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**FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT NAMES SOPHIE BOZEK AS 2020  
BIG HEART AWARD WINNER**

DEARBORN, MI. – Sophie Bozek, former FAMD Board Finance Director, has been named the winner of Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit’s 2020 Big Heart Award. This award is given to recognize the dedication and compassion of an individual who unselfishly gives their time and talent to saving and providing sanctuary to animals. The Big Heart Award is given annually, with the recipient traditionally being honored at FAMD’s Black Tie & Tails gala in October.

To be considered for this award, nominees must meet several criteria. They must:

- Exemplify the mission of Friends, which is to provide loving care and sanctuary to animals, encourage adoptions and reunions, and promote respect, responsibility and compassion for all animals.
- Exemplify true support of the humane treatment of animals, through thought, word and deed, whatever the circumstance.
- Consistently donate time, support, financial resources and/or talent to facilitate or further the cause of animal welfare.

From 2008-2019, Sophie was the Finance Director for FAMD and served on the Leadership Committee and the Board of Directors. As Finance Director, she introduced budget/business planning processes and monthly operating reviews that improved planning, cost control and decision making for the staff and the board. Sophie also oversaw cash management for the operations and investments for the endowment established in 2010. Her efforts resulted in significant returns and a favorable cash position.

Sophie also supported the New Shelter Project. She was part of the team that developed the plan for the New Shelter and obtained the City's financial commitment. She developed and



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monitored the budget for the project, and provided updated estimates of costs that supported strategic decisions. Sophie has been a dedicated volunteer who has contributed countless hours to assist FAMD achieve their goals.

“I am delighted to receive this award. I have always been proud to support FAMD. It is a wonderful organization that does wonderful things,” says Bozek.

Past recipients of the Big Heart Award include Dr. Cheryl Good DVM, Patricia Ludwig, Julie Walker, Pat D’Ambrosio, Councilman Robert and Mrs. Mary Ann Abraham, Dr. Linda Schrier, Kay and Doug Neff, Scott Shallop, Dr. Jeff Dizik, Norma Wallis, MaryAnn Wright, Phyllis Moore, and Jack and Edith Sullivan.

Sophie will receive her award at the 2020 Black Tie & Tails Virtual gala, held October 23, 2020 at the Dearborn Inn. Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased at <https://www.metrodetroitanimals.org/event/black-tie-and-tails-2020/>

**About FAMD**

After more than 27 years of nurturing over 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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