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**Mission:** To promote the humane treatment of companion animals through protection, placement, education, and example.

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## from the president



For 85 years, the Capital Area Humane Society has been working to promote the humane treatment of companion animals through protection, placement, education, and example. Though our beginnings were humble, our organization has grown to serve thousands of animals in the Greater Lansing Region and beyond, every year. While we are very proud of our good work, we also understand the complex needs of shelter animals. Our current facility is not meeting the necessities of our community and the animals we care for.

In 2014, we began a journey to address these needs. In 2017, we completed the first phase of our comprehensive 10-year facilities plan, with the addition of an Intake Center and an update to our cat housing and adoption area. While we were very excited to complete this portion of the project, there was still a tremendous amount of work to be done. **In 2019, we launched the early stages of a fundraising campaign, Creating Hope, Completing Families, to create a cruelty prevention department and renovate our puppy and dog adoption areas.**

Just as we were gaining momentum, COVID-19 left our campaign grounded, as we turned our focus to managing our organization through the uncharted waters of a pandemic. With some funding secured, we began construction to renovate a portion of our existing building to house our full-scale cruelty prevention department. While there were multiple delays along the way, we are pleased to share that we are projecting this area to be fully functional before the end of 2021.

It is now time to turn our focus back to realizing our vision. In this issue of *Paw Prints*, you will get a glimpse of our plans to completely renovate our animal adoption area. While we appreciate that the events over the past 18 months have impacted our ability to move forward, we believe that we need to refocus our efforts on our outdated facilities. You will see more information about the project in the coming months. I hope that you will join me in creating a better future for the animals at the Capital Area Humane Society.

Julia Willson, President & CEO

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## Creating Hope, COMPLETING FAMILIES CAMPAIGN

The Creating Hope, Completing Families Campaign will focus on state-of-the-art dog and puppy housing, with a strong focus on stress reduction and disease control.

- Our existing dog and puppy adoption areas are high-stress environments that can lead to health and behavior issues. They are also too small and outdated to accommodate the animals.
- The flooring system in the animal adoption areas is challenging to clean and sanitize, which is contributing to the spread of disease. We have been battling faulty flooring since our building was constructed in 1991.
- Our laundry and food preparation areas are insufficient in size and scope. They were not designed with effective disease control measures and cannot process the amount of laundry produced on a daily basis.
- There is limited space designated for animal enrichment, exercise, and play, which is important to our animals' overall health and well-being.

As leaders in our industry, we understand it is necessary to make improvements to enable us to grow, save more lives, and educate the community about the proper care of our animals. When complete, these renovations will provide a quality shelter experience for our pets, our staff, our adoptive families, and our volunteers. We invite you to join us on this exciting endeavor, as we embark on this life-changing initiative to benefit the animals and our community.

For more information on this campaign, and to see how you can get involved, please visit [www.CAHSCampaign.org](http://www.CAHSCampaign.org).



**Goal: \$2.5 million**

■ **To collect: \$500,000**

■ **Raised: \$2 million**

The comprehensive budget for the project is \$2.5 million. Over the past nine months, we completed the construction of the cruelty prevention department at a cost of approximately \$500,000. The renovation of the puppy and dog adoption area will total \$2 million.

To date, **CAHS has raised \$2 million of the \$2.5 million for the total project.** We are now re-launching the Creating Hope, Completing Families Campaign to secure the remainder of the funding to make this project a reality for the animals.

## Many Ways to Make a Life-Saving Donation

Did you know when you donate long-term appreciated securities — including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds — directly to charity, you can deduct the current fair market value, rather than the original purchase price?

It's true. You can usually deduct the full fair market value of appreciated long-term assets you've held for more than one year. In addition, if you donate stock or other investments, you pay no capital gains tax.

Please contact Jamie Matwiczuk, Director of Development, at [jfuhr@AdoptLansing.org](mailto:jfuhr@AdoptLansing.org) or (517) 626-6060 ext. 120 for more information.



## URGENT SHELTER NEEDS WISHLIST

Martingale Collars (Medium)

Break-Away Cat Collars

Soft Dog Treats

Cat Treats

New Dog and Cat Toys

Peanut Butter

Dry Cat Food (Any Brand)

## HAPPY TAIL : Koko

Koko, a 2-month-old puppy, came to CAHS from an extremely overcrowded shelter in Tennessee. They were out of space and desperately needed help, so we transported roughly 30 puppies and dogs to our shelter in June 2019. Koko was treated for worms, spayed, and put up for adoption, where she was adopted a few days later. Her mom emailed us a Happy Tail update recently:

“We adopted Koko as a puppy in June of 2019. We kept her shelter name, but added a middle name of Grace, because she thinks she's a princess.

Koko, now 2 years old, is a smart, confident girl who loves, in no particular order: snuggles, long walks, car rides, and bananas. She's taken classes at a local obedience center and enjoys showing off what she learned.

Adopting Koko was one of the best decisions we've ever made. She's brought so much love and joy to our house!”

Words cannot describe how grateful we are to all of you who support our mission. Without you, wonderful matches, like Koko and her family, would never have been made. Thank you!

