

Friends of The City of Buffalo Animal Shelter 2024 Treasurer's Report



...a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit Organization in support of the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter

Friends of CBAS had another successful year in support of the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, donations totaling over \$178,000. Thank you, Buffalo! We took advantage of favorable interest rates for savings accounts to allow us continue to bolster our funds and continue to achieve an administrative overhead of only about 1.5% which includes our web presence, marketing, event supplies, and insurance.

Because of these donations, Friends of CBAS was able to contribute over \$88,000 to the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter toward medical expenses, supplies, care and well-being.

In 2025, we are adding additional structure to our volunteer organization with the possible addition of multiple new committees headed by our talented volunteers. We recently formed a **Volunteer Liaison Team** allows us to better communicate upcoming events and initiatives and they are partnering with the **Social Media Team** on the development of a volunteer newsletter. We are adding additional volunteers to assist with the management of the Shelter's web site as well as planning for changes to our **Pet Sponsorship Program** which contributes \$75 toward training at any qualified training organization.

We continued to invest in our volunteers by offering training sessions with a rotating schedule of external training organizations. We hope that increasing the skills of our volunteers will translate into happier, more confident, trainable, adoptable dogs.

Special Paws & Silver Whiskers continues to provide subsidized medical fees for all cats over the age of seven and all dogs over the age of ten. This means that the adopter pays only the adoption fee, but ZERO for veterinary services and means that a senior or special needs pet is allowed to be surrounded by a loving family during their final years.

We brought many new Volunteers this year and we couldn't do it without the efforts of our **Volunteer Training Team**. We are fortunate to have about 100 active volunteers.

In closing...thank you once again, Volunteers, City of Buffalo Animal Shelter Staff, and Adopters. We look forward to 2025 with the same goals ... **ONE SHELTER ... ONE PURPOSE**.

Susan Herzog, Treasurer

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