Volunteering at MWHS—“It Takes a Village”

As an adoption counselor, I’ve often had the pleasure of hearing visitors tell me how impressed they are with our shelter. They admire the cleanliness of the shelter, are pleasantly surprised that most of our cats are free-roaming, and appreciate how much we love and care for our animals. I speak for the Board when I say that we are very proud of our shelter and sincerely grateful for their compliments.

How does MWHS earn such appreciation from the public? Two words – our volunteers. MWHS volunteers are animal lovers who believe that MWHS is an organization worth helping. Without them, we would not be able to help the needy cats in our community, or even keep the shelter doors open. Volunteers perform every activity needed to keep our cats safe and cared for. Daily tasks at the shelter include cleaning and sanitizing cages and floors; twice-daily feedings and scooping of litter boxes; and administering meds. And laundry. Lots and lots of laundry. The washing, drying, folding, and putting away never ends! But there are fun activities, too, like socializing and playing with shy cats and kittens, and seeing them blossom from terrified little souls to playful, confident cats, ready to go to their forever homes.

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Mission Statement: An advocate for animal welfare, MWHS focuses on the well-being of cats in the MetroWest Boston area, including finding loving homes or providing life-long care while educating the community and reducing the feral/stray cat population. MWHS is a volunteer-led, non-profit, no-kill shelter dependent on charitable donations.

Adoption Hours
Saturday........12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday..........12:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday..........1:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday......6:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday...........1:00-4:00 p.m.
By Appointment 508-875-3776

Directory of Services
Shelter............508-875-3776
Volunteers........508-485-0794
Foster Care.......508-875-3776
Donor List........508-624-0783
Fundraising........508-485-0794
Cage Sponsor......508-788-7726

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Please contact us with any questions, change of address, general information, etc.

Adoptions
Although kittens are incredibly cute and fun, please consider the adult and shy cats at the shelter when adopting another pet.

Volunteer! You Can Make a Difference
Our MWHS Volunteer Program provides a wide variety of opportunities for concerned, caring individuals to help make a difference in the lives of animals. We are always in need of volunteers to help clean the shelter, feed the cats, and socialize our timid cats and kittens. You would be amazed at how it helps advance the shy/semi-social cats toward being adoptable. Please call Leslie at 508-485-0794 if you can devote even a small amount of time to helping us. Orientations are held once a month on a Wednesday evening. You must be 18 years old or older to volunteer.

Foster Care! A Great Way to Volunteer
If you can foster kittens for a few weeks, MWHS will find them homes for life. We need foster homes for adult cats as well. We receive calls every day to help with strays, but our shelter can only house a certain number of animals. You can really help us by fostering! Please call 508-875-3776 for more information, or email thembalzarini@comcast.net.

MWHS on Facebook & Instagram
Are you a fan of MetroWest Humane Society on Facebook? Go to our Facebook page and click “LIKE” to become a fan. Tell all your friends how great MWHS is and to become fans too! Keep up with all the news on our Facebook page: adoptions on Monday, pictures of the week on Tuesday, happy endings on Wednesday, as well as other news, events, and volunteer opportunities. To date, we have over 3,050 “likes” and counting! Help us build our Facebook presence, and also check out photos of our cats and our friends on Instagram.

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As the year comes to an end, I think of all the animals who have come through our doors. Some remain and continue to receive lots of love, attention, and medical care, while others have had a shorter stay and have found their forever homes. We have always had the philosophy that it is the quality, not the quantity, of the adoptions that we do. Being an adoption counselor is forever a challenge. We must try to always match whichever cat or kitten is best for a person or family. We are particular for a reason – these cats have been entrusted to our care and we always want to feel that their adoption is the best scenario for all involved. They have stolen our hearts and now it is time to let them go on to their next adventure. We will always leave a piece of our hearts with each one, but know that their lives are in the hands and hearts of their new family. While the adoption process can be a difficult one, finding the perfect forever home for one of our cats or kittens makes it all worth it.

My wish for everyone this year is to open your heart and home, if you are so able, to a special-needs or hard-to-place animal. Not only will you be saving a life, you will be bringing more joy and love into your home than you could imagine.

Warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,

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**It Takes A Village**

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MWHS volunteers are adoption counselors, fosters, trappers, workers at fundraising events, vet day helpers, transporters, social media wizards, and the list goes on. Volunteers perform acts as simple as going across the street to buy bleach, and as complicated as coordinating our awesome Craft Fair. Forgive me if I’ve missed any other activities, but whatever they are, our volunteers readily do them all.

So, you see, to quote the African proverb, it truly “takes a village” to keep MetroWest Humane’s doors open so that we may continue helping cats in need. We are thankful to have such a wonderful group of compassionate volunteers who donate their time to MWHS and support us in so many ways. We could not do it without you.

*Maria Balzarini & MWHS Board of Directors*
Shop at SISTER THRIFT and Support MWHS!

Discover thrift store shopping and help the MetroWest Humane Society at the same time! Since 2004, Sister Thrift has been raising funds in support of MWHS through the sale of donated goods at their three stores.

Please help MWHS by making a donation of gently-used clothing or household items during regular business hours. Donations are tax deductible and a portion of the proceeds from every sale benefits the MetroWest Humane Society.

Sister Thrift Donation Centers are located at 1251 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA (Route 9 West, just before Temple Street), and at 370 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA.

Thank you, Sister Thrift, for bringing much-needed funds to our shelter!

The MWHS Sponsor-A-Cat/Room Program is very special and we would like you to join our many members who are already part of this essential program. We are dedicated to improving the well-being of cats and kittens from our community that enter our shelter. One way to do this is by placing them in forever homes; but for some cats, this can take a while. Because we are a no-kill shelter, we provide a safe place for these cats as long as needed.

With our Sponsor-A-Cat/Room Program, your monthly donation helps us provide food, a comfortable and safe place to sleep, and medical care. With many shy/harder-to-adopt cats at the shelter, these costs can be high. Your donation will go a long way toward providing for these cats.

Please see the cats and rooms available for sponsorship on page 6. Choose the room number or individual cat that you would like to sponsor in 2020 and indicate the amount of your monthly donation ($10, $15, or whatever works best for you). Please print and fill out the Sponsor-A-Cat/Room coupon on page 19 and mail it with your first donation. Each month you will receive a pledge reminder and a picture of the cat(s) you are sponsoring.

You can make your initial donation by credit card; however, monthly donations can only be made using PayPal. If you prefer, you can receive your reminder and photos via e-mail. Please indicate this as your preference and include your e-mail address.

Are you looking for a unique gift that makes a difference? Give the gift of a MWHS cat or room sponsor to the animal lovers in your life. You’ll receive the monthly pledge reminder and the photos of the cats will be mailed to the recipient of your gift.
“Helping with the monthly mailings are the Budge feline family members. Middy helps stuffing envelopes, so if you see a white, orange or black hair, it means she says “Thank You”. Emailing requires a larger crew – Toonces is the manager of this task, helping with typing (“helping” may not be the right word). She is aided by Ferry, Tabouleh and sometimes Billie, although she is a bit of a slacker. Lola chooses to ignore all activity when it comes to the mailing. She will not be getting a bonus this year. We wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 2020!”

Sincerely, Ray and Sue Budge

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

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Sallie, Paul, Cindy & Grace Freeman
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James & Carolyn Hanson
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Michelle Iorio
Carol C. Jessing
John & Donna Kiley
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Marc L’Heureux
Philip MacDonald
Lorraine M. Mangione
Patricia M. Mathews
Gene & Betty Matterazzo
Joanne May
Linda & Rachel McGrath
Joyce McMillan
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Sponsor-A- Cat / Sponsor-A-Room is the purrfect way to help kitties in need!
Did you know that you can support MWHS while shopping on Amazon.com? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support MWHS every time you shop, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile website has the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The added bonus is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to MWHS.

To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com. You will need to select MetroWest Humane Society from the list of charities. Thereafter, AmazonSmile will remember your selection and every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to MWHS. How easy is that?

