



Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Receives \$2,500 Grant to Honor Steel Magnolia Award Recipient Phyllis Moore

DEARBORN. February 16, 2018—Phyllis Moore, 70, of Dearborn, was recently awarded the Steel Magnolia Award, administered by the Middletown Community Foundation and funded by the AK Steel Foundation. The award goes to the charity of Moore’s choice, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD).

Moore is a breast cancer survivor, a volunteer mentor for recently diagnosed breast cancer patients, and, just days after losing her right leg to an autoimmune complication, was back working at her full-time job at AK Steel.

Elaine Greene, FAMD’s executive director and the person responsible for nominating Moore, cites Moore’s compassion, dedication and energy as the inspiration for her and many others. “Phyllis is one of the kindest people I know,” said Greene, “and you’re not a stranger long with Phyllis. She has worked for so long to brighten the lives of others, and I’m glad she is being recognized as the amazing person she is.”

A long-term volunteer at FAMD and a former Board of Directors member, Moore is passionate about the shelter’s cats, donating time and money over the years to treat cats with severe illnesses so that they can find homes. In 2016, Moore received the shelter’s highest accolade, the Big Heart Award.

When given the choice of nonprofits to which she wanted the Steel Magnolia Award donated, Moore chose FAMD and hopes that the grant money will be used to continue medical care of the shelter’s cats. “She’s truly an extraordinary person, and she’s an inspiration to us at FAMD and at AK Steel,” said Greene.

About the AK Steel Foundation

The AK Steel Foundation awards as many as 13 Steel Magnolia awards per year, one per AK Steel location. Each recipient designates a \$2,500 donation to an eligible charity of her choice. The award honors women of all ages who have faced personal adversity and have shown exceptional strength, courage, compassion and leadership through their work in support of their communities.

About FAMD

After 25 years of nurturing more than 50,000 animals, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has embarked on the public phase of their “Our Animals Need A Home” capital campaign to construct a new Animal Adoption & Education Center at the site of the former Dearborn Amtrak station on Michigan Avenue. It will be complete this Fall. For more information about FAMD, visit metrodetroitanimals.org

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