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“Not pretty enough”

You may have heard that we've started doing intakes again. . . very slowly as to not become overwhelmed. . . mostly. Our first “official” transport was met on May 17th along with a number of other rescuers. We were disturbed to find the puppies were not transported (sad story – I won't go into it), but we did get the 2 moms with kittens, a coonhound named “Cletus”, and a little terrier named “Mia”. All are in varying stages of medical treatment and should be available for adoption by the time you read this. Our transport person (Suzanne), was privy to conversations at the meeting site which were upsetting and quite frankly, all too common. Some of the puppies were not as cute as was expected and there was conflict as to who would get the prettiest kittens. (No conflict from the Hope Safehouse group as we like “butt-ugly”)

I realize most people are attracted to the beautiful longhaired kitten, or the handsome golden retriever. We bypass the Plain Jane cat and the black dog as all too common. We are similarly attracted to beautiful people when looking for a life mate. Joe or Jane human possessing no outstanding physical features oftentimes are disregarded. We are so taken with the likes of Johnny Depp (my personal favorite) or Beyonce that we forget what makes a relationship sustainable. It's what's on the inside; the loyalty, honesty, compassion, the love. . . We as humans are so much about the physicality that we struggle with our ability to see beyond the surface.

The universe taught me a valuable lesson some years ago when looking to adopt another Great Dane. At a rescue in Madison there were numerous Danes available and I was particularly attracted to a handsome 6-month-old Harlequin (no; not Dozer). He was a young, wild child with few manners but he was beautiful! The staff at this rescue tried very hard to

dissuade me from choosing this dog as my home environment required a dog that was good with other dogs, cats and kids. This beautiful Harlequin was a little cat sharp and that would have been problematic in my home. They instead persuaded me to adopt this 3-year-old fawn female who quite frankly was homely. She had been used as a breeder dog her whole life and she looked a little “rode hard and put away wet”. Yet she was very sweet and balanced, eager for human interaction. We took her home, tended to her needs and watched the most beautiful personality emerge. She loved everyone she met. She was polite and gentle with children. She was exceptional with other dogs and cats. I could walk her unleashed and she never strayed from my side. Medically she had some issues for the first few months, which caused her to vomit and to have massive diarrhea, yet she always managed to “find the newspaper”. I never taught her this, she just seemed to know. I am ashamed to admit that because “she wasn't pretty enough”, I was willing to pass her by. I was attracted to the “pretty face” instead of looking for substance. What a mistake that would have been because if there is such a thing as a perfect dog – it was my “Olga”.



Lindsey Krekling, a senior at St. Catherine's High School, has found the more she volunteers, the more she wants to give back to her community. She is involved in many clubs at her school, such as Student Ambassadors Volunteering Everywhere, Angel Ambassadors, Student Council, Environmental Club, National Honor Society and she even created a Medical Prep Club. Every year, the National Honor Society finds a group in need of community service. As a member of National Honor Society, she took it upon herself to construct a yearly project with the rest of her members. She has a passion for animals, currently a proud owner of a one-year-old German Shepherd. She decided to base the project around a certain group of people who were in need of assistance and chose HOPE Safehouse. Once Lindsey heard about HOPE's huge medical bill from the animals HOPE had rescued, she knew she had picked the right group to sponsor.

Lindsey worked with another club at St. Catherine's, Campus Ministry, to make this fundraiser possible. To educate her school on the importance of helping this group, she arranged for HOPE to come speak during an assembly at St. Catherine's. Lynn, Sherri, Mikey, Suzanne, Maureen, Nick and Caroline (with their respective canine companions) graciously accepted and came to speak at St. Catherine's at the beginning of March to educate the students about HOPE and dogs.

Consequently, Lindsey's fundraiser officially began for the month of March. She started the fundraiser effort by having a donation box at two of the St. Catherine's boys basketball games. Since the fundraiser went so well with such a large crowd, she decided to get all of St. Catherine's involved and held a bake sale. Many students offered to help, and there were so many baked goods they had to continue the bake sale throughout the whole day. Lindsey knew she was helping with HOPE's medical bill but she also knew that HOPE can always use supplies, so she organized a competition for her school's home-rooms to collect much-needed items.

Lastly, she held a pancake breakfast at the end of March to conclude her project. Lindsey's efforts have greatly impacted HOPE Safehouse and the community. We want to thank Lindsey and her assistants, David Sockness & Kelli Rush, for putting so much time and effort into this project and helping to raise a significant amount of money for HOPE.



