

March 2017

Dear Friends,

Seven fifty-two AM as two employees arrive at Marion Grant County Humane Society shelter where upon waiting was a litter of four, two week old kittens with a brief explanation of the mother cat was dead. Off to the left just outside the entry was a crate with an obviously neglected and very pregnant mix breed dog which had been left abandoned during the frigid night as she lay trembling from the cold and from fear not knowing what was happening.

Once again with indescribable sadness and uncertain how they were going to find room and care for these animals in an already overcrowded, small staffed facility there was no hesitation of what they would do.

Undeniably the Humane Society does an incredible undertaking but the reality is this is a never ending struggle to pay the mortgage, to make payroll, utilities and needed repairs to keep the shelter operating while caring and saving those deemed insignificant by the community.

The Humane Society receives income through fund raiser events such as The Bow Wow Meow Basket Raffle in the Spring and the Paws and Effect Silent Auction in the Fall along with sales from donated items in the Rescue Resale Shop.

What looms most over the Society is their largest financial responsibility of the mortgage. The facility at 505 S Miller Ave in Marion was acquired in 2011 and continuously upgraded to fit the animal's needs. As required the five year scheduled refinancing was completed at Star Bank in Marion, Indiana with the now balance of \$71,000 with monthly payments of \$701.

Many of the Society's friends already have a vested interest in the success of the Marion Grant County Humane Society shelter and many others alike understand the urgency and the impact of being unindebted and redirecting the monthly payment obligation towards vital spay and neuter surgeries, essential medications and lifesaving medical services.

The Humane Society's goal is to attain autonomy and security for the shelter's preservation. A specific goal has been set to eliminate the mortgage debt that would give assurance the Marion Grant County Humane Society will always be here for those in need. Please share in this mission as you may contribute any amount from \$1 to \$71,000 and you will truly become a part of an everlasting legacy.

*Sincerely, President: Brenda Volmer, Vice President: Adrienne Strambaugh, Secretary: Ann Zobrosky, Treasure: Jayne Stuckey, Teresa Willmann, Kathleen Carlson, Sarah Ertel, Judy Perez, Mary Branson*

Yes, I will share in the Legacy for the Preservation of the  
Marion Grant County Humane Society

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ In  
The Amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Marion Grant County Humane Society

P.O. Box 1921 Marion, IN 46952

## **Bow Wow Meow Brunch & Basket Raffle**

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**McCarthy Hall 1009 Kem Rd Marion, In**

**Behind St Paul Parish School**

**9 to 11 view Baskets 10:30 Brunch is Served 11:00 Raffle Drawing**

**Good Food, Good Friends, Good Fun and lots of Amazing, Exciting Items in the Raffle**

**If you would like to donate an item or Gift Basket for the Raffle please call 765-667-3515**