

CREATED TO ADVOCATE FOR AND SUPPORT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF COMMUNITY/FERAL CATS IN OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND BEYOND

2019 Annual Report to the Community

Welcome

We are excited to report that in 2019 we celebrated our 5-year anniversary. We have exceeded our expectations and goals. Over the last five years, A Feral Haven has helped 83 caregivers, spayed 282 females, neutered 179 males, shared 11,437 pounds of hard food, 536 pounds of soft food and 53 pounds of treats. By spaying 282 females, we predict that our services saved 1,692 kittens from being born. See the Outcomes section to see the research that created that number.

We never would have been able to achieve these goals without our caregivers, generous donors and volunteers. A special thank you to C-Snip, Macs Landing, Harbor Humane Society, Dr. Wendy Swift, local businesses, organizations and the numerous groups that assisted us in fundraising.

The Board of Directors hope that the next 5 years will be even more successful in providing caregivers support and services and supporting cats that have been abandoned, lost, or were born outdoors.

To assist outdoor cats, please donate and/or volunteer so TNR will continue in your community.



Thank you,

Carleen Bauer President Board of Directors



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Board of Directors



Pictured left to right:

- Carleen Bauer; President
- Sara Bennett; Vice President
- Debra Westerhof; Treasurer
- Christina DeConinck; Secretary



Dr. Wendy Swift; Veterinarian Oversight

Generous Donors

Grants

We were grateful recipients of grants from the following foundations:

- Anonymous
- On Shore Foundation

Collaborating Businesses & Organizations

- C-SNIP
- Harbor Humane Society
- Mac's Landing Veterinary Services
- Ottawa Animal Hospital
- West Michigan Spay & Neuter Clinic

Donation Bank Hosting Businesses

- Cobblestone Crafts & Hobbies
- Crane's Pie Pantry Restaurant (Fennville)
- Earl's Meats
- Northland Lanes
- Ottawa Animal Hospital
- Persona Salon & Spa

Supporting Businesses

These businesses partnered for fundraising events/opportunities or provided advertising.

- Cats and Dogs Magazine
- Grand River Bank
- Hops at 84 East
- Menchie's Frozen Yogurt Holland
- ServiceMaster of Ottawa & Allegan County

In-Kind Donations:

- Generous Community Members
- Hands 4 Paws
- Harbor Humane Society
- Sara Cozolino Photography

Business Sponsorship

Pine Ridge Assisted Living Facility



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Accomplishments

Caregivers: 16 new caregivers/colonies registered

Spay/Neuter Services: Each cat was spayed/neutered, ear tipped, and received vaccinations

- •110 cats from 27 different locations received services through our voucher program
- 64 females & 46 males

Veterinarian Services:

- •1 injured cat received veterinarian treatment
- •1 cat was humanely euthanized

Food Shared:

- •3,103 pounds of dry food
- •324 pounds of moist food
- <u>16</u> pounds of cat treats
- •<u>16</u> caregivers providing for over <u>170</u> cats

Structures:

• 2 existing Haven Huts redistributed

Happenings at Colonies:

This section acknowledges the variety of events that have occurred to our partnering caregivers

We rejoice with them when the news is good and offer our condolences when the news is sad:

- 2 cats joined existing colonies
- <u>20</u> kittens and <u>1</u> cat were admitted to local shelters/rescues or placed into homes directly through caregivers
- <u>1</u> cat transitioned into living indoors
- 6 cats reported missing or have died

Volunteers:

We continue to develop opportunities to utilize volunteers. • <u>6</u> volunteers donated <u>690</u> hours



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Many Types of Cats....

The "Whatcha Lookin' At" Type

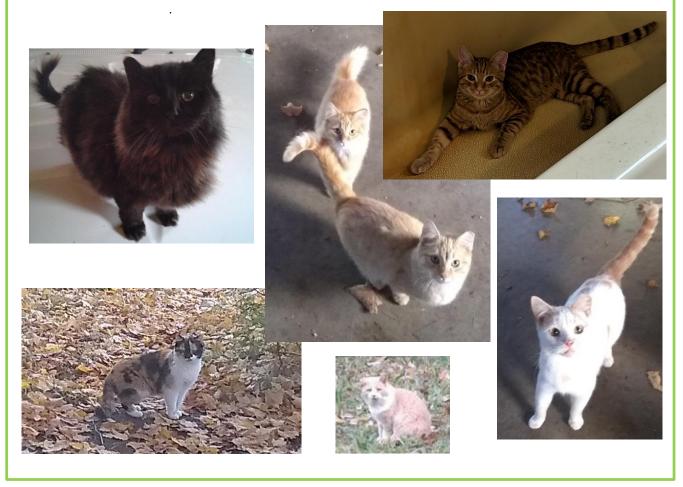
The "Catch Me If You Can" Type





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The "Bold and Beautiful" Types



Many Types of Cats....



The "Curious" Types



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The "Get to Know You" Types



The "Hungry" Types



The "Keep Your Distance" Types



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Impact

Spaying is a major part of controlling the population of feral cats in Ottawa and Allegan county colonies.

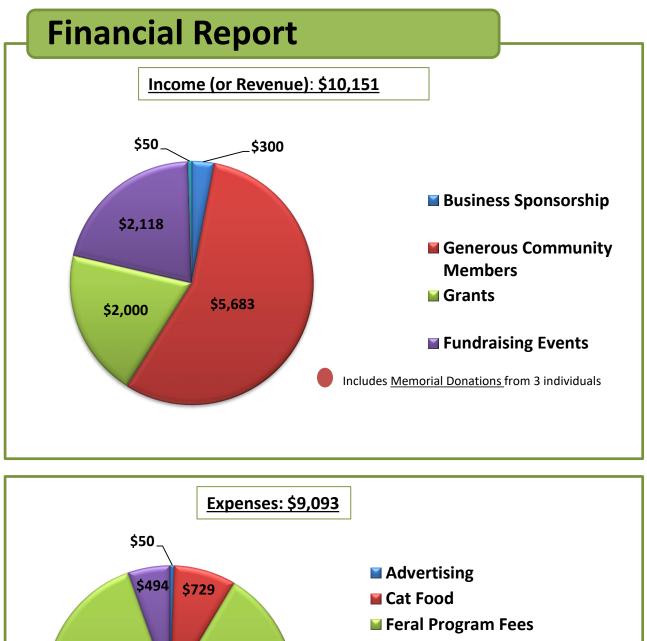
Let's assume that a female cat will have 2 litters of 3 kittens, which would be 6 kittens per female per year. Since <u>64</u> females were spayed through our voucher program in 2019, then a potential <u>384</u> kittens will not be born into feral colonies in 2020.





Memorial:

We are sad to report that we lost our very first caregiver: <u>"The Grand and Glorious Mary-Many-Paws"</u>. She came to our organization after inheriting a neighbor's colony after the woman's passing. Mary's compassion for all animals drove her to take on the responsibility of caregiver. She was an advocate for feral cats and an ambassador for educating the public about them at events and fundraisers. Over the years, her colony became more and more friendly and several of them became loving house cats. Her friends and daughter are caring for the colony until we can start re-homing them in spring. If you know of anyone who needs barn cats or snuggly indoor/outdoor cats, please let us know.



\$7,820

Operating Expenses

Cat Food: Food purchased by AFH when need exceeded donations Feral Program Fees: Spay/Neuter, Vaccinations, Ear Tip



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