

# Among Friends

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*News, views and updates from the Pet Crisis Center*



**WITH  
a LITTLE  
HELP FROM  
MY FRIENDS**

## WITH a LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS, INC.

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### Mission Statement

Protecting and teaching compassion for the animals in Antrim County.

## Center Hours

Tuesday - Friday 10-Noon  
Afternoons by appointment  
Closed Monday and Sunday

## Annual Events

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, June 4, 2016

**Look for other WaLHFMF  
events throughout the year.**

WaLHFMF loves to hear from adults and kids! Send us your stories, jokes, drawings, and pictures.

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PETS at [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com)  
and [WalHFMF.org](http://WalHFMF.org)

You can also Donate Online!



## Pet Crisis Center on Cutting Edge!

With a Little Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center is on the cutting edge of animal rescue facilities with its communal cat and dog facilities, outdoor recreation areas and ample space for potential adopters to interact with dogs and cats in a natural and holistic environment.

The Pet Crisis Center allows the animals to show their true colors. Friendly dogs wrestle over a single coveted antler, more sedate dogs, such as Buddy the beagle, cheerfully greet visitors with a nose bump and tail wag. Cats wash their faces atop cabinets and tables, blithely unconcerned with the canine antics just inches away. Large windows and a lovely and well-tended garden dotted with bird feeders provide much needed amusement for our feline friends. The dogs have come to recognize the sound of a car and joyfully congregate at the front door knowing that hugs and kisses (and sometimes treats) accompany arrival. Potential adopters are able to fully assess the personality of a cat or dog. It is immediately clear who is dog or cat friendly; who immediately engages with children; who is outgoing, shy, calm, playful. All the attributes that make for a successful adoption are present from the very start. Dogs can be walked in a safe and calm environment. There are no warning signs; no locked gates; no slamming of cage doors. It is a peaceful and welcoming place and animal lovers are indeed fortunate for the visionary efforts of a determined group of people concerned about animal welfare in Antrim County. The place even smells good!



## ADOPT-A-PET!



*Sylvia is 3 years old and loves people and dogs but not so much other cats. She has been spayed, is up to date on shots, and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Oh... and did we mention Sylvia only has 3 legs?!? You would never notice, it doesn't slow her down one bit.*

*Indoor home only please.*

# The Cost of Saving Lives

Jenna Minish – Director of Operations

As I am surrounded by furry faces and wagging tails, I am reminded what drew me to my position at the center. Most people that work with nonprofits do it because they love the cause. In my experience those who start animal rescue do it for the love of the animal, not the desire to ask for money. Fundraising is a necessary part of any nonprofit's success. There is not a day that goes by that we do not think about money. How can we raise more money? Is there enough money? Is that worthy of spending the money? Money, Money, Money. Many people's least favorite thought, but a thought that surrounds boards and directors at nonprofits around the world.



With a Little Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center runs on a yearly budget of \$100,000. I am happy to report the center has some wonderful donors, and our doors are still open after 4 years due to people's dedication. When it comes down to it the more money that comes in the more lives we can save. Many people will tell you money is not the answer yet it does not take long to realize that with a nonprofit money is the answer. As I type Ivy commands my lap and I realized the money will always control the center but the commitment and love from those who walk through these doors will control the outcome.

## Was a good day for Logan's law!!!

Senate Judiciary Committee listened to testimony and voted unanimously YES on SB: 219 & 220. The bills have passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee & now are waiting to be introduced to the full Senate for a vote!!



