



EXPANDING OUR PAWPRINT  
THROUGHOUT THE METRO EAST



# About MEHS



**METRO EAST HUMANE SOCIETY**

Edwardsville | Highland | Riverbend

**ADOPTIONS**

In 2019, MEHS was able to adopt 1,196 animals into their forever homes.

Through our capital fundraising campaign we will be renovating and opening our Highland facility as a second adoption location to get more animals in the Metro East into homes.



**LOW COST VET SERVICES**



At MEHS, we do not believe cost should be a barrier for responsible pet ownership. To this end, we provide a low-cost & low-income spay/neuter program as well as low-cost vaccine & microchip clinics.

The medical suite at our Edwardsville facility will be expanded as part of our capital campaign, allowing us to serve more pets with these services.

**TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN**



Humanely trapping, neutering, and returning feral cats to their colonies has proven to help control cat overpopulation.

Since beginning our TNR program in 2016, the save rate for cats in Madison County has increased from an alarming 38% to 95% in large part due to ferals having options like TNR and working cat programs.

**PET FOOD PANTRY**



Early in 2020 MEHS took over the Riverbend Pet Food Pantry, providing pet food free of charge to families in the Metro East.

With the COVID-19 outbreak, we have pivoted to contactless delivery of food, transporting over 2,500 lbs of food to more than 50 families each month.

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The mission of the Metro East Humane Society is to improve animal welfare in the St. Louis Metro East by providing quality animal services including adoption of animals, advocacy, and preventative initiatives. In support of this mission, the organization's goals are to:

- Staff and support a "no-kill" animal shelter dedicated to providing a safe and healthy environment for cats and dogs;
- Provide humane medical treatment, vaccinations, and spay/neuter services to animals in our community;
- Promote the education of the humane treatment of animals, including responsible pet ownership and population control measures;
- Value and encourage partnerships with community-based organizations, schools, public intuitions, private corporations, and elected officials; and
- Respect the public trust through the proper management of our resources.

In early 2020, MEHS acquired Highland Animal Shelter which will open as the Metro East Humane Society Highland facility and took over the Riverbend Pet Food Pantry, providing pet food free of cost to low-income families in Metro East.

MEHS is financially supported solely through the generosity and support of the community. We receive no financial support from taxes or the government.

# Capital Campaign

The Metro East Humane Society has been helping animals in the Metro East since 1986 at our Edwardsville facility. 2020 has proven to be a year of growth for MEHS as we have acquired both the Highland Animal Shelter and Riverbend Pet Food Pantry. While we are thrilled to be expanding our reach and saving more animals, we are asking for your support to help fund a campaign that will allow us to fully renovate our new Highland facility as well as expand veterinary care in our Edwardsville facility. Through this project, we will be able to rescue more animals, adopt them into forever homes, and serve pets in the area through low cost veterinary services.

This campaign consists of two major focus areas:

1. Fully renovating the MEHS Highland facility to make it a fully functioning shelter and adoption center, and
2. expanding the medical suite in the MEHS Edwardsville facility to allow us to provide vet care to more animals in the Metro East.



## CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN BUDGET

### MEHS HIGHLAND SHELTER

Cat Holding/Isolation	\$50,000
HVAC	\$11,675
Commercial Washer & Dryer	\$11,000
Education Building Cabinets	\$1,860
Kennel Sound Baffles	\$1,420
Supplies	\$1,500
Miscellaneous Campaign Expenses	\$4,403

MEHS HIGHLAND PROJECT TOTAL: \$81,858

### MEHS EDWARDSVILLE SHELTER

Surgical Suite Renovations	\$20,000
Medical Supplies/Needs	\$68,142
Signage for Medical Area	\$5,000

MEHS EDWARDSVILLE PROJECT TOTAL : \$93,142

### CAPITAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TOTAL

**\$175,000**

\*Project specifics and cost breakdowns can be provided upon request.

METRO EAST HUMANE SOCIETY | EDWARDSVILLE - HIGHLAND - RIVERBEND

In the 34 years the Metro East Humane Society has been in Edwardsville, thousands upon thousands of dogs and cats have received food, shelter, medical care, compassion, and-most importantly-forever homes through the efforts on MEHS. While we are so proud of the work that's been done, we know there is still so much work to do.

