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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS SUMMER EDITION 2022



*Volunteer Family Trio: Melinda and Tim
with their son Austin, and 2 year old Waif Tequila*

Volunteer Today!

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Letter from the President *Our Adventure Together*



I am very honored and excited to represent Wayside Waifs as President. I'm so thankful to join staff, volunteers, donors, and other supporters in this new chapter. I am thrilled to see what we can accomplish together for the pets and people of Kansas City and beyond.

I'd like to share my background with you, a life-saving supporter. Since 2015 I have been with Wayside serving in the Vice President of Finance & Administration role. Prior to joining Wayside, I had ten years of non-profit accounting experience, seven of which were earned as the Vice President of Finance and Administration at the Houston

SPCA, the oldest and largest animal shelter in the Gulf Coast. I am a Certified Animal Welfare Administrator through The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement, a Certified Public Accountant, and have been certified in FEMA National Incident Management. In 2021 I was awarded the CFO of the Year by the Kansas City Business Journal. I have served on the Board of Directors for The Association for Animal Welfare Advancement and St. Therese Catholic School. I am an active member with Toastmasters International and Nonprofit Connect along with the Belton, Grandview, and South Kansas City Chambers of Commerce. I attended Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX and received a degree in Accounting and Finance.

Just one week after becoming President, I joined many of you, along with other supporters of the Waifs, at Fur Ball. I was so proud to be part of such an exciting and inspiring night in this new role. You can read more and see pics from that night on page 7.

Despite all of the changes that are taking place, Wayside continues to move forward. We are renovating and updating the Cat Adoptions area to increase the quality of life for the cats during their stay in the shelter. (This is happening thanks to a special Memorial fundraiser – read more about it on page 6.) Along with helping local homeless animals, we are working with more and more shelter partners to give their animals a second chance by transferring them to Wayside. We also are getting back to the pre-pandemic life – masks are not required in the shelter, everyone is able to be together to help the animals (as opposed to limiting the amount of people in rooms), Fur Ball returned to May (after being held in the fall the past two years), and Strutt With Your Mutt will take place in September.

Lives couldn't be saved and the wonderful things at the shelter couldn't happen without you. I am extremely grateful for your dedication and support!

Kathryn Mahoney – President

*P.S. Save the date for this year's **Strutt With Your Mutt** on **Sunday, September 25, 2022**. It'll be in the Brookside neighborhood – check out page 10 for more info!*



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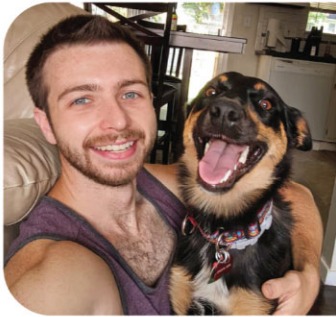
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PREPARING PETS AND PEOPLE FOR THE BOND OF THEIR LIVES.

We accomplish our mission by protecting and caring for the animals under our watch; by reaching out to the community for love and support; and by teaching others about the profound joy that pets bring to our lives.





Benson

He's so much fun to spend time with. Definitely my new best friend!

– Jack



Marshmallow

She especially loves her new sister who was in shock at her arrival!

– Lisa



Basil

Basil (the cat) is enjoying his new family – the cats and the dog!

– Michelle



Charlie Brown

He's living the good life! He goes everywhere with his family, including a recent float trip!

– Lisa

Estate Planning Luncheon Wednesday, August 10, 2022



Ensure your assets go to the people and causes you love.

Join estate planning professionals for an educational conversation and presentation about estate planning best practices.

A complimentary box lunch will be provided. Shelter tours will be offered after the presentation for those interested in snuggling a few shelter pets.

Speakers:

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Seating is limited, please RSVP by August 1 by calling 816-986-4409 or emailing asmasal@waysidewaifs.org.



Volunteer Today! You Can Help The Animals

Volunteers are vital to the well-being of the animals – they socialize, interact, and spread happiness. You too can help! Do you enjoy walking dogs or snuggling cats? Would you like to introduce animals to potential adopters? What about helping our vet clinic?

If you don't want to work hands-on with animals but still want to help, you can get involved by assisting the volunteer department or donor relations team. Whatever role you fill, we're sure you'll make a lifesaving difference in the animals' lives!

PICTURED RIGHT: John, a newer volunteer, is under 16 years old so he volunteers with his parents as a cat socializer.



Here are a few of the volunteer roles you can participate in:

Dog Socializer! You will work directly with the dogs – you can walk them and spend time with them in their kennel. Discover if you gravitate towards the smaller or larger dogs, if you enjoy working with shy/fearful or high energy dogs, and find joy in putting a smile on their faces.

