individuals Rescue Village could not stand. Words cannot describe how thankful and fortunate we are to have each and every one of them.

VOLUNTEERING:
Active Volunteers ........................................... 555
Hours .............................................................. 95,752

EDUCATION:
Children .................................................. 3,546
Campers ....................................................... 100
Schools .......................................................... 56
Ambassadors ............................................... 52
Camp Help .................................................... 7
Scouts ............................................................ 27

Kids of Today ... Animal Guardians of Tomorrow
Our Humane Educator, Nicole Latosky, often says, “If you ever see little kids hanging onto someone, that is probably me!” Well…it’s true. Whenever you see Nicole, you will often see a line of kids following close behind along with her rescued Pug and Boston Terrier.

While she lets the kids play with the puppies and cuddle the kittens, she is also making sure that they learn the importance of extending kindness and care towards animals. After all, the kids of today are the animal guardians of tomorrow.

From pre-school story time to summer/winter camps, to birthday parties at Rescue Village, it is our mission to ensure our youth understands the values of respect and compassion that will make the world a better place.
Since 2008 we’ve dreamt about new puppy kennels, a kitten adoption room, an expanded clinic and more...all of the things that will help save even more lives. In 2014, this dream was on the road to becoming a reality.

As the cranes moved in and staff shuffled around, the new Rescue Village began to take shape. At times working through construction was rough, but we had to continue our life saving work. We watched old walls come down and new ones go up and before we knew it, the cranes moved out and the heavy equipment was gone. Now, all the folks who “survived” the construction of 2014-2015, are ready to get going.

The Rescue Village we all knew a year ago has changed. This new Rescue Village will feel like home – welcoming to animals and people, who need help, who want to help, or both. It will inspire you and include you.

As we look back, we honor the past and are ready to reach for the future – with you – our humane community. We successfully raised over $3,200,000, adding 10,000 square feet to the shelter, and remodeling key areas for animal intake, care, and education. This begins a new stage in Rescue Village’s role as a leader in animal welfare in northeast Ohio. We could not have done it without you! Congratulations and thank you for all of your support.
2014 Financial Report
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| Net Change          | $(390,480) |                   |

*Operating contributions includes endowment transfer of $225,000.00
**Campaign Contributions includes pledges, stock gifts, and donations for building expansion
***Campaign Expenses include Administrative, Architectural, and Legal expenses for expansion

TOTAL OUTCOMES:
Adoptions .......................... 1,713
Return to Owner ..................... 38
Transferred Out ........................ 28
Died or DOA .......................... 19

Euthanasia:
Medical .......................... 94
(82 cats, 12 dogs, 1 small animal)
Behavioral ........................ 53
(46 cats, 7 dogs)
2014 Donor Recognition

We recognize that our donors collectively represent the present success and future fulfillment of our mission. It is through countless volunteer hours and significant financial contributions that Rescue Village is able to maintain its high standard of care. Rescue Village is grateful to the many donors who supported us in 2014.

Rescue Village’s Legacy Program
Planned gifts are used by many people who wish to make a significant contribution to Rescue Village, but want to take advantage of significant tax benefits and have the opportunity to create a substantial lifetime income stream for themselves or a family member(s).

If you are interested in obtaining more information about our planned giving program, please call the development office at (440) 338-4819, ext. 40.

LEGACY GIFTS
Legacy gifts are critical to the ongoing financial sustainability of Rescue Village. Those who have included Rescue Village in their will or estate plan will be recognized on a donor wall in the lobby of the newly expanded and renovated shelter. Members are invited to attend an annual celebration in honor of their commitment.

The following individuals have not only remembered Rescue Village in their will or estate plans but have notified us of their intention to do so. Our thanks go out to them, and the many others, who have included Rescue Village in their long term plans.

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Margo and James Walker
Nadine and Michael Wallman
Frann Zverina
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CONSTANT COMPANIONS
$1,000 - $4,999
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Pearce and Anne Ames
Anonymous (3)
Linda Augustus
Wendy Augustus
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Wink and Jane Baldwin
Rebecca Brayton Bendik
Larry and Elise Bennett
Mel Berger and Jane Haylor

BEQUESTS
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The Estate of Marian Unterberger
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