A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Right off the bat, I must thank all of you who make philanthropic gifts and/or have provided for HSCO as a beneficiary in estate plans, those who support our thrift store, the folks who attend events, and our dedicated, passionate volunteers. (Some of you do all of these!) 74 percent of HSCO revenue come from gifts, grants, and the Thrift Store. Because of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, HSCO has been delivering on its mission for over 60 years.

In fiscal year 2021-22, and like every other business and organization, the pandemic had a dramatic impact on HSCO. Our operations have still not recovered with the greatest challenge being properly staffing our clinic and shelter. I am thankful for our team that has applied creativity and ingenuity to ensure that the animals continue to receive the high level of care and compassion that they deserve despite being understaffed. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are doing hard work and supporting one another through it all. I am so proud of them.

In the aspirational spirit of HSCO, we continue to embrace the future. We anticipate taking delivery of our new medical van in early 2023. (It has been delayed due to supply chain issues.) Our first area of focus will be the Warm Springs community. Warm Springs is a “veterinary desert,” with no veterinary clinic located within the community itself. HSCO, in collaboration with other partners, will conduct monthly clinics focused on spaying and neutering pets, provide needed vaccines, and triage other medical concerns like ear mites and skin infections.

Finally, the planning for our new Community Campus is in its final stages. We have worked this past year with Swatt-Miers, an architectural firm that specializes in animal shelter design. This planned new campus will allow us to provide a variety of services, especially for people and pets that may not have access to care due to financial constraints. The veterinary clinic, which is undersized now, will expand its footprint ten-fold. When the campus is completed, we will have a real community center with educational components, play parks, better and less stressful housing environments for cats, dogs, and small animals. This is a significant investment in our community. By undertaking this ambitious project, we are setting up HSCO to serve our region for decades to come. We will share more about this game-changing project with you in the coming months.

On behalf of the board, our staff, and the animals we care for, we appreciate your continued partnership and support. You didn’t have to give, but you chose to. And for that, we cannot thank you enough.

Sabrina Slusser

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As of June 30, 2022
2022 FYE Condensed Statement of Activity

HSCO Revenue FY 2021-22
$3,601,150

Animals Adopted: 1,288
Pets Reunited with Their Families: 563
Animals Cared For at HSCO: 2,018
Animals Transferred to HSCO: 188
Animals Fostered: 350

HSCO Expenses FY 2021-22
$3,180,027

Volunteer Hours: 35,520
Volunteers: 477
Families Served: 2,707
Dog Licenses & Renewals at HSCO: 775

Vouchers: 309
Veterinary Exams: 2,707
Spay & Neuter Surgeries: 1,418
SNAP Spay/Neuter Assistance Vouchers: 309
Many people are surprised to learn that HSCO has an on-site veterinary clinic. Credit for our outstanding and skilled shelter medical team rests with Dr. Crystal Bloodworth, HSCO Chief Veterinary Officer. Her impact on the health and well-being of the animals in our care is incalculable.

Dr. Crystal received her veterinary degree through U.C. Davis Veterinary Medicine program, one of the best veterinary schools in the nation. Once in veterinary school, she was drawn to the field of shelter medicine and mentored in this by one of the most renowned shelter veterinarians in the country.

“Dr. Crystal is the unsung hero of HSCO,” says Sabrina Slusser, CEO. “We awarded Crystal with the title and responsibility of CVO to recognize her historical impact and because she has been and is the driving force behind our Mobile Clinic and the planned public clinic on our campus.” HSCO will take delivery of the Mobile Clinic early in 2023. It will travel to Warm Springs and other veterinary deserts to provide veterinary care to animals in need.

“I chose to work in a shelter environment because of my heart for the work and the ability to help great numbers of animals,” says Dr. Crystal. She continues, “The work has become far more intense in recent years with the drastic shortage of veterinarians nationwide. In addition, the constant evolution of veterinary medicine, including shelter practices, demands continual improvements in our skills, knowledge, equipment, and diagnostics.”

“HSCO’s commitment to full-time veterinary care is exceptional for a community of this size. It requires significant resources, all of which are generated through private support,” admits Dr. Crystal. “The future will require even greater investment. A Mobile Clinic and public clinic to provide accessible, affordable veterinary care are huge commitments of time and resources. We are committed to doing it because we are uniquely positioned to succeed, and we know this generous community will rally around us.”
Thank You for a Great Year

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