We are working tirelessly to save as many animals as possible, but as a "no-kill" shelter we are only able to help animals we have space for. Our capital fundraising campaign is being launched to renovate our newly acquired Highland facility to increase both our number of intakes and adoptions, serve the community as a resource for humane animal education, and support the stray animal population.

MEHS is committed to supporting animal owners in the Metro East, regardless of income barriers, to provide quality veterinary care for their animals. To this end, our capital fundraising campaign will allow us to expand the medical suite in our Edwardsville facility, allowing for more low-cost and low-income veterinary services for the community and animals we serve.

This is an exciting time for MEHS and our board, staff, and volunteers are proud to launch this campaign to help further our reach and save more furry friends. We hope you will join us in being part of animal welfare in the Metro East!



**METRO EAST HUMANE SOCIETY**  
**SHELTER STATS 2020**



**INTAKES**

2020	1194
2019	1273
2018	1134


**ADOPTIONS**

2020	1182
2019	1196
2018	1080


**TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN & WORKING CAT**

2020	503
2019	526
2018	277


**PUBLIC SPAY/ NEUTER & VACCINE CLINICS**

2020	1611
2019	1206
2018	1103


**RIVERBEND PET FOOD PANTRY**

2020 **25,660 POUNDS**  
OF FREE PET FOOD SUPPLIED TO  
**106 FAMILIES**

*more to note:*

ACQUIRED METRO EAST HUMANE SOCIETY HIGHLAND FACILITY  
REOPENING TO THE PUBLIC SPRING 2021

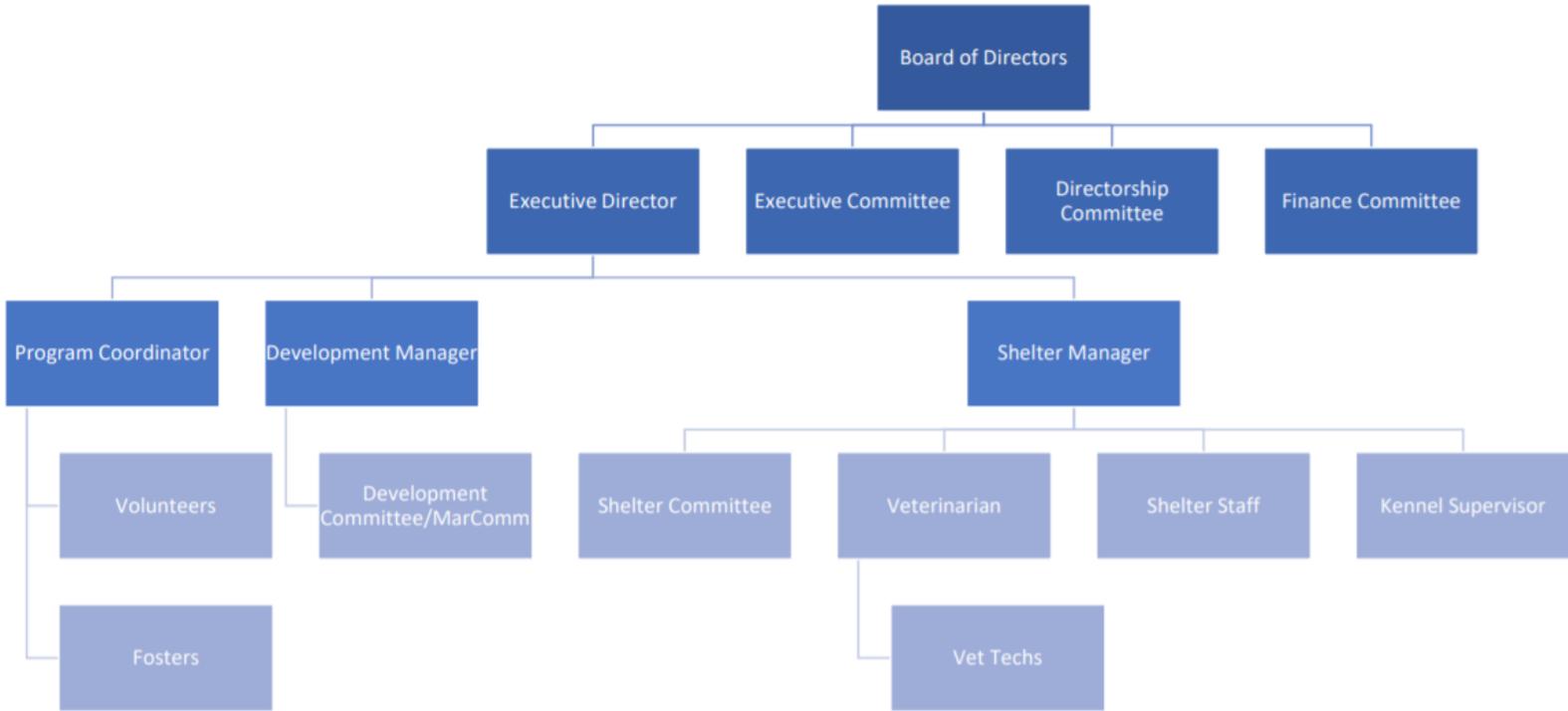


50% INCREASE IN FOSTER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



# How Your Metro East Humane Society Runs

## Metro East Humane Society Organization Flow Chart



# Gift Levels

	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Gift Level Recognition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Facility naming opportunities</li> <li>-Check presentation</li> <li>-Email blast recognition</li> <li>-Opportunity to include a letter of support in annual mailing</li> <li>-Annual mailing recognition</li> <li>-Social media recognition</li> <li>-Top website recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Room naming opportunities</li> <li>-Check presentation</li> <li>-Email blast recognition</li> <li>-Annual mailing recognition</li> <li>-Social media recognition</li> <li>-Prominent logoed website recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Room naming opportunity</li> <li>-Annual mailing recognition</li> <li>-Social media recognition</li> <li>-Logoed website recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Room naming opportunity</li> <li>-Annual mailing recognition</li> <li>-Logoed website recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Donor tree plaque recognition</li> <li>-Logoed website recognition</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Donor tree leaf recognition</li> <li>-Logoed website recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Logoed website recognition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Website recognition</li> </ul>