Pictured above is part of the group that spoke at St. Catherine's High School on March 2, along with Lindsey (pictured far left).

With the recent economy, many people are finding that they need to move. One of the big questions is "What apartment will accept my animals?" There is now a website available that will help locate pet friendly apartments. Katie Reardon created www.myapartmentmap.com/pet_friendly/ so others would have an easier time finding a place to live with their furry companions than she did.

**Congratulations to the
2011 Raffle Winners:**

\$1,000 winner: Mrs. James Scharding

\$500 winner: Lynn Tracy

\$250 winner: Sue Balcarek

\$50 winner: Chris & Julie Semrad

T-shirt winners:

Joanne Castillo
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Lorna George
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Thank you to Dover Flag & Map for donating the proceeds of their Nano Bug Races held in April during Downtown Racine's First Fridays. People donated \$1.00 to race the battery-operated bugs. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Thank you to Friki Tiki and manager Brian Grabher for hosting another kick-off party at the Chancery in April. There was a raffle with the proceeds going to HOPE. Thank you to Jan Johnson & Sam Kupper for representing HOPE at this event. Don't forget Doggie Happy Hour on Mondays this summer. See page 6 for more details.

Thank you, again, to Friki Tiki for donating the money they made by turning in their aluminum cans for recycling. They collected their cans through the whole summer-we really appreciate this effort.

Thank you to Havahart, Petco, Pet Supplies Plus and Woofdorf Asotria for continuing to allow us to have a donation jar at their locations. The small change really adds up. Thank you to everyone that donated their change.

Thank you to the Krtanjeks who used Christie Graham of Homestead Realty as their realtor. Christie will donate 3% of her commission check to the animal shelter of her client's choice and the Krtanjeks chose HOPE.

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H.O.P.E. Mailbag

Packer (renamed Hunter) is getting up there in age, but is still with us. Attached is a photo! Thank you for such a wonderful addition to the family!

Kim & Mark Korzenecki



Lynn,

Just wanted you to know that we had to put down our kitty, Tanner, that we got from HOPE when our daughter was 8 years old. She was going to be 28 in November.

Tanner was a guard kitty.

Thanks.

Lou Killberg



Here is a picture of Brie & Kayla Zukewich

Lynn,

Enclosed is a check in memory of Frank, one of the Katrina cats who crossed over to Rainbow Bridge. Frank was a true survivor – he arrived from Katrina with a missing ear tip and a “beat up” nose. His loving personality and gentle nature made him a favorite with the cat volunteers. Anyone who worked that rescue effort knows how

emotionally draining it was. Every night before going home, I pulled a chair in front of Frank’s cage and Frank crawled into my lap, put his arms around my neck and just stayed there. Frank chose Katie & David as his family – I am sure he had the best years of his life with them. He battled skin cancer twice, diabetes and finally kidney failure. Katie said his gentle, loving nature never faltered – I’m not surprised – Frank was one of the best.

Kathy Garski

Hello! My name is Siegfried and I'm the big, handsome guy in the front. My older sister, Brunhild, is hanging out in the back. I have one even older sister, Kriemhild, but she's sleeping all the time, so we couldn't get her into the photo shoot. It's about one year since I was adopted by my mom. It was kind of scary at first because Brunhild kept picking on me because I was little, but now look who's bigger! We have a great relationship and spend lots of time playing together up and down the stairs in our new house. Sometimes we play so hard that we just get exhausted and fall asleep mid-wrestle and it looks like we're hugging. One of my favorite things to do is sit on mom when she's stretched out on the couch watching television. Time to go get in some mischief! Bye!

Rachel

I truly can't imagine life without my "big boy". He's the first male cat I've ever had.



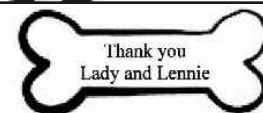
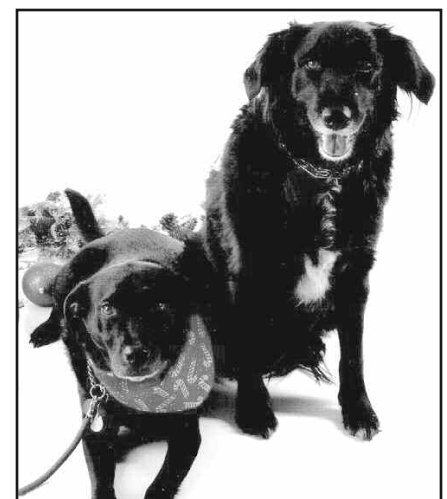
Dear H.O.P.E. Safehouse,

Lennie and I would like to thank your organization and the wonderful volunteers who saved our lives and allowed us to become the happy, productive canines we are today. Lennie and I were rescued during hurricane Katrina and sent to H.O.P.E. Safehouse collection site, formerly an Aldi's location, for processing. We arrived like many other refugees in sad shape, huddled in crates, fearful of everyone and everything. The organizers and volunteers at H.O.P.E. were our salvation.

