

# THE CAMPAIGN TO TRANSFORM ANIMAL WELFARE

As we make our way through uncertain times while navigating the tough summer months, we are reminded of the great, urgent need of the Arizona Humane Society Central Campus & Animal Medical Center to replace the failing Sunnyslope Campus.

The space and function of the Sunnyslope facility continues to be insufficient, as the building and equipment have surpassed their useful life. Arizona summer heat and COVID-19 or not, AHS is still here for the animals. And with every challenge we face comes a reminder of our good fortune.

Just last month, our friends at Day & Night Heating & Cooling came to the rescue by replacing the air conditioning unit over the Sunnyslope Admissions area, to keep animals, pet owners and employees cool as we take in dogs and cats with nowhere else to turn.

And you, our most steadfast partners, are the best of our good fortune. Many of you committed early to The Campaign to Transform Animal Welfare, and with gifts that raise the bar for what is considered a leadership-level gift to animal welfare across the nation. We're strong and steady on the path to the Central Campus & Animal Medical Center because of your generosity. We are humbled and grateful. To date, we have raised \$13.8 million of our \$28 million campaign goal. A

groundbreaking between May and October 2021 is still on the books and we have you to thank.

Special recognition goes to the backbone of this ambitious campaign for animal welfare transformation, our volunteer Campaign Cabinet. This mighty group of nine has donated a collective \$5 million toward the project, and have put in countless hours to guide and advise us, engage the philanthropic community around this goal, and champion animal welfare in the Valley. Long before the first Central Campus rendering or floorplan, Daryl & Chip Weil, Cindy & Mike Watts, Patty & Keith Withycombe, Melinda Gulick, Suzanne Pearl and Ann Siner envisioned animal welfare transformation and gave AHS the resources, tools and encouragement to achieve it.

To our Campaign Cabinet, we are forever indebted to you for changing life for animals in Arizona.

Sincerely Yours,



**Dr. Steven R. Hansen**  
*AHS President & CEO*



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## A NEW BEGINNING

Floorplans and renderings are beginning to come to life as we look forward to a 2021 groundbreaking on the future campus of the Arizona Humane Society. In July, our construction partners at RYAN Companies began demolition on a newly acquired piece of property. “This very tangibly marks the start of our two-year journey to the AHS Central Campus & Animal Medical Center”, as said by Dr. Steven Hansen, AHS President & CEO.



As demolition begins on our building site, we will continue to modify and fine-tune our design. We remain dedicated to creating a facility that will best serve the animals that come through our doors as well as ensure the safety and well-being of our frontline staff members who will care for them. Recent floorplan review sessions were completed in June and a group of key donors and leaders participated in a visioning session to imagine and share our inspirations for the animal welfare campus of the future.

The journey to re-envisioning a system of care for Maricopa County’s homeless and abandoned animals requires a facility that can transform the way we serve animals and pet owners. As our shared vision comes into view, we want to thank you for believing in the role AHS plays in our community and for putting your support behind this project. AHS has become a national leader in animal welfare and we will soon have the advanced facility we desperately need to save more lives than ever.





## EXPANDED MEDICAL CARE

The Animal Medical Center will be designed to advance the practice of shelter medicine. Highly skilled medical staff will provide advanced veterinary services and surgical procedures in a state-of-the-art acute care and trauma facility. Intensive care and isolation units will allow us to care for more animals in need of critical, lifesaving care.



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

AHS believes it is never too early to learn about the joy of pets. This facility will provide a space to expand our current, multidimensional learning model to inspire empathy, compassion and respect for all animals. Here, we'll inspire children to create positive change for animals and become the animal ambassadors of the future.

## CAMPAIGN DONORS

We are honored to acknowledge the generous, leadership-level commitments of the following early supporters of the Campaign to Transform Animal Welfare.

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*Italicized names represent those who have passed away.*

# OUR WORLD HAS CHANGED, OUR COMMITMENT HAS NOT

As our state's designated responder for animals in distress during natural disasters, AHS is accustomed to being on the frontlines in times of crisis.

When the global pandemic began to affect the safety and well-being of pets in our community, we turned to our core values of innovation, compassion and excellence and leapt into action.

AHS received an emergency call regarding two dogs left in a home without food or water for over two days. One of their owners had succumbed to COVID-19 and the other had been hospitalized with severe symptoms of the virus. Fearing risk of infection themselves, no friends or family members were willing to enter the residence to care for the dogs.

Our Field Operations team was able to speak with the surviving owner by phone as she received life-saving treatment. She provided the contact information for a friend who had a key to her home but who was unable to retrieve or care for her pets in place. AHS Emergency Animal Medical Technician™ Supervisor Ruthie Jesus volunteered to respond to the call personally.

Upon arrival, another team member helped tape Ruthie up in a makeshift, Tyvek hazmat suit. With the key provided by the pet owner's friend and authorization from local law enforcement, who were also onsite, Ruthie ventured into the home alone.

Two Poodles, terrified, hungry and thirsty, eluded Ruthie long enough that she was forced to capture them in a net. With no water for an estimated 72 hours, they drank for nearly four minutes on the AHS ambulance.

Based on the American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines, the dogs were placed in quarantine at AHS for 14 days, considered an extreme caution. They were hungry but otherwise healthy.

At the conclusion of their isolation, a family friend visited AHS to claim the dogs until their owner could be released from the hospital.

Some things change. Some things never will. The Valley's sick, injured, and abused animals still need us. With your support, we're there for them now and will be well into the future.



## FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

Thanks to the generosity of our Campaign Cabinet, Board of Directors and several key individuals making early campaign commitments we have raised \$14.7 million. In addition, AHS has invested \$11 million from our own reserves plus \$3 million already paid for land acquisition. All told, AHS has raised \$28.7 million of the total project cost of \$43 million, with \$14 million remaining to raise from our donors and friends.