MWHS has lots of friends that follow us on Facebook. Did you know that there is a quick, easy, and safe way to raise funds for MWHS using FB? You can create a “Donate My Birthday” Fundraiser! Connect your FB friends to the cause and increase our supporters across FB. People can donate to your fundraiser in just a few clicks without leaving FB, and MWHS will receive the donations. And, Facebook charges no fees for donations made to nonprofits, so all the money goes to MWHS! Donations to a nonprofit like MWHS are typically tax-deductible for donors, so please send the names of your contributors to MWHS so that we can thank them.

To create a “Donate My Birthday” fundraiser, click on the fundraising tab on your Facebook News Feed, go to “Raise Money for a Nonprofit Organization”, and search for Metro West Humane Society Inc. Set your fundraising goal and end date, and that's it! So, if you’re like many of us who love to support MWHS, but don’t want or need birthday gifts, this fundraiser really is the cat’s meow!

You know all those coins that sit on top of your bureau collecting dust, or the ones that fall out of your pocket and hide under the cushions of your couch? Well, you can put all of these coins to good use by donating them to MetroWest Humane Society! The cats love this fundraiser – they are always there to help the volunteers count all the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. They are not too eager to roll the coins, but they know their human volunteer friends will take care of that, bring the coins to the bank, and buy some of their favorite Fancy Feast food and lots of yummy treats.

So, start collecting all those coins and bring them to the shelter where there is a Coins for Cats donation jar in the front lobby. It is a great way to clean out your couch and a great fundraiser that goes a long way to help our shelter cats and kittens. Our furry friends thank you!

And while you are shopping on AmazonSmile, check out the MWHS Wish List! You’ll see all the food and supplies that we use on a regular basis at the shelter. This makes shopping for our kittens even easier! On your AmazonSmile page, go to your Accounts & Lists, and click on “Find a List or Registry”. In the Search box, enter MetroWest Humane Society, then click “Remember”. That’s it. Please consider sharing our wish list with your friends and family to make an even bigger impact. Thanks!
Recognition to 2019 Craft Fair Sponsors

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Erin Patterson - Patterson Ceramics
Dan Gittleson - Mind Your Manors House/Pet Sitting
MWHS Super September!

