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Last Call to Be a Builder of Happiness at AWA

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Voorhees, NJ – Animal Welfare Association’s (AWA) state-of-the-art 25,000 sq. ft Adoption and Education Center is in the final months of construction and AWA is inviting supporter to leave a legacy of love for tomorrow’s hurting and homeless animals. “Happiness happens when people act. This is our last call inviting animal lovers to be builders of Happiness with their gifts to help hurting and homeless animals,” said Maya Richmond, Strategic Director, and former Executive Director at AWA.

AWA is \$13,000 away from meeting their \$2,500,000 funding goal but due to the pandemic, delays and supply and labor shortages caused an increased to the overall cost of the project.

The new building will save the lives of over 2,500 dogs, cats, and bunnies each year with a capacity to hold sixty-five dogs and 100 cats at one time. Located centrally between the dog and cat wings is the Shelter Medical Ward where animals can be treated and cared for.

The Pet Food Pantry will help provide food to families who are struggling financially making it possible for them to feed their pets and keep them in their homes.

The newly renovated Pet Clinic will provide affordable services to many families struggling with the cost of veterinary care; a place to turn to for vaccinations, wellness examinations, spay/neuter surgery, dental procedures and much more. Returning to pre-pandemic and pre-construction patient levels, the Pet Clinic will once again provide services to over 15,000 dogs and cats annually.

3,000 adults and youth will participate in one of AWA’s humane education activities – pet CPR classes, summer camp, reading programs, birthday parties and so much more.

“Happiness comes from togetherness and when we are connected. Every inch of the new building is designed to connect the mission’s work with people,” said Maya Richmond, Strategic Director, and former Executive Director of AWA.

If you would like to learn more about AWA’s capital campaign Building a Place Where Happiness Begins or donate please visit: <https://support.awanj.org/capitalcampaigndonation>. For remaining naming opportunities available visit: <https://www.awanj.org/wp-content/uploads/Naming-Opportunities.pdf>

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Animal Welfare Association, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond, and improving the role of animals in the well-being of people. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2019 over 16,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.



The new 25,000 sq. ft Adoption and Education Center at AWA.