Lennie and I eventually found our forever homes with volunteers Sherri and Mikey who we love and adore. We have both been through various obedience and trick classes, work on a drill team, and are certified by TDI (Therapy Dogs International). We participate in presentations on animal health and safety at various schools and children's groups. Lennie and I are big on giving back to the community that has given us so much.

Canines as you may well know are in possession of an amazing ability to overcome, forgive, and move forward. Dwelling on the past just isn't in our nature. Through kindness and persistence of the caretakers and volunteers at H.O.P.E. we and many others have been able to flourish, finding loving devoted homes and families.

(Pictured Lennie on the left, Lady on the right)



Dear H.O.P.E. Safehouse,

My sister, Karen Norton, passed away unexpectedly last year and I had to find a realtor to help me with selling her house. With me living in California, my sister's neighbor, Debi Holmes, helped me obtain Christie Graham of Homestead Realty to sell the house. We chose Christie because of her dedication to saving animals, and helping to stop animal cruelty.

After we sold my sister's house, you received a donation from Christie. She requested that you make this donation in memory of my sister. With such an honorable and unselfish request, I want to make sure we don't overlook the great work Christie does for animals. She donates 3% of every commission check towards her client's choice of animal shelters! What a way to pay it forward.

I would like to match Christie's donation and make this donation in HER HONOR for all the ways she helps animals and animal shelters.

Sincerely,
Joseph Norton

In the April newsletter there is an "in memory" for Laura Doperalski. I am not sure if you are able to contact the people who gave but I would like them to know that Laura's work in animal rescue continues. She was the leader in saving the dogs from the Columbiana County Dog Pound in Lisbon. She started an on-line rescue group and the group is still very active in saving the dogs. When Laura became ill and was no longer able to devote much time to helping broadcast the needs of the dogs she asked me to continue. I promised her that I would. I would like to somehow connect with any of her friends, family or co-workers to let them know that she is still an incredibly important element of rescue.

My son is always asking me why I help save the dogs at Columbiana and other pounds and it is impossible to explain that it is because of Laura. Every pound needs a Laura and I keep at it in her memory.

Margaret Cloud

Dear Staff,

I'm enclosing a check to help you in your quest to fulfill the needs of the animals. My husband & I did what we could when you rescued the "Katrina pets". I remem-

ber holding and loving 5 or 6 puppies who were very sick. Keep up the wonderful work you all do. God Bless you for your true dedication.

Sincerely,
June Hartog

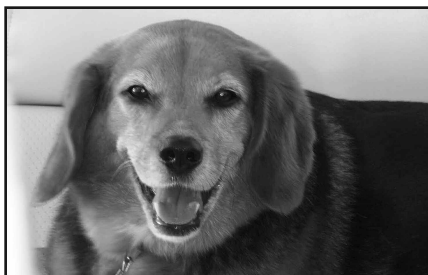
Dear Lynn,

We put our dear sweet baby to sleep last week Wednesday, on Ash Wednesday. It would count as one of the most difficult days of my life. We were there with him as he went to sleep, and told him how much we loved him and would miss him. We miss him so much.

I wanted to write to you to let you know, and also to thank you so very much for all the time and caring you gave to me as we made this decision. It helped so much that those who brought Scout (*editors note: HOPE name Paul*) into our lives were also there to help us when we needed to decide it was time. Your presence and support brought so much comfort to us, and helped us make the best decision. I do not know how I would have done it without you.

We feel so fortunate to have adopted our wonderful dog through you, and hope to do so again someday when a dog might match our family. I will be sending a donation in memory of Scout, but in also honor of you, in the mail.

Thanks,
Susan



To the dedicated helpers at H.O.P.E. Safehouse:

I adopted an older cat from your organization about a year and a half ago. His name was Elmoe, later changed to Arlo and he is an orange tabby who was being fostered by Maureen Potter and family. He is my loving companion.

