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

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President's Message

Creating Hope

In 2014, the Capital Area Humane Society embarked on a comprehensive journey to renovate and expand our facilities to better care for the animals we serve. While we understood it would be a challenge, the past two years have presented some unexpected obstacles.

I am incredibly proud of all that we have been able to accomplish with the **Creating Hope, Completing Families Campaign**, while navigating the COVID pandemic. Thanks to very generous support from our community, we completed the Judith A. Posey Anti-Cruelty Center, added a much-needed radiology suite to our shelter clinical center, and we are currently renovating our kitten adoption area. We have so much to celebrate, especially considering CAHS also had the most successful year of **Creating Families**, in 2021, with a record-breaking 4,355 adoptions!

We are in the final push to make our vision for the animals a reality. In this issue of Paw Prints, you will read about the final project in this campaign, the renovation of the dog and puppy adoption area. Under the guidance of a national animal shelter architectural firm, we have reimagined the way dogs in shelters should be housed. The results will be innovative and will create a safer and healthier environment for our canine friends waiting for their new families.

We are in the home stretch of our fundraising goal for this final project. Please join us in the **Creating Hope, Completing Families Campaign**, and be part of a beautiful future for shelter animals in our community.

Julia Willson, President & CEO

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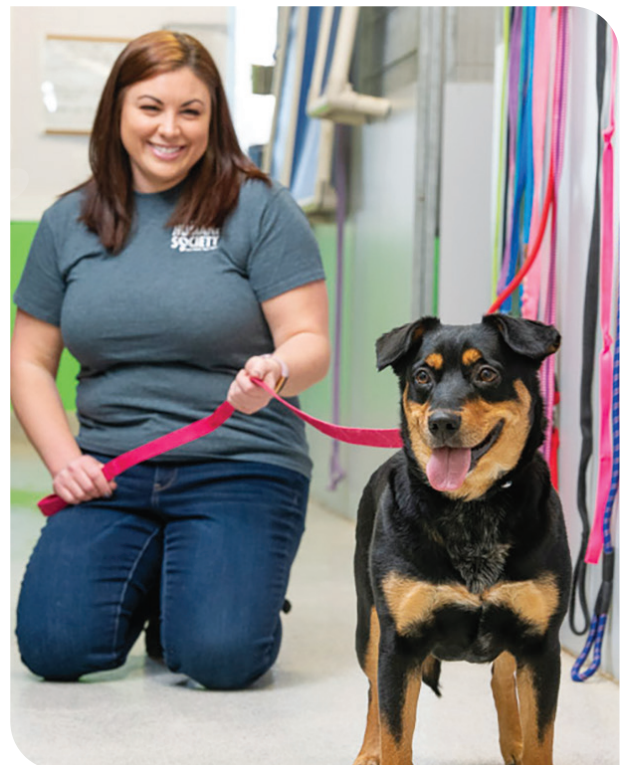
WHAT MAKES CAHS *Unique*:

- 🐾 We are a local and independent nonprofit organization. We are not affiliated with any other organizations, nor do we receive government funding or tax dollars.
- 🐾 We rehabilitate animals with health and behavior issues.
- 🐾 Our animal behavior team is highly-trained, and works with each animal in our care, providing daily enrichment.
- 🐾 We have the region's most comprehensive spay and neuter program, with an off-site location dedicated to these surgeries.
- 🐾 We provide a full range of humane education programs, including camps and reading clubs.
- 🐾 Our adoptable animals receive medical care and treatment from our veterinary team, which includes three veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians. Animal euthanasia is reserved for animals with untreatable or incurable conditions.
- 🐾 We currently transfer animals in for adoption from over 50 organizations. Most of these organizations are in our local region, but we also transfer pets from the southern states.

CHALLENGES FACING CAHS:

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 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.
- 🐾 Our laundry and food preparation area are insufficient in size and scope. They do not have 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.





HOW CAN *You* HELP?

- 🐾 **Naming Opportunities:** Contact us to claim a naming opportunity at CAHS for yourself, a beloved pet, or a loved one you wish to honor. Naming options begin at \$3,000.
- 🐾 **Gifts of Cash:** The easiest and most direct way of supporting this campaign is a gift of cash.
- 🐾 **A Multi-Year Pledge Commitment:** May be payable over a three-year period for total gifts over \$3,000.
- 🐾 **Qualified Charitable Distributions:** If you're over age 70½, you can meet the required minimum distribution from your IRA by making a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$100,000 per year; you'll also lessen your taxable income.
- 🐾 **Schedule a Monthly Gift:** Recognizing that many caring people may not have the capacity to make a sizable gift at any one time, we suggest the alternative of making a smaller gift on a monthly basis.
- 🐾 **Gifts of Stock:** Avoid capital gains through a gift of highly appreciated stock while taking a full-value deduction on your tax returns.

To donate, visit www.CAHSCampaign.org, mail the enclosed form, or call us at (517) 626-6060 to make an impact.

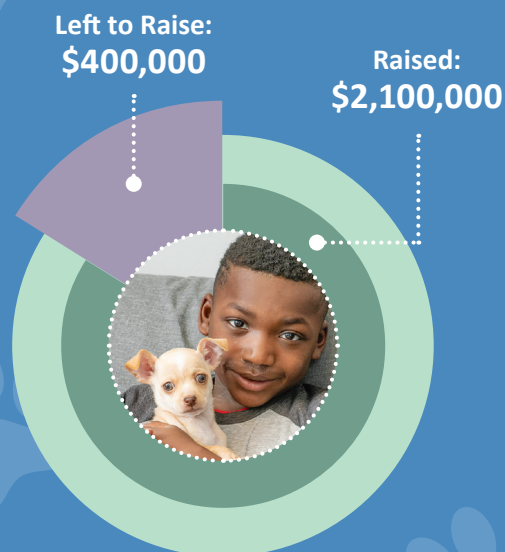
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Campaign BUDGET:

Much of the \$2.5 million project cost has been funded through a combination of gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations. We need your generous help to raise the final \$400,000.



Goal: \$2,500,000