Tier 3 Trained Dog Socializer! This role allows you to work with dogs who have come a long way in our behavior modification programs but often have difficulty coping with the shelter environment. You can work with shy, fearful and high energy dogs to help them acclimate to life with humans. *Volunteers Melinda and Tim, on the cover, find being Tier 3 Volunteers very rewarding!*

Playgroups! Play is vitally important to our dogs' mental and physical health. Playgroup volunteers lead play sessions between adoptable dogs, providing them an opportunity for social interaction and exercise, in the form of supervised play with other dogs.

Cat Socializer! You'll get to help cats by providing socialization, touch, and other basic needs. Discover which cats enjoy lap time, in-kennel attention, or a free roaming opportunity.

TABBY (To Achieve Best Behavior Yet)! This is a specialized role that helps scared, shy, and unsocialized cats. Consistent care ensures they receive the help needed to find their forever homes.

Canine or Feline Care Teams! These are vital roles which include cleaning/sanitizing, providing bedding and toys, providing food and water, and more.

Meet & Greet Specialists! This position works with the public to introduce potential adopters to the Waifs – both cats and dogs.

Whiskers & Wags! Volunteers help adopters pick out items for their new pet, give basic advice on owning a new pet, and more.

“Volunteers play such a huge role in the progress of the animals! We couldn't care for the Waifs without them.”

LAUREN STUMBO,
Volunteer Services Manager



There are constant changes in animal welfare and it's our job to know them all. One new, nation-wide trend is the increase in dogs who, through no fault of their own, have behavior challenges. Our behavior team works with these dogs to help them trust people and learn manners. We need your help in providing consistent support and training to them.

Please consider becoming a Tier 3 Trained Dog Socializer – you'll have a huge impact in these dogs' journeys!

If you think the animals are the only ones benefitting from volunteer interaction, you're wrong! Obviously you'll get tons of puppy tail wags and kitten kisses. Plus you'll interact with many people who have the same passion you have for animals. But you'll also benefit by receiving discounted pet adoptions, flea and tick treatment, Bark Park memberships, Whiskers & Wags purchases, and more!

Now is the perfect time for you to become part of the life-saving Village of individuals who give their hearts and souls to help the animals during their stay at Wayside. No matter what role or roles you choose, you'll be able to combine your passion with your desire to help homeless animals.



PICTURED ABOVE: Debbie, a volunteer of 10 years, walks dogs (Baby and Splash, pictured), fosters dogs & cats, trains new volunteers, and more.

Tricia remembers a favorite cat:

Atlantis was scared of everyone during her year at Wayside. We helped her get used to people – she got braver and braver. One day a woman came in to look at her and adopted her! We were all crying.

If we could get this cat to sit on a lap and find her people...that showed me what we do here matters.



Steve talks about volunteering with dogs:

I've been at Wayside for more than two decades now. Every job I do helps the dogs in their new homes. They have their individual mannerisms and are all unique. And they give you so much positive affection. ***You can't lose when you spend time with them!***



To get involved, visit WaysideWaifs.org/volunteer. There you can explore all volunteer opportunities, read through FAQs, check for upcoming volunteer information sessions, and more.

In Loving Memory Patrick Tobin



PICTURED ABOVE: Patrick with his beloved cat, Perry

Patrick Tobin – husband, son, friend, and cat lover – passed away in 2021 after living with metastatic melanoma for 3 years. His family set up an online fundraiser in Patrick’s memory to raise funds to help the shelter cats at Wayside. More than \$135,000 was raised in his memory and will be used to refresh the cat sunroom and cat adoptions area. A celebration of life for Patrick will be held at Wayside on July 16. Wayside thanks Patrick’s loved ones, many listed below, that have kept his memory alive by making a gift of \$100 or more by honoring his love of cats.

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To create your own DIY Fundraiser in honor or memory of your loved one, visit WaysideWaifs.org.



Fur Ball 2022 *The Barking Twenties*

Special thanks to Fur Ball's Co-Honorary Chairs Joe and Carol Suhor & Terry Christenberry and Hon. Ann Mesle. Returning as the emcee was Gary Lezak and his weather dogs Sunny, a Wayside alum, and Rainbow.

Wayside Waifs would like thank The Jack & Helyn Miller Foundation, The Jack & Glenna Wylie Foundation, and an anonymous donor for their generous matching gifts!



PICTURED ABOVE RIGHT: Kathryn Mahoney, President (standing third from the left), with her husband Michael (on her right), and their guests, celebrated the theme with great attire.



PICTURED ABOVE CENTER: Rusty and Martha Smith enjoying the evening with Beatrix and Bali.



PICTURED LEFT: The events Co-Honorary Chairs: Terry Christenberry and Hon. Ann Mesle & Joe and Carol Suhor.

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