Keep up your dedicated work.

Sincerely,
Jean Davis

Dear Lynn & all at Safehouse,

Thank you for all you do. In November 1991, we adopted a very young white kitten named Puff. She is known as "Anya" and at 19 ½ years old, she is still with us! She is losing her sight & has some of her kidney function but with the right food, she does well.

We are glad to have her!

Tammy & Gary Shortess

Pet bereavement counseling will be offered at no charge and on a "by appointment only" basis to foster parents and pet owners at the Hope Safehouse office on Saturdays.

The counseling will be done by Heidi Endres, who is a professional counselor, art therapist, and a recent foster-to-adoptive parent to Mavrik, one of HOPE's lucky rescue dogs from Missouri. Prior to this, Heidi was a bereavement counselor/art therapist on Sundays for almost a year at the Elmbrook Humane Society in Brookfield and she is also on an on-call basis as a pet bereavement counselor for the "Peaceful Pets" Pet Funeral and Cremation Services in Richfield.

Please call HOPE's office at (262) 634-4571 to book your Saturday session and give us at least one week's notice for ease of scheduling.

The counseling sessions will offer talking and/or memorial art-making, depending on how people are feeling. For those who are interested in doing the featured art project, you are welcome to bring along a photo or photocopies of photos of your beloved pet to use in the project. Free art supplies will be provided to you for making the project. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

In Memory of... Pets

- "B.B.C. (Brave Black Cat)"** ~ beloved feline of Deborah Dimond ~ White Rose Pet Memorial Services
- "Bear"** ~ beloved pet of Judy McGregor & Dick Gallun ~ Mary Walker
- "Blossom"** ~ beloved feline of Dr. Joy Wolf ~ Sandra & David Steinke
- "Frank"** ~ beloved feline of Katie & David Knabel ~ Kathy Garski
- "Gaby Jones"** ~ beloved Yorkie of Terry & Anita Jones ~ Patricia Yoghourtjian
- "Gator"** ~ beloved canine of Judy Moungey ~ Ann & Patrick Grady
- "Jessie"** ~ beloved feline of Barry & Jean Mano
- "Kenny"** ~ beloved feline of Deborah Dimond ~ White Rose Pet Memorial Services
- "Kramer"** ~ beloved feline of Mary & Dave Hopkins ~ Ann & Patrick Grady
- "Mandy"** ~ beloved pet of Bea Janiszewski
- "Molly"** ~ beloved feline of Virginia Burns
- "Oreo"** ~ beloved pet of Beth Blimling
- "Patty Donahue"** ~ beloved feline of Merle Donahue
- "PJ"** ~ beloved beautiful loving kitty of Margaret Gebhard
- "Princess"** ~ beloved pet of the Winiecki's ~ Kathy & Jerry Winiecki
- "Quincy"** ~ beloved feline of Caroline Flanigan ~ Lovey
- "Samantha Bulik"** ~ beloved Airedale of Elsie Nelson
- "Scout"** ~ beloved canine of Susan McNeil
- "Skylar"** ~ beloved Border Collie of Marcia Andis ~ Matt & Rita Andis
- "Spooky"** ~ beloved feline of Holly De Groot

In Memory of... People

- In Memory of Dan Bednar**
Jana Snyder
- In Memory of Lou Cristiano**
Thomas Mielke
- In Memory of Laura Doperalski**
Thomas & Ann Davis
- In Memory of Raymond & Margaret Falkavage**
Wayne Wrolstad
- In Memory of Paul Gales**
Carol Ohde
- In Memory of Allen Gill**
Gwen Gill
- In Memory of George Gold**
Kim Geiger
Milwaukee Broadcasters Club
"Princess, Richard, Moses, Angel & Buddy"
Suzanne Talaga
- In Memory of Betty Johnson**
Kimberly & Gregory Emmrich
Janan Feken
Toni Hammes
Julie Heusdens
Katie Hilker
Robert & Winifred Peterson
Irene Schmidt
Mark Schmidt
Beau & April Steinmetz
Juanita Vick & Janan Feken
- In Memory of Gail Lamer**
Jennifer Lantz
- In Memory of Karen Norton**
Christie Graham
Debra Holmes
Joseph Norton
- In Memory of Dom Perone Sr.**
Steve & Alice Chmielewski
- In Memory of Shirley Peterson**
Nancy Spohn
- In Memory of Eleanor (Hansche) Robsel**
Dolores & Clayton Sorensen
- In Memory of Gil Ruston**
Richard Ruston
Diane, Dave & Beth Snyder
- In Memory of Peggy Schafer**
Twin Disc Employee Association
- In Memory of Wally Seiske**
Kathy & Jerry Winiecki

ADOPTED!

