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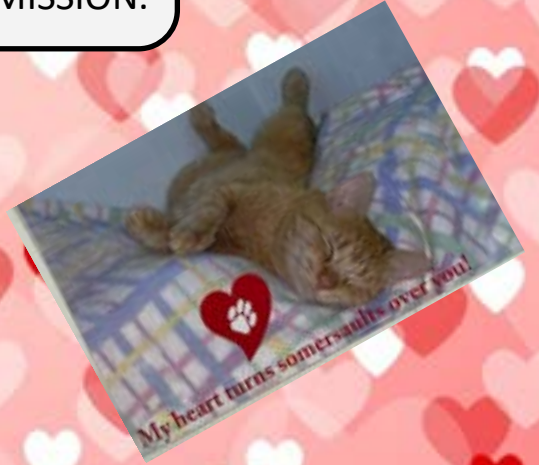
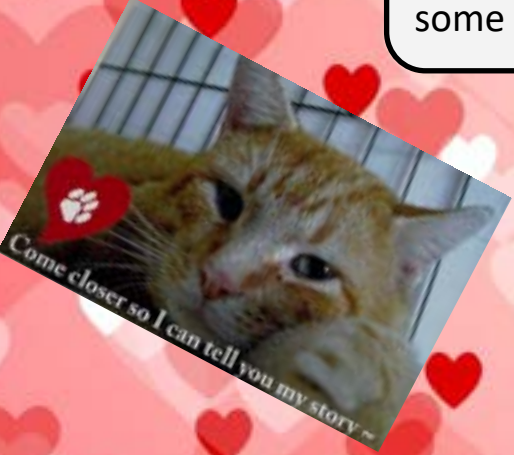
Looking for a Valentine?
 So am I



Will you be mine?



We will TOUCH YOUR HEARTS
 if you will ADOPT, or SPONSOR, or FOSTER, or
 CONTRIBUTE for our care, or VOLUNTEER
 some HELP or TELL others about our MISSION.



OUR WONDERFUL WINTERY STORIES OF LOVE

Patty McGee – Sponsorship

He is a beautiful shy black cat with special medical needs. He has lived with us since 2010 with an inoperable nose polyp. Our vet said to remove the polyp could endanger his life. He receives daily medication to manage his problem. He was adopted during Covid but was returned because his owner could not handle his special needs and constant nasal discharge. Patty McGee thrives in our home and has made friends with several other cats. We are honored to give this sweet boy a home. Will you be his cupid and sponsor him on Valentine's Day?



Gingerbread – Adoptable

A 10-week-old kitten was found running across the road, almost getting hit by other cars. A concerned citizen got out of her car, stopped the surrounding traffic, and picked up Gingerbread. Several other shelters did not have the capacity, so the person brought her to us. Gingerbread will make a great addition to a loving family.



John & Outie – Adoptable



We received an urgent call from two young women. They had a friend who could not care for his two middle-aged cats. The arrangement was only going to be a couple of days but turned into over a month. The guy ghosted both women and changed his phone number. Both John and Outie were kept in their basement until it flooded. They had no one else to care for them, so we took them in. Upon initial intake, we learned that both were never neutered or vaccinated, and they also needed dentals. Several tooth extractions were necessary for both cats at the cost of over \$1200. Outie went to a lovely family, but John is still at our home, ready for adoption to the right purrson.

Mama Willow – Adoptable

Mama Willow is an unusual case. She gave birth to only one kitten that did not survive its journey into our world. But things happen for a reason. The next day a litter of homeless kittens was left at our front door at 6 am by an unknown individual. Mama Willow immediately took to her nesting instinct and began to nurse these homeless kittens in our home. We are amazed at the things a mama cat will do unselfishly and out of instinct and love.





Gracie & Tiger – Boarding

Melanee received a call from a lady whose friend was a victim of domestic abuse. The friend would not leave the dangerous relationship unless her cats were safe. We immediately took both cats and are caring for them until the lady finds permanent housing.



Pearl – Sponsorship



Was adopted by a wonderful, understanding lady during the pandemic knowing the cat had special behavioral needs. For over two years, Pearl’s owner took her to a cat behavioral therapist that prescribed anxiety medication and hemp oil at the cost of several \$1,000. However, when the lady’s living style changed, Pearl could not deal with it and continued urinating on the lady’s furniture. Pearl returned to us in September, where she will be a resident cat for the rest of her life. Will you consider sponsoring a sassy cat with an attitude but one of the more notable faces of TBA?

