

Sharing with Others

A regional Amazon fulfillment center contacted AWA with an offer we could not refuse. “Are you able to use a pallet or two of pet food and pet supplies every couple of months? The items are still good but may be returned or crushed in shipping.” Of course, we said yes!

Then, due to COVID-19 online shopping exploded. More people were making purchases, so more items were amassing at the fulfillment center. The Amazon shipments grew to 10 pallets at a time. In addition to pet food and pet supplies we started to receive school supplies, art supplies and a variety of household cleaning items. “Holy Moly, our development office looks like a warehouse,” shared Sue P. AWA’s development assistant who is responsible for “figuring it all out.”



After securing the needed pet food, pet supplies, cleaning and office supplies for the shelter, expanding the AWA Food Pantry to daily “grab and go” pickups, and partnering with other agencies and even a group to deliver pet food to homebound pet owners, there was still more left.

Fortunately, we were able to share our bounty with these wonderful organizations: HopeWorks, Urban Promise, Hope Church, Vitality Catholic Healthcare, Circle of Hope, Cathedral Kitchen and the Salvation Army Kroc Center.

Your continuous support allows us to extend help into the community to assist pets and their people during these difficult times. Through donors’ gifts, grants, and a lot of donated pet supplies AWA expanded the Pet Food Pantry programs to meet the urgent need. In addition, we can support families with other essential items such as supplies for school, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies. Every dollar a family can save means they are more likely to keep their pets. Saving animals before they arrive at our doors is as important as saving them when they cross our doors.