- "Ashlee"** – Ariana Huggett & Christopher Niver
- "Citron"** – Gina Cheever
- "Licorish"** – Judy & Bob Turner
- "Pucker"** – Michelle Miller & David Gottardo
- "Maxwell Smart"** – Linda Ewert
- "Thurston"** – Pamela Turicek

In Honor of...

- Betty Kern** – Betty Goebel
- Christie Graham** – For all the ways you help save animals & help animal shelters – Joseph Norton
- "Moomin & Mymble"** – Congratulations on finding a loving home with Ruth & Pat – Jan & Del Pigg
- "Rusty"** – Happy 3rd Anniversary – Jan & Del Pigg
- "Sassy"** – Mary Lou & Patricia Hill

Our condolences go to the following:

- Danka Anastasovski and her family whose brother, Petar Milosavljevic, passed away in April.
- Kathy Ginther and her family whose mother, Gail Lamer, passed away in March.

It's the fourth annual Friki Tiki Summer gathering. Please join us at Freddie's Friki Tiki bar and grill, located on the waterfront side of the Chancery restaurant, 207 Gaslight Dr. in Racine. Every Monday beginning June 6 up until Labor Day there will be a Doggy Happy Hour (3 - 7 p.m.) at the outdoor patio catering to dog owners. We invite dog owners to bring their dogs to dine and drink. Friki Tiki will provide the four-legged set treats and water bowls.

H.O.P.E. Safehouse would like to invite foster families and adopters to bring their pets for some fun and to promote our adoptable canines and our organization. Anyone who would like to volunteer to be a HOPE host or hostess, please contact the office for more details. Hope to see you there!

Gold Plated Lifetime Members

Mike & Sue Balcerek
Kris & Paul Cook
Marie Hillyer
Sherry & Gary Horton
Don and Sharon Johnson
David Misun
James and Jean Mohrhauser
Nancy Nelson
Runzheimer International
Sharon & Robert Trussell

Sadly, some of our adoptees have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. May they wear their silver wings with pride.

"Barnaby" canine adopted 7/2/04
by Bonnie & Russ Merson

"ClydeII" canine adopted 7/4/03
by Sally Smith

"Frank" feline adopted 11/5/05
by David & Katie Knabel

"Justin" canine adopted 11/10/10
by Nicole & Alan Deschler

"Kenny" feline adopted 8/21/06
by Deborah Dimond

"Paul" canine adopted 1/28/04 by
Gavin McNeil & Susan Petersen

"Snickers" feline adopted 3/4/97
by Tim Tremmel

"Spooky" feline adopted 2/8/99 by
Holly DeGroot

"Tanner" feline adopted 11/17/93
by Louise & Jerry Killberg

We try to thank all our volunteers but inevitably there are people who are missed. Samantha Kupper always seems to be overlooked.

Sam has been a volunteer for decades. It is hard to say what Sam does because it seems like she does everything. She is the volunteer coordinator that gets the volunteers to the designated fundraiser and also reviews the volunteer applications to make sure we place people with their interests. But Sam also does rescue, foster, sits on various committees and of course volunteers at our various fundraisers.

Sam loves animals so much that her real

Welcome New & Returning Members

Matt & Rita Andis
Sharon Apostoli
Marilyn Austin
Claire Banaszak
Deb & Wesley Beaty
Eunice Beckendorf
Vicki & Pete Behrens
Evelyn & Bob Belland
Claudia Berges
Jon Bolton
Lynn Bretz
Gary Bronson
Virginia Burns
Steve & Alice Chmielewski
Mike & Mary Conley
Carol & Bill Cote
Sandra Daugherty
Karl David & Elaine Radwanski
Diane Dunn
Doug & Sherri Duty
Tina Emmerling
Jim & Judy Feller
Judith & James Feller
Caroline Flanigan
Carol Fritchen
Kathy Garski
Susan & Robert Gentz
Elaine Giese
Mark Giese
Mary Alice Gilbertson
Gwen Gill
Betty Goebel
James & Nola Gordon

Delvin Gross
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Beverly Marshall
Tony & Kathy Mattson
Mary McIlvaine
Donna Mosher
Elsie Nelson
JoAnn Neville
Bob & Joyce Newman
David & Gwen O'Cull

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Marjorie Partington
Carl & Nancy Petersen
David & Jane Pfeilstifter
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Kathleen & Norman Riddell
Sally Roberts
Bruce & Suzanne Sargent
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Howard & Mary Lou Short
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Arlene Summers
Patricia Therkelson
Mary Lou Vandenburg
Paul & Helen Vnuk
Wayne & Pat Walczak
Barbara Walker
Mary Walker
Beverly Wenzel
Mark & Catherine Zlevor

job involves working with animals at Woof-dorf Astoria Dog Hotel and Day Spa.

