



Monroe County Friends of Animals

RAISING THE ROOF, RAISING HOPE FOR ANIMALS



architect's rendering

Since MCFA was founded in 2004, it's been our long-held dream to build a much-needed animal shelter for stray and abandoned animals in the community.

Our dream is now much closer to being fulfilled: we're making great progress on a \$4.3 million capital campaign to construct this exciting new facility.

We're pleased to announce that the Campaign has surpassed the 60% level, with gifts and pledges totaling \$2,836,911 from over 140 generous friends!

The Campaign is critical to solving a vital community health and safety issue: the shelter as it stands today in Madisonville is inadequate to meet the needs of the community or the more than 2,000 animals per year being housed there.

Animal shelter architects Shelter Planners of America in Arlington, Texas, along with input from our shelter staff and volunteers have designed a safe and welcoming environment for animals, staff, volunteers and those seeking to adopt animals.

We are targeting to begin construction in 2023, when most or all of the funds are committed. So, it's up to all of us to make this dream a reality!

The animals and people of Monroe County can't wait any longer. Together we will create a haven of rescue, rehabilitation and education with the goal of adopting animals into loving families.

We encourage you to participate in the campaign at a level that's right for you. Many donors are making pledges to be paid over as many as five years.

For more information on how to get involved, please contact:

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Campaign surpasses 66% of funds needed to build new animal shelter!



Why I Give: Cheryl Ulmer



Cheryl is Chair of the MCFA Campaign Committee and Vice President of the board. A lifelong animal advocate, she has over 25 years experience volunteering in non profit dog and cat rescue. It was not surprising that when she moved to Vonore from Dayton, Ohio in August of 2020, that she sought out MCFA. "I knew from the moment I found out about the plans to build a new shelter that I wanted to be involved. I was honored to be asked to chair the campaign."

Cheryl and her husband were thrilled to give to the fundraising effort to build the new shelter. "I'm so excited about the state-of-the-art design, and how much better the building will be for the animals, for the staff, and for our many volunteers. There are even 'get acquainted' rooms where people considering adopting animals can interact with a dog or cat. So, it was a 'no-brainer' for us to make a reaching gift over several years to build the new facility."

Cheryl loves spreading her enthusiasm for the project by asking others to be part of the initiative. "Once we made our gift, it became easy to talk to like-minded people in Monroe County about joining us."

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