

### ANNUAL REPORT 2021

#### **WHO HELPED US**

#### Foundations:

- The Batchelor Foundation
- The Jim Moran Foundation
- Community Foundation of **Broward**
- Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
- BCEFA (Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids)
- The Central New York Community Foundation
- Bruce K. Lane & Steven E. Gillette Fund
- June Wise Foundation

#### Pet Protectors Circle:

**Neil Burmeister** Michael Camardello

**Daniel Hunt** 

Marc Martorana & Don D'Arminio

Joe Pallant

Jayant Goyle & Greg Dudzek

Wayne Schrebe

**Robert Russotto** 

Mark A. Frankel

Sue Wilder

Chris Krzemien & Adam Jaroszewski

Paul Rolli & Bennett Quade

Mark Hunter, Patrick Volkert,

**Bruce Howe** 

Lee Rubin & Jim Walker

Mona Pittenger

**Kenny Silverman** 

Tony Keiser & Sam Ramsey

**Gary Sambol** 

Ken Calhoun & Jaime Cristancho

Tim Smith & Jim Cunningham

Ron Alose

Vivian & Dan Darnell

James McDonald & Larry Karnoff



# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021**

In accordance with our mission statement, we

Maintained and provided for 2037 pets / a total of 1402 clients

Continued to provide Pet Food & Supplies to 3420 families who were impacted by Covid, so they would not have to surrender their pets.

Distributed 91 tons of pet food to clients for their pets

Warehoused & Distributed Supplies for Disaster Relief in Haiti

Delivered food & supplies to to 400 - 500 pets of Miami **Senior Citizens** 

Provided vet care to 310 pets

Made 420 Home Deliveries to Seniors afraid to leave their homes

59 Forever Homes found for pets whose owners died or could no longer care for them.



#### **Letter from Executive Director**

Here we are, at the end of another year filled with ups and downs and new challenges. As many of us move forward towards some sort of normalcy, others are not so lucky. Many have worsened health issues and fears never before experienced.

New clients literally cry when they learn of our services and cannot thank us enough for making it possible for them to Keep and provide for their pets.

We have done a world of good for so many pets and their pet parents, thanks to YOU!

Every donation, every volunteer hour, every event participation, every purchase in our thrift store enables us to Keep pets in their homes with their families who love and need them.

#### THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

Happy Holidays to you, yours and your fur babies and may 2022 be a year full of Happiness, Love, good health and more.

Sue Martino **Executive Director Pet Project For Pets** 

## 20 Years of Keeping **Pets & People Together**

In 2022 we will be celebrating our 20 year anniversary. It all began in 2002 in answer to a call from a person who had just been diagnosed with HIV / AIDS. At that time AIDS was still a death sentence and people were still alienated from friends and family due to fear and lack of knowledge. Many had no friends, no family who would associate with them, they only had their pet who was their best friend and quickly became their only family.



Frantically they cried out for help knowing that they, with this new found illness, would not be able to provide for the needs of their pet. Imagine, being in the position where you have to chose between the pet that you love and need and the medication you desperately need. Sadly, having to make such a choice, many chose their pet before

themselves. Due to these outcry's the Pet Project was started. No one should ever have to make those choices.

The Pet Project for Pets held its first Pet Food bank with 29 individuals served and within 5 years grew to 350 clients with 415 pets. The need has grown to provide for all who are disabled, ill or seniors who are financially challenged. We now stand at just over 2,000 pets that we provide for. It has been an incredible journey and thanks to our Board of Directors, our donors / supporters, our collaborative partners and our volunteers we are able to meet the ever-growing demand for our services.

We have a lot to celebrate in 2022!!! We will keep you posted.

## **Senior Paws**

Senior Paws Program is designed to get senior dogs out of the shelter and



into a forever home. As senior dogs they are not easily adopted, most individuals look for puppies or are afraid of the medical costs for an older dog but we have created a solution. In partnership with Broward county animal care & adoption we have successfully re-homed

senior dogs who would otherwise live their lives out in a cage or worse. The program connects seniors who want a pet in their home but cannot due to financial challenges with senior

pets who need a home. It is a win-win for all. We have placed 42 pets this year.



### **Pet Legacy Program**

As we get back to some sort of normalcy and routine to our lives, we are reminded that tomorrow is not guaranteed. That is why planning is so important, not only for your estate, but what happens to your pet(s) if something happened to you.

We rely on our pets for so much, for comfort and companionship, for love and normalcy. Now, more than ever, I would urge everyone to consider some type of plan in place, not only for yourself, but for those pets that you are taking care of and responsible for, namely your pets.



While still a relatively new program, we have been doing this type of work, i.e., finding forever homes for our clients' pets for many years. Our Pet Legacy Program is a formal plan to ensure that your pets are well taken care of in the event of your incapacity or passing, without burdening your family and friends. We have taken the stress, and sleepless nights of worrying about what would happen to your pet, and with a formal agreement in place, you can be confident that your pet will be well taken care of immediately, and without delay.

For individuals that might not think they have enough in their estate to participate in our Legacy Program, there are several insurance products that are available, and we have the professional resources to help guide them to choose the right product for their needs. We encourage people to discuss their options with an estate planner and to make the necessary provisions in their will for their pets. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or want more information about our Legacy Program.

**Rex Vacca Pet Legacy Director** 954.647.0051 rex@thepetprojectfl.org

## **Warehouse Renovation**

Thanks to the very generous grant provided by the Jim Moran Foundation our warehouse and director's office are being completely renovated. Our warehouse serves a dual purpose. The warehouse serves as storage and distribution center for our Pet Project food banks and deliveries. It is also the receiving and distribution area for Greater good's Rescue bank.

The Rescue Bank distributes pallets of pet food and pet supplies to over 110 Rescue Groups in South Florida and the Florida Keys. A Huge Thanks to the Jim Moran foundation for making this possible.

## **Vet Care**

One of our biggest challenges is Medical care for our clients pets. Just to provide preventative care such as Heart worm tests/ prevention meds, annual vaccines, rabies vaccines, the basics, it is a huge expense that our clients cannot afford.

Thanks to our partnership with the Humane Society of Broward we receive most of these needs at cost.

The harder part is the actual vet care that is needed at times including blood work, Xrays, pain medication, small surgeries and the list goes on. Somehow with the help of our supporters we, manage to always find the way....



## **Hidden Treasures Thrift Store**

Our store is completely Volunteer Operated and Managed with 100 percent of the store proceeds going to the Pet Project for Pets to

purchase food and supplies for our client's pets.



The store will be closed the first 2 weeks of January 2022 so that we can give it a facelift / reorganization. We will reopen and continue to offer the best deals in town by Mid-January.

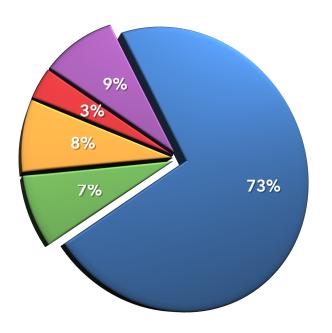
For store information please call 954 561 4940.

## How our money is used

Thank you for your continued support. It is because of you we are able to do what we do.

#### **TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED IN 2021: \$485,260**

- Client Services (Clients: pet food & pet supplies) \$353,255 73%
- Veterinarian Care \$35,000 7%
- Purchase Transit Vehicle for home deliveries to immobile / home bound clients \$37,000 8%
- Transportation (Home Deliveries) Food Banks \$17,000 3%
- Administration \$43,000 8.8%



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# Happy Holidays to All



And to All a Good Night