Nona & Kushko – Boarding

Llesenia’s sister called us, wanting us to take emergency custody of her sister’s two cats. Llesenia has been hospitalized on dialysis with other health issues over the past couple of months. Melanee, one afternoon received a call from Llesenia. She said, “I am improving. Both cats are my entire world; I have no kids my cats are my life. I cannot fathom living without them. Please don’t find them a new home. I will bring both home with me very soon.” We are glad to provide boarding and veterinary care to her cats during her time of great need.



May – Sponsorship



It is one of our most notable resident cats. She limps around since one of her front legs was broken during a fire in an abandoned building in 2018. Although healed, she is permanently disabled both physically and emotionally. She was adopted twice but returned because of trust issues and anxiety. She refused to eat in both of her new homes. We realized she loves it at TBA! We are her home, and since she came back, she has come out of her shell and engages with staff, volunteers, and visitors. Will you sponsor a cat that we gave a second at happiness too?

CAN YOU WEAVE ONE OF THESE CATS INTO YOUR HEART BY SPONSORING ITS NEEDS MONTHLY OR FOSTERING IT IN YOUR HOME



Oodles: Was found outside with his bother Doodles. He is feral and a resident cat in our home. Will you be his sponsor?



Stella: Was brought to us in in 2016. She is very beautiful but has trust issues with humans. Will you sponsor this girl?



Aria: Is a feral cat, who gave birth to a litter in a garage. She has trust issues. Her babies were adopted to loving families. Will you be her sponsor?



Simba: His owner was down on his luck and homeless. We are boarding him until his owner finds permanent housing.



Éclair: was brought to us by a supporter who found her in an alley under a garbage can sleeping. She is feral and a resident cat. Will you be her sponsor?



Oreo: is boarding for a lady who lost her apartment and job. We are happy to provide him a temporary home with his sister Pepper.





Jimmy: Is an middle aged shy resident cat who has lived with us for 9 years. Will you be his sponsor?



Paisley: Is an older resident cat who has lived with us for over 10 years. She is shy and temperamental but enjoys living with us will you be her sponsor?



Dracula: Is a feral cat, found sleeping stuck in a car engine to keep warm. Will you be his sponsor?



Mickey: Is an middle aged shy resident cat who has lived with us for 5 years. He was originally brought to use from a hording situation in Texas.



Minxy: His elderly owner died. Minxy is old and fragile but loves cuddling with the kittens in the nursery. In fact, all the babies love their adopted grandpa cat. Will you sponsor a wise old man that gives and receives so much love.



Wrap yourself in the cozy love of these kitties and make them part of your family



Fozzy: was found in an alley under some garbage cans. He is very friendly and will make a loving family very lucky.



Bubbles: Is a young boy whose owner has dementia. She brought him to us. He is very friendly and waiting for a new loving family.



Max: Is an older cat whose owner died. We hope to find this sweet boy a new loving home.



Vinnie: An older cat whose owner passed away. He is looking for a new loving family to call his own.



Bunny Foo Foo: Was born at our house with her 2 Siblings who have already been adopted. Their mother Mamma Hubbard was found starving on the street nearly ready to give birth.



John: Was brought to us by a lady whose friend could not care for him. He is very friendly and looking for a new family to love.





Janice: Is a beautiful Maine Coon found lost wandering the streets of Chicago with no microchip. She is very friendly and looking for a loving family.



Gingerbread: was almost hit by a car and brought to us. She is very sweet and will make a great addition to wonderful family.



Willow: Gave birth at our house. Her beautiful little one did not survive but Willow nurses the other orphan kittens out of motherly love. She will make a family very lucky one day.



Ranger Rick & Garbanzo: Were found with no mother on the streets of Chicago by a caring volunteer. Will you adopt either one or both as they are a bonded pair?



Miss Muffet: Was born at our house after her mother was found abandoned in some boxes in a vacant lot. She is very sweet and looking for a loving family.



May & Elwood: Both cats have become friends. May is a resident cat who likes living with us. She was burned in a fire 4 years ago and is disabled. Elwood is very affectionate and cuddly. He was adopted but came back to us since he could not get along with the family's other cat. We believe Elwood would do well in a one cat household and will make a great addition to a loving family.

