As we reflect back on the accomplishments of Humane Fort Wayne over the past year, we are proud of the strides we have made to achieve our mission.

In sharing our annual report that highlights the numbers and metrics we’ve achieved; we recognize that the names of the animals and their owners we’ve helped matter more than any quantifiable value we can provide. Each animal and owner have a unique story that we cherish deeply.

One such story is of Lucky, who underwent a special surgery to improve his quality of life. Through our efforts, Lucky was adopted by someone undergoing cancer treatment, bringing enrichment to both their lives. We also remember Exegol, who waited patiently for 900 days to find a forever home before we were successful in matching them with the right family.

Behind each number and metric lies a name—names of clients that we have served at the wellness clinic, and pets we’ve spayed/neutered by our surgical team. The names of the pets that welcomed a portion of the more than 100,000 pounds of free pet food distributed. These names are the real reason why we do the work we do.

We recognize that our industry is wrought with compassion fatigue and potential burn-out, which is why we cherish the names of the animals and owners we’ve impacted. Each one of those names is a sign that we’re making a difference.

We know that it is because of supporters like you, who motivate us to keep going and never give up. Your kindness and generosity push us forward, to keep saving lives, and to ensure that pets and their people remain together.

Once again, thank you for your support, your invaluable contribution to the success story of Humane Fort Wayne.

Sincerely,

Jessica Henry
Executive Director
Suppose the building blocks of a successful organization are dedicated staff, tireless volunteers, and generous donors.

In that case, Humane Fort Wayne is a skyscraper of success!

Looking back on 2022, I’m always amazed at how much HFW accomplishes. Every year our staff continues to care for a record number of animals and people in our community by placing dogs and cats in their forever homes, providing wellness services, offering spay/neuter surgeries, and so much more. Our Pet Promises and Pet Food Pantry also assist hundreds of families in our community. Every year our volunteers dedicate more hours and each year our donors come through for us.

And HFW continues to grow with the groundbreaking of its new building! I can’t believe how far HFW has come – from the time I was a kid riding my bike to an old white house behind the Scott grocery store and visiting the 5-6 dogs in their chain link fence kennels, to now being overwhelmed by the plans for our new building!

HFW is going from a state-of-the-heart to a state-of-the-art facility that will include outdoor enrichment areas, a community education center, as well as continue to provide adoption and clinic services.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and donors who continue to ensure that our community’s dogs and cats live their best lives in loving homes with access to affordable spay/neuter surgeries, wellness care, and nutritious food.

We are Homeward Bound!

Kathleen Smith
2022 Board of Directors Chair

In August, we partnered with the Humane Society of the United States and rescued 50 beagles! The dogs came from the Evivo breeding facility where 4,000 beagles were housed to later be sold for medical testing and subsequent euthanasia. Our first transport included 25 males and our second 25 female dogs! These beagles were not your average shelter dogs and needed extra care and patience. We were thrilled all of the beagles found homes and our lives were forever changed too.

In 2022, the Pet Food Pantry joined Humane Fort Wayne! We are thrilled to continue providing no-cost pet food to neighbors in need in our community. The Pet Food Pantry will continue to offer all of the vital programs and services that the community has come to rely upon from its primary location at 2502 Church Street in Fort Wayne.

Bob Rohrman Subaru of Fort Wayne generously selected us for a second time as their Share the Love Partner for 2022. This amazing group of people continues to amaze us with their phenomenal hearts. Thanks to their dedication to lifesaving, Humane Fort Wayne received over $20,000 in vital support. Their partnership has become a cornerstone of the Humane Fort Wayne story, and we couldn’t be more grateful.

We are Homeward Bound!