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Dear friends of animals in the Twin Counties,

We are grateful for your past support of Twin County Humane Society. You are our heroes, as Maya Angelou wrote, you are the people who *"quietly go about the business of making the world a better place."*

We know it is important for us to tell you how we are fulfilling our multi-faceted goals of finding loving homes for all companion animals, expanding spay/neuter opportunities, and eliminating unnecessary euthanasia. This letter cannot cover such broad topics, but we encourage you to visit our newly re-designed website. It is the ideal place for you to see and stay informed on how we are diligently working on promoting animal welfare in our community.

Our needs are many and, in some cases, costly. TCHS has grown to the point that a fully equipped, independent facility to house both cats and dogs, while in transition to their forever homes, is desperately needed. Please consider a specific donation to our building fund. Also, a donation of land for this shelter is high on our list of needs. Our TCHS transport van is 23 years old and a replacement is well overdue.

These needs, of course, are above and beyond the daily operational costs of fostering, vaccinating, feeding, treating animals who are ill, transporting, spay/neutering, etc. Our expenses are kept at an absolute minimum by a 100% volunteer staff, and we are always in need of additional animal-care volunteers. Please let us know if you have the time and interest in doing this rewarding work.

We once again, humbly ask for your continued support to make this important work possible. The next time you are looking for a gift for a friend, family member, co-worker, etc., please think of giving a donation to TCHS in honor of that special someone. Memorial gifts are also an option. We will mail a note to inform them (or their family for memorial gifts) of your generosity, plus it will be recognized on our website, with your permission.

Earlier this year a postcard was mailed to remind you of how to renew your membership. To reiterate, annual membership rates are \$25 per year for families. Corporate Sponsors will receive acknowledgement on our website for \$250 per year. Thank you if you have already responded with your donation. I assure you, it will be used responsibly. And no matter the amount of the donation, none is too small to be a great help. Please send checks to Twin County Humane Society, PO Box 125, Hillsville, VA 24343, or donate on our website with Paypal if that is more convenient. Donations are tax deductible!

Remember, Donate to Give Happiness, Adopt to Find Happiness! Thank you for your "Dogged Determination" to help us save BOTH cat and dogs lives!

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"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." -Mother Teresa