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SUCH LOVE WE HAVE FELT Coming from YOU – Hear Our GRATEFUL PURRS

We are alike in caring for all God's animals.
God Bless you and all who help you. --L.A.

I sleep on Marijon's
bed, grateful that she
rescued me from
euthanasia because a
lady with an illness
could not care for me.

-Luv Bug

This wonderful organization
helped me by caring for my kitty
while I was temporarily unable to.
I can not thank them
enough. B.P.

Thank you for all you
do to help the kit-
ties! -D.K.

Thank you for tak-
ing-in HOPE. Please
use this donation as is needed
at the shelter.

-H.H.

Thank you for saving so many
beautiful souls, including
our sweet Pishy. Thanks to you,
he was able to live out the rest
of his life steeped in love. -
Anonymous

Because every ani-
mal deserves to be
loved and cared for. -

End of year thank you
for all you do.
-M.I.

We got our first loving sweetie from here and
we thought it would be time to give her a lit-
tle sister! You guys are
fantastic. -H.L.

Thank you all you do to
help our feline friends.

Happy Holidays to all
the cats and kit-

Our VALENTINE TRUE

from the kitties of Touched By An Animal & Cats-Are-Purrsons-Too

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TOOK CARE OF MY SISSI
WHEN I WAS SICK. I WILL
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DID FOR SISSI AND



Thank you for all you and your
staff do to help those who are
desperate. You live the words
of the season. -L.K.



Thank you for all the
hard work you do. -
D.M.



Melanee is such a fantastic and
loving director of TBAA. Dianne
and I have been touched by a to-
tal of 3 cats from this wonderful
facili-

We both consider our vol-
unteers time at the shelter
to be the
highlight of our week. -P
& C. G.



Made Especially
FOR YOU BY
Susan I. Schwenk



THANKS FOR THE CAL-
ENDAR – FUN TO SEE
ALL THE KITTIES – MY
KITTIES “YING & YANG” –
FEBRUARY -K.M.



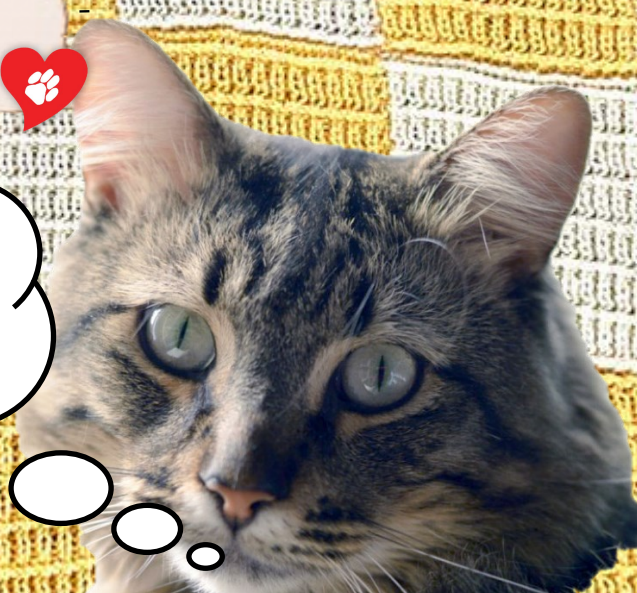
The Gift that keeps on
Giving is ... YOU!
Susan Schwenk



Thank you for giving
me a home with you,
Marijon, when my
good man was
himself homeless.



-Milkshake



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30

WINTER REMINDS US THAT A WARM SECURE HOUSE IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL OUR RESCUE SUCCESS.

YOUR GENEROUS END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS – SOME THROUGH DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, EMPLOYER MATCHING, OR GRANTS – MAKE THESE REPAIRS POSSIBLE IN OUR 120-YEAR-OLD LITTLE BLUE HOUSE ON BERWYN.



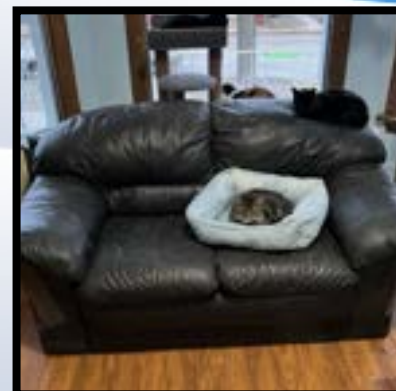
THE CATS LOVE THE NEW GYMNASTIC WALKWAYS BUILT OVER THE NEW KITCHEN CABINETS



OUR LONGTIME CONTRACTOR FRIEND, RICH REDIG, SPENT SEVERAL DAYS CHECKING AND UPGRADING ALL OF THIS OLD HOME'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS TO ACCOMMODATE TODAY'S COMPUTERS AND ASSURE SAFETY.