From all of us here at the Metro East Humane Society, especially our dogs & cats, we can't say thank you enough for supporting our mission of helping more animals in the Metro East!

Donations to our Capital Campaign will be recognized through the naming of rooms in our Highland or Edwardsville facilities, name recognition on our tree of donors at the Highland facility, public thank you via email, social media, and our constituent mailing list, and recognition on our Capital Campaign website.

## HOW TO DONATE

**Gifts of Cash**-The easiest and most direct way of supporting MEHS is a completely tax-deductible gift of cash.

**Gifts of Stock**-Avoid capital gains while taking a full-value deduction on your tax returns by making a gift of highly appreciate stock.

**Qualified Charitable Distributions**-If you're over the age of 70 you make meet the required minimum distribution from your IRA by making a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$100,000 per year. And you'll also lessen your taxable income.

**Recurring Gifts**-Become a monthly donor and split your gift into smaller monthly amounts!

**Matching Gifts**-Many endowment funds and employers offer opportunities to match gifts. Double your contribution by looking into matching gifts!

**Planned Giving**-Include MEHS in your estate plans and leave a legacy of compassion.



**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT FORM**

**DONOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEDGE INFORMATION**

In consideration of the gifts of others, I (we) hereby contribute cash and/or assets to Metro East Humane Society.

I (we) pledge a total of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please bill me beginning \_\_\_\_\_ and thereafter  monthly  bi-monthly  quarterly

I (we) wish to have this donation spread over \_\_\_\_\_

My gift will be matched by \_\_\_\_\_ company/foundation/family.

- Matching gift form enclosed  Matching gift form will be forwarded  
 I (we) would like information on including Metro East Humane Society in my (our) will/estate planning.

**CONTRIBUTION FORM**

I (we) plan to make my (our) contribution in the form of  cash  check  credit card  stock  property

Please charge my credit card (circle one) Visa Mastercard Discover American Express

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please designate this gift for:  MEHS-Edwardsville  MEHS-Highland  Use our gift where needed most!

**LISTING**

Donors will be recognized in campaign materials unless an anonymous gift is requested.

Name(s) to be used in all acknowledgements: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks, corporate matches, and stock transfers payable to Metro East Humane Society.  
Donations to MEHS are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

**Please return this form to:**  
Metro East Humane Society | 8495 State Route 143 | Edwardsville, IL 62025  
Or via email: developmentmgr@mehs.org

**THANK YOU!**