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a little help from  
my friends...*

~John Lennon



## — Wish List —

*Below is our winter wish list for items the sanctuary will need to keep stocked. Any donation is appreciated and needed!*

- Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies Gaylord gift cards (989) 731-4200
- Cat beds
- Cat & Dog toys
- Cat & Dog treats (nutritional ones)
- Disposable Gloves–Large
- Extra large heavy trash bags
- Postage stamps
- Recycled newspaper cat litter
- Thick paper towels
- Medical services pre-paid at Antrim County Veterinary Services
- Money for pet supplies
- Motivated volunteers ☺

**Check out our wish list on  
amazon.com**

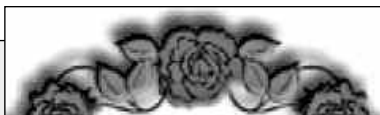
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## Leaving a Legacy to the Pet Crisis Center

What is it that you want to be remembered for? Is your love of animals one of them? A bequest is an easy way to do that. This can be made through your will or trust in any of these ways:

- Specific dollar amount
- Percentage of your estate
- Specific assets
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For more information contact  
With a Little Help From My  
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**Bruce McLachlan**

*Lillian McLachlan*

**Our awesome kitties Yoda and Tornado**

*Our lives were blessed*

*with them for 14 years*

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*Carol Minish*

**All the cats I've loved**

*Lucia Danes*

**All of our precious little ones**

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**Jason – My Border Collie**

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*Hugh D. MacMaster*

**My Irish Setters:**

**Ginger, Holly, Kelly and Abby**

**May the shamrocks fall softly.**

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**16 years of feline friendship**

*Jack Bodis*

## In Honor Of

**Buddy Hetchler**

*Lon and Sandy Hetchler*

**Dorothy Lualdi**

*Leslie Blissett*

**Mr Luc and Sweetie Murray**

*Charles Lowrie*

**Our cat Sophie, adopted from**

**WaLHFME in Spring 2013**

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*Trudy Brown*

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**2 of the original 40 cats**

*Connie Brigham*

**Judith Card's Birthday**

*The Shanty Creek birthday girl's*

*luncheon group*

**Mr Luc and Sweetie Foren**

*Charles Lowrie*

**Send your donation and In Memory Of or In Honor Of to:**

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# Happy Endings & Happy Times Here at the Center!



*Clover is living the high life above the city of Chicago with her mom Jessica Nagel.*



*Zoey has taken on the role of spoiled only child to the Hale family, she is doing a great job!*



*Sage was adopted to the Shadwick family and now has a beagle brother Tucker to take on all kinds of adventures.*



*Jazzie and Ella are connected at the hip, these two WaLHFMF Alumni are so happy to have found one another and the Sucaet family.*



*Steve and Marlee were hunting for just the perfect family when Sue and Tom Adkins walked in. They agreed that this was a home worth sharing and now enjoy everything together, especially bird watching!*



*Yogi took his time looking for a big cat loving family and he found the perfect one with the Beatty family where he enjoys lots of attention!*



*Remmy and Diego were adopted from the center together to the Boyer family. They spend their days entertaining the family with their silly antics.*



*Luke found the best snuggle buddy with Lola Mae. When these two are not snuggled up with each other they are spending time with their favorite humans Gregg and Ruthie Dexture.*



*Maggie arrived at the center as a tiny puppy and has grown up into a wonderful dog thanks to the Gerner family.*

*Curry found her calling as the companion and playmate to the youngest member of the Randall Family, Rory. After meeting her tiny furless sister Curry fell in love and has yet to leave her side.*



*Mollie has been zapped by the sun once again, she loves every minute of living with the Perrigo family.*



*Kuro picked out her home the moment they walked in. She spends her days playing with her human and fur siblings at the DePeel home.*



*Harvey has been growing up with his sister Elizabeth who has taken her time to make him a great member of the Shepard family.*



*Miss Izzo was a perfect match to the Moore family and now has a MSU collar and a name to match.*



*Even with Panda's busy life in the Steiner family, he still found time to make a new friend! Elvis the singing dog, the perfect dog in Panda's eyes.*



*Russel found a best friend in Tommy Steamlow! When the two are not racing around on adventures they make time to nap together.*