While many people may be familiar with Sam, they may not know that she has been volunteering at HOPE since she was twelve. We thought you might enjoy some of her original volunteer assessment that she filled out and we hope that Sam will not be too embarrassed by our sharing this with you.

When asked 'What's the best experience you've had while volunteering for us?' Sam's answer was 'duck chasing'. Yes, Sam did duck chasing, it's a long story that you may want to ask her about.

When asked 'What's the worst experience?' Sam's answer was 'stepping in cat pooh'. That's a story you may not want to ask about. Sam, you have come a long way and we are so happy you made it through the cat pooh and are still helping at HOPE.

A big thank you to Sam for her caring, passion and dedication to HOPE and its animals is just not enough - it takes a special person to be able to do rescue work. We (and the animals) hope you will continue rescue work for many years to come.

THANKS!

(cont. from pg 3)

Thank you to Jill who decided to forego birthday presents at her 8th birthday party and instead asked guests to bring items to donate to HOPE. Thank you to everyone who attended Jill's party and so generously donated items and money to HOPE. Here is a picture of Jill along with her sister Kate and best friend Caitlyn when they brought the donations to HOPE.



Thank you to PETCO Foundation for considering HOPE a worthwhile charity for the Tree of Hope 2010 fundraiser. Tree of Hope is the PETCO Foundation's annual holiday fundraising campaign where donations are collected in stores and the monies collected go directly to animal welfare groups in the areas where the donations are made. Each PETCO store chooses up to two organizations and the Racine store chose HOPE as one of the recipients. We wanted to thank PETCO's manager and workers for their kind hospitality and donations that are given on a regular basis.

Thank you to Pet Supplies Plus for donating food supplies for the animals.

Thank you to Maureen Potter and her crew-Lynn, Sherri, Mikey, Suzanne, Nick and Caroline (with their respective canine companions) who on March 2 gave an educational dog talk to approximately 350 young adults at St. Catherine's High School in Racine. The National Honors Society at St. Catherine's chose HOPE as their community service project this year and raised money for our precious rescues. Thank you to St. Catherine's senior Lindsey Kreckling for organizing this event. Please see Lindsey's story on page 2.

Thank you to Maureen, Suzanne, Mikey, Sherri, Kelly (with their pooches) who gave an educational talk on March 30 to Janice Petrakis and her Daisy Girl Scout troop of first graders at Jerstad-Agerholm Elementary School. This troop of young ladies had chosen helping animals as a community project and surprised us with collected paper bags and homemade toys and treats for the HOPE animals. These gals were a delight!

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Thank you to Wal-Mart Foundation for turning JJ Austin's volunteer hours into cash for HOPE. Thank you to JJ for continuing to volunteer all those hours at HOPE.

CAUSE FOR PAWS AUCTION

Come join us on Friday, October 7, 2011 at Fountain Banquet Hall in Sturtevant (8505 Durand Ave.) for our auction, Cause for Paws. We will play trivia, have a Pink Dingle Berry game and a silent auction with all proceeds used to reduce our medical bills.

Dress causal and be prepared to laugh as there will be sumo wrestling at this event! If you missed this event last year you don't want to miss it again.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the office.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended Hydro-Pawlooza. We want to thank the bands (Fallllen, Hwy 13, Final Approach and Spider XXX) for donating their time and talent. A thank you also goes to Liam Nugent for being the Emcee of the event. Thank you to Mixers Lounge for donating the facility for us to use. A big thank you goes to Lisa & Andy Kirchner for not only organizing this event but taking care of Hydro (a canine rescue) until cancer took his life and showing him the human kindness he had not received before his rescue. This event helped HOPE raise money to pay off medical bills. We look forward to seeing everyone at this event again next year.

DONATORS

Janis Allan
Danka Anastasovski
Sharon Apostoli
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