

Homeward Bound Dog Shelter of Ashland County

A Campaign For The Love of Dogs

Campaign Newsletter

April, 2020

The Board of Directors and the Planning Committee are pleased to provide you with this update on the progress of the Homeward Bound Dog Shelter Campaign. While the current pandemic has slowed our progress; none-the-less, we have been fortunate to receive additional support that has moved us that much closer to our financial goal. But, the real goal is to provide a new and modern home for the County's lost and homeless dogs and to provide them with the physical, mental and necessary medical care they deserve.

The Homeward Bound Dog Shelter of Ashland County, Inc. has secured the site, developed the site plan, selected a contractor and will break ground and begin building the Shelter once the Campaign has reached its goal and the money is available for the project. We believe it is our fiduciary responsibility to secure the funds before we build and open the Shelter. Therefore, we will continue to reach out to the community for their support. Following is our update through April 15, 2020.

Campaign Attainment

As of this writing, the Campaign has received seventy-seven (90) gifts and pledges totaling \$680,266 or about 73.5% of the \$925,000 announced goal. Of this amount, \$531,915 has been designated for construction and \$148,350 for endowment. This compares with (77) gifts and pledges totaling \$578,720 as reported in the previous Newsletter.

Based on these numbers, our remaining challenge is to raise another \$143,085 for construction and \$101,650 for endowment before the Board of Directors can break ground and begin construction.

Challenge Gifts/Pledges

We have been fortunate to receive two challenge Gifts/Pledges that continue to help us toward the ultimate goal of \$925,000.

The Angels' Challenge

This challenge offered by a small group of caring citizens, For the Love of Dogs, has attracted \$320,266; just \$39,734 away from meeting the Angels' Challenge of \$360,000. With the help of future donors, we are confident the challenge will be met in the very near future. We thank this group of donors for creating the challenge and for their belief in the Homeward Bound Dog Shelter project.

Wolfe Endowment Challenge

More recently, we received another Challenge; an Endowment Challenge of \$50,000 from the Ronald Gene Wolfe Endowed Fund managed by the Ashland County Community Foundation. The purpose of his fund is to support organizations who care for cats and dogs. This challenge will match dollar for dollar gifts to the Homeward Bound Dog Shelter Endowed Fund, also managed by the ACCF, established to provide ongoing support for the operation of the Shelter in the years ahead. As mentioned above, our Endowment goal is \$250,000 with attainment to date of \$148,350. This leaves \$101,650 to reach that goal. This Challenge will help us close that gap and insure the future operations of the Shelter.

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Commemorative Naming Gift Opportunities

As the list below indicates, there are many Commemorative Gift opportunities remaining and waiting for a donor or donors to permanently honor and/or create a lasting tribute to a loved one, for oneself or for a beloved pet. To date, we have received thirty-three (33) naming gifts, including twenty (20) gifts designated for Kennels. The naming gift opportunities still available are as follows:

- Private Intake Entrance..... \$25,000.00
- Receiving/Isolation Room.....\$25,000.00
- Adoption/Interview Room..... \$25,000.00
- Food Pantry.....\$15,000.00
- Offices (3)\$15,000.00 (each)
- Fire Plug Station..... \$ 5,000.00
- Trees (6).....\$ 1,500.00 (each)
- Adoption Kennels (70).....\$ 1,000.00 (each)

To discuss a commemorative gift opportunity please contact Gene Haberman, Campaign Advisor, at 419/282-6596 or at ghaberman@zoominternet.net or talk with any of the Planning Committee members listed below.

Board of Directors and Planning Committee

Because of the Shelter in Place order, the Board of Directors and the Planning Committee have been unable to meeting. However, we have made every effort of keep in touch and to reach out to our donors and prospective donors. Fortunately, there is still email and the phone. And, of course, the US Mail and this Newsletter.

We believe that once we get by this world-wide pandemic and return to some semblance of normal, the creation of the new Shelter will be even more important and undoubtedly needed. What we do today for the Love of Dogs and for the benefit of our Ashland County citizens will pay dividends for years to come. Your continued interest and support is important and encouraged. Please consider what you can do today and tomorrow to help the Board of Directors and the Planning Committee reach this challenging goal and to better serve our community.

Thank you for your interest in and support of the Homeward Bound Dog Shelter, If you have any questions, please contact Ralph Tomassi, President, 419/651-3195; Bill Harvey, Vice President, 419/289-7007; or any member of our Board of Directors or the Planning Committee.

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