



FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

PO Box 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318

Hello to all of our dedicated members and supporters!

Here we are again at the end of another summer, and we are SO grateful to those of you who make it possible for us have enough funding to care for the cats in the Sanctuary. Because we believe in transparency to our donors, please take a look at our 2014 Financial Report on page 3.

Our June 7th Open House was a big success, and my thanks go out not only to those who attended, purchased items, and made donations, but also to the many CTAS Board Members, Advisory Board Members, and Regular Members who helped make it possible. A few of our regular cleaning volunteers are having serious medical issues so we had to seek a few new volunteers to help with this important job, so special thanks to April Soule and Amy Anthony. I also want to express my gratitude to Al and Donna Bunnell who built and donated to us at no cost the incredible insulated outdoor cat houses, the wildlife-proof cat feeding station, and new wood display box for our handmade greeting cards.



CTAS CLEANING VOLUNTEER APRIL SOULE TOOK A BREAK TO CUDDLE WITH OUR SASHA.

I hope you enjoy looking at the photos we put on page 2 for your review, and that you'll join us next year. We were so happy to see so many new faces this year....esp. the folks who are working on building a cat sanctuary in South Lyon in 2016. We plan to give them as much assistance and advice as we can as we NEED more sanctuaries.

I'd like to conclude by reminding folks that each and every day we get all sorts of inquires for help or advice relating to cats and not just ferals. We do our best to help everyone, but our Secretary Eileen works hard to persuade people to NOT give up their cats when we can educate them that this may not be necessary. To that end, take a look at this letter we received after she helped one such family:

"Thank you for getting back to me and reminding me how Luther came to us and how much he is a part of our family. We have decided to bring him with us to Florida. I guess I waited so long to contact anyone about him because I knew in my heart that I really couldn't give him up. I just had to make sure my husband was on board with the decision. And, I would never abandon him. Someone already did that and I could tell how much he needed love and affection, that's why we gave him a place to call "home". Our new house, in Florida does have a pool with a really large paver patio space all around it inside a screened cage so I think all the animals will be safe there. I am taking your advice to make him an indoor kitty. We will also be traveling in our motor coach 3 months of the year so we have to prepare him for that and your advice was just what we needed. I appreciate all your insights, Eileen, and will make a generous donation to the Sanctuary as you are all doing a wonderful service for our "Purring" friends!

Many thanks! Lori

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT,
LISA KOESTER, *President & Founder*

SCENES FROM CAT TAIL ACRES SANCTUARY'S 3rd ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 7, 2015

Despite warnings of rains or even storms, we had a beautiful day and well over 100 people enjoyed themselves. The more skittish ferals kept to themselves on the porch, but everyone had a chance to see how well cared for and contented our cats are in their "home". We also managed to adopt out one of our friendly cats even though she is older. We raised a good deal of money by selling our t-shirts, tote bags, hand-made cards, insulated outdoor cat houses, and wild animal-proof elevated outdoor cat feeding stations, as well as other animal-related items. We still have many left to sell so check them out on page 3 of this newsletter. Many people simply gave generous donations. We are grateful to EVERYONE who made the long trip out to visit us and who showed their support. We hope you will consider joining us next year June 2016.



CTAS Board member Elaine Savage donated the cost of our awesome shopping totebags.



Is this a car show or an open house!



Former State Veterinarian, Steve Halstead, confers with new MI Humane Society CEO Matthew Pepper and MHS COO David Williams.



Most of the cats just did what they always do and ignored all the people touring!



SOME USEFUL ITEMS YOU CAN GET FROM US



The indoor, cloth cat cubby houses were cleverly made with t-shirts, and are available for a \$20 donation.



The Outdoor Cat Shelters are insulated, and are very durable. You can get one for a \$50 donation.



The outdoor feeding station for cats is sturdily built and costs \$150. This feeding station was built to prevent wildlife from access the cat food.



A \$15 donation will get you one of these sturdy tote bags.



Small=\$15, Med./Lg./XL=\$20, XXL=\$25

CTAS 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME - 2014

Donations (cash, checks, money orders, PayPal, and income from all fundraising)	\$64,061.05
3 Charity Gaming fundraisers	\$11,001.00
Kroger Rewards earnings	\$738.28
\$ earned from CTAS VISA card points program	\$665.98
Gift card donations	\$435.00
Amazon Associates and Smile earnings	<u>\$232.59</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$77,133.90</u>