*Keeka (adopt a pet from winter newsletter) spent most of her fall and winter looking for a family, as a volunteer favorite everyone was cheering for her. Worth her long wait, Keeka, now Sammie, found the perfect home where she spends her days watching for squirrels with her sister Callie as a member of the Steadman family.*



*Penelope has run of the home she shares with Susie Gardner and neither of them would have it any other way.*



*Ben (adopt a pet from winter newsletter) wanted a home with a dog, an odd cat request but when the Haltman family came looking for a dog friendly cat, a match was made!*



*Daisy Mae's striking features and fabulous ears caught the eye of the Bigalke family. She now gets lots of attention, love and snuggle time with them.*



# ADOPT-A-PET!



*Buddy is 4 years old, neutered and up to date on shots. He loves dogs, cats and kids. Buddy would make a wonderful companion to most any family. A fenced in yard is required for adoption.*



*Ivy is a stunning 4 year old gray tortoiseshell. She loves to snuggle up close and play with toys. Ivy is spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.*



*Vinny is a 2 year old Lab/Pittbull, he is just the sweetest guy you will meet. Vinny loves playing with other dogs and would make a great friend for another large dog. He is neutered and up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required for adoption.*



*Tucker is a playful 1 year old handsome cat. He likes to give hugs to the volunteers and play ball with the other kittens. Tucker is neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.*



*May is a 8 month old Mountain Cur mix who gets along with cats and quiet dogs. She was found stray and is coming into her own here at the center. May has been spayed and is up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required for adoption.*



*Asia has been at the center since October waiting for the right home. This adorable lab mix is almost a year old so she is looking for an active family. She is a very good girl, is housetrained and will need continued training as does any young dog. She does want to please and learns quickly! Asia is spayed, up to date on shots and will require a fenced yard for adoption.*



*Katy came to us after her owners passed away. Katy is 7 years old, spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. She is such a loving cat with an any going personality. Indoor home only please.*



*Buddy is a 4 year old neutered large cat! His owners passed away and he is left looking for a new home. He is up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.*



*No one is sure why sweet Stevie is still here! He has such a great personality and likes everyone. Stevie is 3 years old, neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.*



*Fletcher loves racing around the cat room, hopping over cats and batting at balls. Fletcher is a true kitten in every sense of the word including snuggle time when he's worn out. He is 8 months old, neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.*



*Tippy and Suzy arrived when their owner went into a nursing home. These 8 year old sisters just want a quiet home where they can watch birds and snuggle. Tippy and Suzy are spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.*



# Many Thanks to our Hardworking Volunteers for all the time, love, and tears they give for the cause.

## And to the following businesses and individuals.

- **Antrim County Animal Shelter** for their continued support.
- **Antrim County Businesses** for their support of the Silent Auction and other events.
- **Antrim County Residents** for their outpour of support!
- All the **Antrim County Restaurants** that kindly donate chili for our cook-off every October.
- **Antrim County Review** for their help with advertising.
- **Antrim County Veterinarians** for their dedication to the cause.
- **Bellaire Chamber** for their continued support of all events.
- Jack Bodis of **Creative Characters** in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
- **Carrie Dewey and Family** for all the photos, videos and their dedication to the animals.
- **Chris and Merrie Corbett** for their continued support.
- **GT Industries-Mancelona** for their volunteer hours.
- **Tammy Stead** of Bellaire for grooming the center's pets.
- **Village Markets** for support and donations of community cash.
- **Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies** in Gaylord for their donations and support!
- **The Dedicated Volunteers** who come out every week to clean.

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**For those in the Antrim County area...**

If you save your receipts (including gas receipts)  
from the Central Lake, Eastport, Elk Rapids and  
Rapid City Village Markets, please mail them to:

WaLHFMF' Pet Crisis Center

3820 Ritt Road / Bellaire, MI 49615

*A portion of their Community Cash program  
will be donated to the center.*

*"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights.  
That is the way of a whole human being"*

—Abraham Lincoln



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