Calendar Contest

Epic Yard Sale
In Memory Of
In Memory of Hannah Townsend – from Framingham Animal Hospital
In Memory of Hannah Townsend, lucky to be loved & cared for by her family & especially her Mom who has the biggest heart for her furry kids – from Janet Silvey
In Loving Memory of Hannah Townsend, you were a wonderful cat who will be greatly missed – from Linda Vaccari, Fendi & Scooter
In Memory of Hannah Townsend – from Gloria Bogardus
In Memory of Garbo Hill – from Framingham Animal Hospital
In Memory of Rosie Berstein, the sweetest Tuxedo I knew – from David & Debra Silberberg
In Memory of Norah Senier-Delpapa – from Cindy Delpapa
In Memory of Dean Schofield – from Michael & Michelle Horan
In Memory of Dean Schofield – from Bruce Rensing
In Memory of Dean Schofield – from Gerald & Cynthia Lally
In Memory of Dean Schofield – from Craig & Karen Williams
In Memory of Dean Schofield – from Marshall & Carol Schofield
In Loving Memory of Hurricane, Salsa, Monkey-Monkey & Caboose; beloved pets of Barbara Sease, deeply missed – from Barbara Sease
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Nancy Walton
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Framingham Animal Hospital
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Aimee DeGiovanni
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Virginia Walsh
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Dan & Lauren White
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Anna Yu
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Jingying Li
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Justin & Kristina Barclay
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Holly Pearson
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione, she was awesome! – from Joan deGrandmaison
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Bob & Cathy Burke
In Loving Memory of Carol Marchione – from Terri Nord & Lynda Jarrett
In Memory of Banjo, Hannah, Chelsea, Belle & Mattie – from Linda Reffelt
In Memory of my friend, Lisa’s lovely cat Melo – from Claudia Picard
In Memory of Janet Stone Wiggins, long time Cage 13 Sponsor – from Elizabeth Mazza*
In Memory of my mother, Edith Hendrickson – from Wendy Hendrickson
We will miss our friend, Lassie – Love BFF Lulu, distant cousin Cici & Richard Zaunbrecher
In Loving Memory of Bug, Wally, Sammy, Bootie, Peaches, Bertie, Whimsey, Morgie, Sassy, Bette, Mephie, Tom, Morgie, Mooshie, Wootsie, Sarah, Mittens, Elmo, Snicky, Lucifer, Little Kitty, Tigger & Debbie – Love, Marilyn & Frank
In Loving Memory of Dolly Bickford & Julia Reffelt – from Linda Vaccari
In Loving Memory of Julia Reffelt, a very cherished cat – from Patricia Hair & Linda Sullivan
In Loving Memory of Julia Reffelt – from Margaret Marinelli
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Steve & Millie Rothman, dancing friends of her daughter, Mary Dragon
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Elena Powers
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from John & Lauralee Banda
In Memory of Florence Shanley – The Uxbridge Senior Center
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Nikki Banfield
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Nancy Dragon
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Susan Contois
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Robert & Marlene Romanowicz
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Lisa Bratton
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies recommended by Martin & Jane Brauer
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from the National Association of Letter Carriers
In Memory of Florence Shanley, a truly wonderful person – from Linda Kearney
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from James & Joanne Hooley
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Richard & Marguerite Arseneault
In Memory of Florence Shanley – from Thomas & Janet Murphy
In Memory of Elaine Campbell – from Robert Gursky
In Memory of Dr. Elaine Campbell – from Maria Balzarini
In Memory of Dr Perry Bain’s Mother – from The Pathology Department at Cummings Veterinary School & Betsy, too
In Memory of George Rhodes — from Marie Fusaro
In Memory of Robert Sauer — from Dr. Pamela Bretschneider
In Memory of Odie & Julie. Mama will love you forever. - from Linda Reffelt
In Memory of my friend, Natalie Mullen — from Frederick & Mary Kulas
In Memory of Gabo — from Briana Ruhl
In Memory of Roger Sicotte — from Gloria Cullati
In Memory of Mary Stucchi — from Leonard & Patricia Fowler
In Memory of Mary Stucchi — from Marjorie Lavin & Karen Stone
In Memory of Mary Stucchi — from Patrick Ceruolo
In Memory of Mary Stucchi — from Peter Stucchi
In Memory of Mary Stucchi — from Robert Bonasoro
In Memory of Mary Stucchi — from James & Lenora Palanzi
In Memory of Marc — from Ronald & Nancy L’Heureux
In Memory of Princess, the most wonderful dog; she will be missed so very much – from Lorraine Zoda
In Memory of our two kitties, Nikita & Echo — from Stephen Donegan & Eileen Roche
In Memory of Jake Hagan — from Susan & Gusto Hagan
In Memory of Sophie Walsh — from Framingham Animal Hospital
In Memory of Winnie — from Freddie, Janet, Casey, Oscar & Tagger Wilkinson
In Memory of Barbara King — from Stephen & Christie Vaillancourt
In Memory of Barbara King — from Melony Walker & Christie Vaillancourt
In Memory of a dear friend’s beloved 18-year-old cat, Kezl Grey — from Sandra Bryer

In Memory of Jean Driscoll Engel — from Dawn-Marie Driscoll & Marcella Driscoll c/o the Norman Marcus & Dawn-Marie Driscoll Family Fund
In Memory of Tommy — from Marilyn Hodges
In Memory of Marty Mangione. Although I’m not sure he ever looked me in the eye, his heart was filled with love & his incredibly loud purring let you know how he felt — from Janet Silvey

