

# Letter from our 2024 Board Chair

As I step down from my role as Board Chair, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have served alongside such a dedicated and passionate group of individuals. My time as chair has been incredibly rewarding, and I am deeply proud of the progress we've made together in furthering our mission at Humane Fort Wayne.

This past year has been a testament to the power of collective effort. I am especially proud of the opening of our long-awaited state-of-the-art facility and the continued growth of our wellness clinic, which is serving more and more clients every year. I am confident that our organization is well-positioned for continued success in the years to come.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our Executive Director, Jessica Henry-Johnson, for her steadfast commitment, insightful guidance, and tireless work. A special thank you to our board members for their unwavering support and to our devoted staff, whose hard work and dedication are the backbone of our organization. Finally, I am eternally grateful to our generous donors and volunteers, whose support makes our mission possible.

As I transition from board chair to vice chair, I am confident Lona Pritchard will lead our board with the same vision and dedication. I wish her all the best in her new role.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your Board Chair. I am proud and humbled to have been a part of this amazing journey.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Smith  
Board of Directors Chair



A big welcome to our new Board Chair, Lona Pritchard!

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## Annual Report 2024



We're for people. We're for pets.  
We're for *Love*. Unleashed.



Letter from our Executive Director



What a year it was! As we look back on 2024, we can't help but take pride in all that we accomplished. Not only did we open the doors to the Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Center, our 26,000 ft<sup>2</sup> beautiful new facility located at 901 Leesburg Road, but we celebrated our \$1,000,000 grant from PetSmart Charities too! This three-year grant will fund our efforts to increase access to veterinary care for so many more pet owners.

Our first grant-related activity was to relocate our wellness clinic from its previous location on Maycrest Drive to our new facility. And, we added Saturday appointments, meaning we're now offering basic veterinary services six days a week. Our next step was to perform shelter spay/neuter surgeries on Leesburg Road. This means that we're not only caring for all our own adoptable dogs and cats onsite, but we're able to increase the number of area shelter pets we help, too. It also means that we can increase the number of owned animals we can spay/neuter at our Maycrest location.

Additionally, the board and staff spent the year developing a new strategic plan. With this new plan, we penned a new mission statement that, while simpler, encompasses all we aim to do. The new mission statement reads: *Humane Fort Wayne is a trusted partner providing comprehensive, lifesaving resources to pets and their people.* Our strategic plan allows us to perfect the things we already do well and to grow in ways that will serve people and pets even better.

What can you expect from Humane Fort Wayne in 2025? We're looking to add some basic veterinary services beyond wellness exams and vaccines; we will reinvent our flagship location at 4914 S. Hanna Street to become Indiana's only freestanding social service agency for pets and their humans; and we'll double the number of cats and dogs we save through thoughtful intake, adoption and foster programs.

At Humane Fort Wayne, we dream big, and with the help of supporters like you, we know that saving lives isn't just possible – it's all we do. Thank you for your faith in us.

Gratefully,

Jessica Henry-Johnson  
Executive Director



Looking Back on 2024

Moving Into our New Facility

On August 14th we cut the ribbon at our brand-new shelter, the Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Center, at 901 Leesburg Road. Our new facility has twice as much space for dogs and three times as much space for cats. After 5 years in the making, celebrating the first pets being adopted from our new shelter brought tears to our eyes!



Hurricane Helene Rescue

In October, our team rescued 20 dogs displaced by Hurricane Helene. We are pleased they have all found new homes through our shelter!



Pawject Runway

Last October, we raised a recording-breaking \$264,000 to save lives during our signature red carpet event!

Welcome Dr. Kim

In 2024, we hired our first Director of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Min Jung Kim!



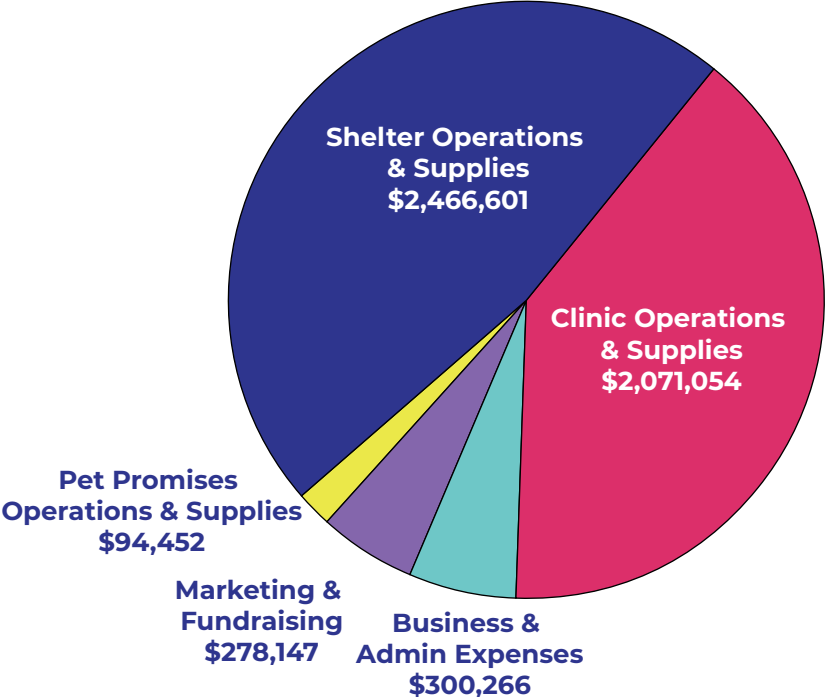
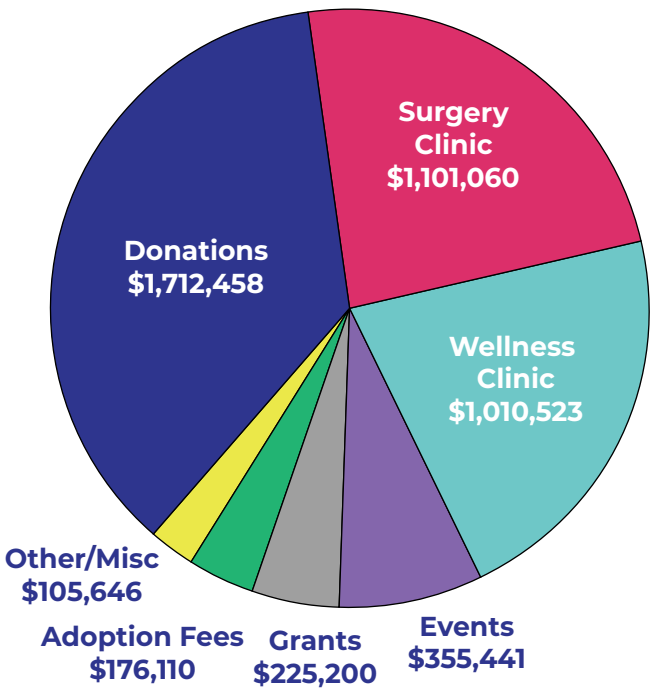
PetSmart Accelerator Grant

Thanks to Phase 1 of the Accelerator Grant from PetSmart Charities we have been able to add Saturday wellness appointments and more in order to increase accessibility to high-quality, affordable veterinary care!



2024 Operating Revenue

2024 Operating Expenses



2024 Statistics



1,985 Adoptions



14,766 Pets Seen in Wellness

272,434 lbs of Pet Food Distributed



17,976 Volunteer Hours Completed by 738 Volunteers



10,581 Spay/Neuter Surgeries



2,099 Pets Received Financial Assistance