



Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Launches Phase Two of Capital Campaign

Funds raised will add 10,000 square feet to Metro Detroit animal shelter

DEARBORN, Mich. January 21, 2021 — After two years of planning, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit [FAMD] is announcing Phase Two of their drive to move all operations to a new state-of-the-art shelter. The animal shelter’s capital campaign for the expansion of the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center [AAEC] aims to raise \$5 million.

Phase One of the campaign was completed in September 2018, with \$5.1 million in donations, as well as a donation of land from the City of Dearborn. It involved adding 10,000 square feet to a former Amtrak station on Reckinger Road, near the city’s Civil Services Plaza. This adoption center now houses dogs and cats waiting for their forever homes. It includes a cageless community cat space, dedicated rooms for adopters to meet their new pets, an outdoor dog play area, and double-compartment housing for the animals.

Phase Two will add 10,000 square feet to the Reckinger Road facility and allow the FAMD team to consolidate all operations and move out of the overcrowded and antiquated space on Greenfield. Included in the \$5 million project will be new animal intake and evaluation space, community education center, medical facilities and administrative offices.

“Phase Two will allow us to provide a more comfortable, safe and healthy space for all of the cats and dogs in our care and the staff who cares for them,” said Kim Cross, FAMD president and CEO. “We are so grateful to those who have gotten us this far, and are tremendously optimistic for the future of our organization. We know this addition to our facility will be a warm and welcoming home for the animals who enter our building and get ready to go to their forever homes. As we have done for over 20 years, we save 100% of our adoptable animals – no matter how long it takes to find their new families.”

Neumann/Smith architectural firm is responsible for the design, with partner Ghafari Associates leading engineering and TAKTIX Solutions coordinating project management. Phoenix Contractors of Ypsilanti is managing the construction.

To donate to Phase Two of the new building, visit metrodetroitanimals.org/new-shelter/donate-new-shelter/.

About Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit

After more than 28 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 www.metrodetroitanimals.org.

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