**IN HONOR OF**

In Honor of Mary Lou Satorius — from Linda Dauphinee
In Honor of Oliver & Zuzu — from Bren Maurer
In Honor of Kitty — from Fatima Freitas
In Honor of Gronk — from John & Aimee Temple
In Honor of my niece, Luann Sullivan’s 60th Birthday — from Nancy Schofield
In Honor of our friend, Bill Sano — from John & Carolyn Meyer
In Honor of our friend, Bill Sano — from Laurel Sparks
In Honor of Linda Locke, cat sitter extraordinaire — from Wilma Slaight
In Honor of Mouse — from Steven & Jennifer Amico
In Honor of the two sweetest orange cats — from Kerry McDonald
In Honor of Dr. Susan Rabaut for her never-ending kindness & generosity to friends & family — from Jennifer Dunn
In Honor of Fendi & Scooter’s 11th Birthday — from Linda Vaccari
In Honor of Lenny & Gracelynn — from Christopher & Theresa Houck*
In Honor of our friend, Chris Sebillian, an animal lover — from Mark McVeigh & Amy Federico
In Honor of Cheryl Townsend — from Linda Vaccari

With Heartfelt Thanks - from Patricia, Nikki, Sheba & Joule Mabrouk
In Honor of Jinx & Penny — from Robert & Amy Radin
In Honor of our two cats, Henri & Gracie — from Deborah Wright
In Honor of Oscar Bell-Smart’s birthday — from Sean O’Brien
In Honor of Alex Sobol’s bar mitzvah — from Ethan & Elizabeth Sobol
In Honor of Nicky — from Eileen Sheehan
In Honor of Arielle’s Birthday — from Jennifer Follett
Happy Birthday to Arielle — from Aanya Kumar
In Honor of Freddy — from Virginia Walsh
In Honor of Freddy — from Linda Vaccari*
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In Honor of Freddy — from Shannon Paris
In Honor of Freddy — from Christine Notarangelo
In Honor of Freddy — from Christine Tartaglia
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THANK YOU TO OUR FOSTERS!

Many thanks to our MWHS foster families who cared for the seemingly endless stream of kittens that came to MetroWest this year. Whether caring for pregnant cats and their precious litters, socializing timid orphaned kittens, bottle-feeding neonates, or caring for kittens with special dietary needs, our fosters did an incredible job again this year. We were delighted (but not surprised) that a couple of foster families joined the ranks of what we lovingly call “foster fails”. We are also very grateful to the long-term fosters who care for our special-needs cats in their homes, and who love these cats as their own.

As fosters, your generosity and compassion allow us to continue our important work at MWHS. I look forward to working with you again in 2020. And if you are not a foster, but are interested in becoming one, please fill out a foster application on our website. Your life will truly be enriched by the fostering experience. Thank you!

Maria Balzarini
MWHS Foster Coordinator

Batman Says:
Be our superhero!
To make a donation to the shelter, please print and fill out the reply coupon on Page 19 or visit our website! Thank You!

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WISH LIST
We would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated items from our wish list, all of which have benefited out shelter cats.
Dear Santa Paws,

Gia here. The other cats at MetroWest Humane blackmailed me into this whole letter-writing gig, probably because they know I am a superior cat. I hate them. But I want presents, so here goes...

We are all excited to see what you bring us for Cat-mas - but first, a question. The shelter doesn’t have a chimney, so how will you get in?

Anyhoo, please bring me some yummy treats. I mean, for me to share with all my feline friends (I wrote that under duress). This year we’ve all been very good, and never naughty (except for Batman - he knows what I’m talking about). And, in case you hear about that “laundry room incident” with me and CC...no matter what she tells you, SHE started it!

But seriously, Santa, everyone that visits the shelter thinks we are all-around great kitties, so many of us don’t understand why we’ve been overlooked for so long and not yet adopted. At MetroWest, we have but one wish...please find us forever homes for Cat-mas.

And finally, for my personal wish. If you can’t get the other cats adopted, please take them with you to the North Pole. I deserve to have the entire shelter to myself because...well, I am ME!

Your poor, misunderstood feline friend,

Gia

P.S. And as for that chimney thing - hey, it’s your problem, so figure it out PRONTO!

Yes! I would like to sponsor: Room: ______________ or Cat Name: ______________ for the next 12 months. My monthly donation will be $_________. I am enclosing the first check now and will pay each month as my reminder arrives.

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Please return this form to: MetroWest Humane Society, P.O. Box 1068, Framingham, MA 01701

Thank you!

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