



FAMD TO CONSOLIDATE ALL OPERATIONS UNDER ONE ROOF BY END OF 2023

Final construction underway for Phase Two of MaryAnn Wright Animal and Adoption Center

DEARBORN, MICH. June 22, 2023 –Board Chair MaryAnn Wright announced today that the nonprofit organization Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) will vacate its Greenfield Administrative and Animal Services intake facility by the end of 2023 and move all operations to the soon-to-be-completed Reckinger Road location.

“We want all of our operations under the roof of the MaryAnn Wright Animal and Adoption Center,” said Wright. “The Greenfield location is run down and redundant. By completing Phase Two of the Reckinger building, we will be able to take better care of the 2,500 animals that pass through our doors each year. Our staff, volunteers and adopters will be much happier together in the completed building.”

Funding is about 57% complete for the \$7.6 million Phase Two.

“We are still fundraising for the last 3.3 million dollars that it will take to finish the expansion,” said Capital Campaign Chair Al Kammerer. “Costs continue to rise, and we must leave Greenfield this year. We have no choice but to finish this campaign and complete the construction. Thankfully, we have some amazing donors like Doug and Kay Neff who are matching donations from new patrons.”

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 shelter 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, and double-compartment housing for the animals.

Phase Two will add 10,000 square feet to the Reckinger Road facility and allow the shelter team to move operations over completely from the current overcrowded and antiquated space on Greenfield. Included in this phase of the project will be new animal intake and evaluation space, community educational space, medical facilities and administrative offices.

At today's Phase Two Groundbreaking Ceremony, CEO Cory Keller reviewed the Phase Two construction timeline and plans. He also encouraged friends, volunteers and staff to share mementos from the organization's 30-year history for a special time capsule that will be buried into a memorial garden as part of the new construction.

FAMD is a 501c3 organization and is located at 16121 Reckinger in Dearborn. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit is dedicated to the rescue, protection, and adoption of companion animals in need, while inspiring the human-animal bond. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) was founded in 1993 by volunteers who believed that homeless animals in our region deserve a second chance at life. Building on our strong sense of animal welfare, FAMD has grown in the past 30 years to an organization of great impact in the companion animal welfare community. The organization helps find homes for approximately 2,500 dogs and cats each year.

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