EXPENDITURES - 2014

New, used van purchase	\$20,023.00
Salary for Lisa Koester	\$12,600.00
Veterinary Care & Meds	\$8,869.64
Gasoline & Oil Changes	\$5,934.96
Salary for Asst. Brandy Deel	\$5,300.00
Van Repair & Maintenance	\$3,066.96
New Roof on storage barn	\$2,400.00
Cat food, dry and canned	\$2,107.95
Property Taxes*	\$1,992.43
(*Armada Twp, has thus far refused to grant us our property tax exemption).	
Utilities (SEMCO Gas)	\$1,655.71
Utilities (DTE Electric)	\$1,254.09
Maintenance/Repair of Sanctuary	\$836.08
Fundraising expenses	\$781.96
Cleaning Supplies	\$757.14
Maintenance Tractor-Trailer-Hitch	\$762.49
Compressed Pine Pellet Litter	\$697.00
Newsletter Printing	\$679.00
Waste Management Services	\$598.78
Newsletter Postage	\$588.86
Maintenance/Repair Lawn Mower	\$309.63
Other-miscellaneous	\$232.17
Tax Prep. fee to CPA for 2014	\$230.00
Snowblower Maintenance/Repair	\$200.00
Van Insurance*	\$100.95
(*Lisa paid for this insurance for most of the year until she was told to stop and have CTAS pay it.)	
Tree Trimming Service	\$100.00
Postage to mail out charitable tax deduction receipts or correspondence to donors who don't have email*	\$78.29
(*This figure would have been higher but CTAS Secretary paid for a lot of correspondence postage costs herself.)	
PayPal Fees taken out of donations	\$75.24
Post Office Box annual rental fee	<u>\$62.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$72,294.33</u>

You can get these terrific items from us by mailing an order to CTAS, P.O. Box 183164, Shelby Twp, MI 48318. Or, you can get more information and/or place an order for the t-shirts, tote bags, and cat cubby houses by emailing: motenbar@att.net. And can get more information and/or place an order for the outdoor cat house or outdoor cat feeding station by emailing: stripey@wowway.com

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THANKS to....

Ellen Piligian for her donation in honor of her beloved late mother Carol Piligian, and to wish Eileen Liska-Stronczer to Get Well Soon.
Gail Reichstein who made an arrangement that for every customer she refers to her roofing company, they will make a \$100 donation to CTAS! And so....an additional THANK YOU to MIKE KNISH and CANDICE SPENCER of Spencer Knish Construction in Commerce Twp. for their recent \$200 donation!

Gail Reichstein, and Baby Boo Boo, for their extremely generous donation in celebration of Lisa Koester's Birthday, as well as to wish Eileen Liska-Stronczer to Get Well Soon.

Thomas Hart for his many years of generous sponsorship of Tabitha and TomTom!

And WELCOME to Hilary and Dwayne Scott Davis, new Sponsors of Andrea and Black Bear!

MEMORIAL DONATIONS THANKS to

Kathleen and Henry Anderson in memory of their beloved "Grandma Kitty".

Cheryl Phillips who heartbreakingly lost both her adored Carlton and Big Boy.

Gail Reichstein in loving memory of "Lacey" whose passing is mourned by her family: Marlene, Daniel, and David Adler.

Candace and Stuart Schafrick in memory of their beloved little princess, "Ginger".

Patricia Wendling in memory of Debbie's precious cat "Sasha".

THANKS for GET WELL SOON DONATIONS on behalf of Eileen Liska-Stronczer, to

Bob Anderlik & Kerry Masters; Alexis & Sandy Avila; Hermien & Roland Braitsch; Erica & Tim Brown; Sandy & Bob Carlton; Margaret & Larry Conti; Lensworth & Corrine Cottrell; Janet Culbertson; Pat Durston; M.J. Falls; Dave & Dayle Feldman; Bee Friedlander & Don Garlit; Brent & Sarah Gephart, Sandi Giardini; Sheri Giardini, DVM; Godfrey Grant; Joanne & Bob Kaczor; Laurie Kaniarz; Jeanne Lusher, MD; Carolyn Marchand; Irene Metro, MD; John Price; Brian Quinn; Karen Ross, Candice & Stuart Schafrick; Sue & Michael St.John; Kathy Stern; Don VonChawes, and Beth Wickwire.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

** SAT. OCT. 3, 10A - 8P & SUN. OCT.4, Noon - 6P, CTAS GARAGE SALE at Gibraltar Trade Center's Annual Garage Sale Extravaganza, 237 N. River Rd., Mt.Clemens 48043.

** OCT. 21-24 from 6P to 2A, Charity POKER Fundraiser, Big Beaver Tavern, Troy, MI

** DEC. 12 from Noon to 5P: **PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA** Fundraiser at Pet Supplies Plus, 2057 S. Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, 248-222-7545 Please stop by and bring yourselves, your dogs, your cats, or your dogs AND cats to have a beautiful photo keepsake taken of your family, and your donation will help the Sanctuary!

** DEC. 13, 9AM, Sixth Annual **JINGLE BELL 5K RUN OR WALK** at the Community Center in Shelby Twp. For more info or to sign up please email: Michael Ward at michaelward@cttsbi.com. This is a truly fun event the raises money not only for our sanctuary for but three other worthy charities.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW LEADERSHIP

2015-16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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YOUR DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED!

YOU MAY USE THIS FORM TO MAIL US YOUR DONATION(S) OR IF YOU PREFER, YOU CAN GO TO OUR WEBSITE'S (www.CatTailAcres.com) LINK TO ACCESS PAYPAL (be aware that they take out a small fee for processing).

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

(If you have one please send it to us or email us at:

CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com as using email saves us time and money. Thank you.)

DONATION AMOUNT \$ _____

MAIL your donations to Cat Tail Acres Sanctuary, P.O. Box 183164, Shelby Township, MI 48318. Please notify us at CatTailAcresSanctuary@gmail.com whenever you acquire an email address to save us time and postage, or to inquire about our Wish List needs or tasks for which we need Volunteers. Thank you!