



**FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT**

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## **FAMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

DEARBORN, April 1, 2020 –With deep appreciation for her years of outstanding leadership, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) is announcing that effective July 1, 2020, Elaine Greene will be retiring as FAMD’s Executive Director. Kim Cross, current Director of Development, will assume the newly-created role of President and CEO of FAMD.

In 1996, Elaine joined FAMD, formerly known as Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter, as its Executive Director and first paid staff member. In the past 24 years, she has overseen the organization’s growth from a staff of one to a staff of 16 full-time and 15 part-time employees and 311 volunteers, with an annual operating budget of \$1.7 million. Caring for over 2,500 animals each year, Greene has played a central role in building the organization from a city-run animal pound to a regional animal adoption and education center, operating a state-of-the-art facility in Dearborn. Greene is a widely respected leader and expert in the field of animal welfare and humane practices. Under her leadership, FAMD has saved the lives of 100% of adoptable animals since 1999.

“My time with this group of truly dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters has been inspiring and unforgettable”, says Greene. “I am so proud to have been part of the success of FAMD. I have seen our organization grow from a small group of passionate Dearborn residents to an animal welfare organization that has a reach across southeast Michigan and many states beyond. In September 2018, we opened the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center which has significantly improved and enriched the shelter experience for the animals, staff and adopters. I am looking forward to FAMD providing the same to all of the animals in our care by completing Phase Two of the center. Above all, my most gratifying accomplishment is that we have changed the lives of thousands of animals. The Friends organization has been my everyday focus for 24 years, and retiring will be a huge change for me, but not for the organization. I am confident that Kim will do a fabulous job and excited to see her lead FAMD to new heights.”



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“Elaine has been the backbone of our organization and we are deeply appreciative of her incredible dedication to FAMD and the growth we have realized under her leadership. In recognition of both her commitment to our organization as well as the value she can continue to bring to FAMD, on March 19, the board of directors unanimously voted to have Elaine join our board. She will continue to provide expertise and mentoring to Kim and the team as well as ensure a seamless leadership,” said MaryAnn Wright, FAMD Board Chair.

Kim Cross joined FAMD in November 2018 and has extensive fundraising, management, and volunteer experience with several Michigan nonprofits including Michigan Humane Society, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Michigan Animal Rescue League, and also several San Francisco nonprofits such as San Francisco SPCA, San Francisco Zoo, and the Metropolitan Club. She is also a seasoned business and financial expert through her leadership roles at Goldman Sachs, Kidder Peabody, Merrill Lynch, Nantucket Multi Managers and as founder, president and chief investment officer of Highland Capital Management in San Francisco.

“Kim has a unique set of skills and experiences from the nonprofit and financial sectors that the board feels will serve FAMD well. The board looks forward to working with Kim to continue to grow FAMD as a premier animal adoption and education organization, including completing Phase Two of our capital campaign to have the entire organization under one roof and all the animals and staff in a safe and healthy environment,” said Wright.

**About FAMD**

After more than 27 years of nurturing more than 59,000 animals, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has embarked on the second phase of their “More Love than Humanly Possible” capital campaign to construct Phase Two of their complex, an addition to the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption & Education Center. For more information about FAMD, a 501(c)3 organization, visit [metrodetroitanimals.org](http://metrodetroitanimals.org).

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