

# *Guardians of Life*

## **A Gift-Planning Guide on How You Can Help Change the Lives of Shelter Pets.**

The Central Pennsylvania Humane Society's *Guardians of Life* is a group of dedicated individuals who have made planned gifts to provide guardianship and safekeeping of abused and homeless animals residing in our care.

Every animal deserves a second chance and a home in which to grow, free of abuse and sickness. Your charitable gift will make a lasting difference in the lives of needy animals.



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## **What is Planned Giving?**

Planned giving refers to the process of allocating a gift of your assets to a non-profit organization. A gift requires planning and consideration of the donor's entire estate plan. Planned giving creates opportunities for both the donor and the charity of his or her choice.

### ***Benefits to the Donor***

- ◆ Provides a more profound gift than otherwise would be possible.
- ◆ Enhances your financial income through substantial tax advantages.
- ◆ Provides an opportunity to establish a living memorial for yourself or someone special to you.
- ◆ Reduces federal estate taxes and probate expenses.
- ◆ Gives you the satisfaction of saving precious lives.

### ***Benefits to CPHS***

- ◆ Donates larger gifts to support our mission and vision.
- ◆ Assists in planning for the future of the CPHS.
- ◆ Builds our investments to fund growth and expansion.
- ◆ Assures that abandoned and unwanted animals will continue to thrive and receive their second chance at life.

### ***Benefits to the Homeless Animals at our Shelter***

- ◆ Provides a chance to be adopted into a loving and caring family.
- ◆ Provides necessary veterinary care to injured and abused animals.
- ◆ Provides love, food, and shelter to animals while they await for their forever home.

## **Types of Charitable Planned Gifts**

### ***Bequests***

A person could include a provision in his/her Will or Living Trust to make a bequest to the Central PA Humane Society. That arrangement would be a “planned” gift. A gift in a Will, Codicil, or Trust could be cash, securities, real estate, personal property, or a percentage of the Estate. If you currently have a Will, you can add a gift to the Central PA Humane Society through a Codicil (amendment) to your Will.

### ***Gift Annuity or Re-Insurance Program***

A gift annuity provides income to the donor (or someone else) for a period of time (often for life). The gift annuity process is externally managed through a third party administered with a rated provider.

### ***Charitable Trusts***

A person might establish a charitable trust that could provide income to the donor (or someone else) for a period of time (often for life). After this gift-deferral period, the trust would mature, and the remaining assets would go to one or more charitable beneficiaries.

### ***Appreciated Property***

This is a gift of securities, real or personal property, which is held long term. It has increased in value since date of acquisition, given outright to CPHS, or as the funding asset for lifetime income plan.

### ***Life Insurance***

A person may wish to name CPHS as the beneficiary of an existing policy, which is no longer needed for the donor’s original purpose. A person may also wish to purchase a new policy making CPHS the owner or beneficiary.

*CPHS is not able to give professional, legal, planned-giving advice. Please seek professional tax and legal consultation prior to drafting your planned giving documents. CPHS cannot serve as a personal representative for your estate or sign as a legal witness.*

*To speak to a CPHS representative about becoming a donor, please contact Jill Reigh, Director of Outreach & Marketing at 814-942-6900.*

## About The Central PA. Humane Society

The Central Pennsylvania Humane Society (CPHS) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, serving Blair and surrounding counties in Central Pennsylvania. The Central PA Humane Society's charter was established in 1896 to aid the aged, the homeless children, and the animals. Serving as a symbol of second chances for homeless animals, the Central PA Humane Society has operated for 118 years with a small but compassionate and dedicated staff, board of directors, and volunteers.

The Central PA Humane Society receives no regular funding from any national animal welfare organization or from any federal, state or local government agency. The CPHS exists entirely on service fees, adoption fees, fundraising events, and generous donations from the community.

The mission of the Central Pa Humane Society shall be to prevent animal neglect and cruelty through education and enforcement while providing a safe haven and finding forever homes for those in need.

The Central PA Humane Society takes in nearly 2,000 animals a year. Our shelter turns no animal away due to age, health, or medical condition. We pride ourselves on providing shelter, food, medical attention, and socialization for the animals in our care. We reunite lost pets with their owners, provide educational programs, investigate animal cruelty cases, provide a low cost spay and neutering through our Spay Days Program, and provide low cost veterinarian services through our Wellness Clinic.



*"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more." ~ Anthony Robbins*

CPHS is a certified 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization

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