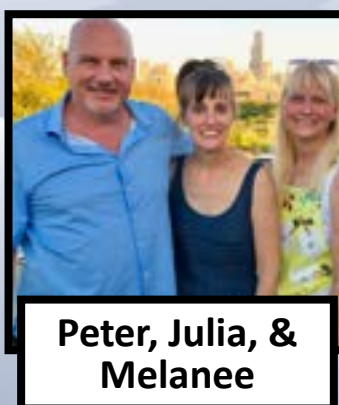


LONG-NEEDED PLUMBING REPAIRS AND NEW FIXTURES MAKE CLEANING AND USING THEM SAFER AND MORE EFFICIENT.



WE THANK THE GENEROUS FRIEND WHO DONATED PLUSH NEW LEATHER COUCHES – THE KITTIES LOVE THEM!

WE ALSO THINK OUR FRIEND, PETER DEIMEL, AND ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN HIS RESTAURANTS' FUNDRAISING EVENINGS AT FAME SUPPER CLUB AND AZUL IN SEPTEMBER.



Peter, Julia, & Melanee



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FOUR SEASONS COMPANY GENEROUSLY CHECKED AND ADJUSTED OUR VERY OLD BOILER AT NO CHARGE TO US.



AN OVERNIGHT BASEMENT FLOOD AND COLD—ONLY WATER MADE THE REPLACEMENT OF OUR HOT WATER HEATER AN IMMEDIATE NECESSITY.



OUR FELINES ARE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR THE NEW CAT TREES, AND FUN INTERACTIVE TOYS AND TREATS SENT BY SANTA'S HELPERS ON OUR MAILING LIST.



OUR NEXT BIG PROJECT IS TO REPLACE THE 30-YEAR-OLD VINYL FLOORING ON BOTH FLOORS WITH STRONG URINE PROOF-IMPENETRABLE, ODOR-FREE LINOLEUM USED IN VETERINARY HOSPITALS.



WE WANT YOU TO KNOW JUST HOW WE SPEND YOUR GIFT MONEY, BESIDES CAT FOOD, LITTER, MEDICINES, VETERINARY CARE, GASOLINE, UTILITIES, STAFF SALARIES, (1 FULL TIME, 7 PART TIME).

FOR 39 YEARS YOU HAVE KEPT US GOING, TELLING US WITH YOUR SUPPORT THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR MISSION AND OUR CARE FOR CATS IN NEED.

MANY OF OUR FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS HAVE BEEN WITH US SINCE THE 1990'S, AND WE LOVE THEM AS WELL AS OUR NEW FRIENDS, ADOPTERS, AND VISITORS.



I, too, have been TOUCHED BY ANIMALS and I want to be YOUR VALENTINE by

- Enclosing \$_____ to help with winter & spring needs.
- Be a monthly sponsor – send me a 2023 calendar with donation envelopes.
- Volunteering some time to socialize cats & kittens.
- Driving cats to/from veterinary visits occasionally as needed.
- Help on a Saturday with “deep cleaning” of rooms.
- Donate items or theme baskets for silent auction or raffles.
- Come to Spring Benefit on April 30, 2023 & invite friends.
- I have a hobby or craft; I would like to share an item handmade with love.
- I can help with seasonal newsletter mailings (usually on a Saturday).
- I can help set up or take down Benefit decorations.
- I live too far away to help physically; but I encourage staff of TBA to continue helping animals and people.
- I will seeks Grants/donations/publicity through my employer or other contacts.



My Name _____ Phone _____ E-M _____

**Our 2022 Thanksgiving Benefit! —
Grateful for ALL the Animals & People who TOUCH Our LIVES!**



Friendship



Sharing Stories



**Vegan/Vegetarian
Brunch Buffet**



**Made-to-Order
Omelet Station**



Raffle



**Caring Award Recipients:
Eva, Chris, Roy, and Rhoda**



Silent Auction

**We hope to see you at our Spring Benefit on
Sunday, April 30, 2023,
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Holiday Inn North Shore
5300 W Touhy Ave, Skokie, IL 60077**