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2017 FALL NEWSLETTER



SPECIAL EDITION: 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



HSSC
THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF SARASOTA COUNTY

WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the area's premier no-kill shelter, we take our commitment to our animals and supporters seriously. You can trust that your donations are being used wisely.



CHRISTEN BENSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christen Benson joined HSSC in 2012 and has been the Executive Director since 2015. Duke—Chief of Security and Snacks—is one of our office mascots and an HSSC Alum. You will often find him lounging in the Executive Director's chair, dreaming of bones and cheese.

Meet our staff.

Visit our website to take a look at who cares for our cats and dogs, and to see the rest of our mascots.

www.hssc.org



We are thrilled to share with you our 2016 Annual Report so you can see the impact of our support in 2016 and how it is setting the stage for 2017 to be our most impactful year yet.

As you read through this report, our hope is that you realize everything we do, you make possible. Animals lives are changed, people's lives are transformed, and the community is enriched because you care and actively support the Humane Society of Sarasota County.

While we pride ourselves on being the area's premier no-kill shelter, we are so much more than just a shelter.

Our programs impact hundreds and our affordable, full-service animal clinic has provided lifesaving care for thousands of pets.

We feel the responsibility to help our community any way we can. It would be impossible for one single organization to carry the burdens of the community on its own. When organizations in the community come together, so much more can be accomplished. We are so grateful our community partners, in particular, we want to thank our Foundation Partner, the **Community Foundation of Sarasota County**, for continuing to be the backbone of support for us and our area.

**As this annual report was heading to print, Hurricane Irma struck our community. While this annual report shows our accomplishments in 2016, we want to make sure you know the shelter did not suffer any structural damage and our animals and staff are safe. Therefore, we will continue, stronger than ever, to help our community recover from this devastating event.*

OUR MISSION

As the area's premier no-kill shelter, the Humane Society of Sarasota County engages the hearts, hands, and minds of the community to help animals.

OUR VISION

A community where all animals are cared for and loved.

OUR VALUES

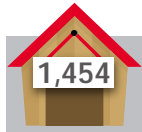
We achieve our mission by providing compassionate care to our shelter pets, finding them permanent homes, and promoting responsible pet ownership in our community.

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1,454 ADOPTIONS IN 2016

Every animal coming through our doors deserves a second chance. We pride ourselves on being the area's premier no-kill shelter, where a home is found for every adoptable animal in our care.



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, 2016 WAS A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR SAVING ANIMALS:

- 1,454 formerly homeless pets were placed in loving homes.
- 1,507 pets entered our shelter that averages to 6 homeless pets every day we were open.
- Thanks to the tireless work of our staff and volunteers, the time a pet stayed in our shelter was reduced by several days. The average length of stay was just 19 days for dogs and 34 days for cats.
- We had a 96% save rate. No animal is ever euthanized to make room for another.



VETERINARY SERVICES

Because of you, animals leaving HSSC were given the best possible start in 2016:

- 868 spay/neuter surgeries were performed.
- 100 animals received dental care.
- 85 heartworm positive dogs were treated and healed. HSSC is one of the only shelters in the area to treat heartworm positive dogs the treatment process is expensive and takes several weeks, but we believe these dogs deserve a second chance.



EXPANDED PARTNERSHIPS

Not only did we save animals from high-kill shelters in Florida, we expanded our reach to lend a hand to animals affected by emergencies and disasters elsewhere.

- As a rescue partner with the ASPCA and an Emergency Services Placement Partner with the Humane Society of the United States, HSSC provided shelter when it was desperately needed. We rehomed 470 animals, including those from flooding cases in Louisiana and Mississippi and hoarding cases in Arkansas.
- We work with several in-state shelters to save lives. With volunteer help, 777 animals were transported to HSSC from around Florida.



HEALED SHELTER PETS
THROUGH LIFE-
SAVING
MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR
HEARTWORM DISEASE

HEALING HEARTS: RASCAL'S STORY

Rascal was rescued from an emergency hoarding situation and was lucky to arrive at HSSC. He had parasites, demodex, and was heartworm positive. We were able to give Rascal the love and medical care he desperately needed. After a lengthy recovery, he was all ready for adoption and a second chance at life.



RASCAL



HAPPY TAILS

ADOPTION SUCCESS STORIES

We are so grateful for all the wonderful folks in our community who chose to adopt and not shop! We want to hear from you! To submit your happy tail, send an email with your favorite picture to happytails@hssc.org.



EGYPT

"Egypt is doing wonderful. She is quite the love bug and is pretty good at giving headbutts. She's 6 years old but sure plays like a kitten! We are all quite happy and are glad to have been given the opportunity give Egypt her forever home." --James and Stacey



LIZZIE

Read Lizzie's happy tail on page 8!



RAFIKI

"Rafiki is an energetic and joyful Pomeranian/Terrier mix. He loves to splash in his water bowl and snuggle. We are so lucky to have him." --The Crooks

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Our mission will always be focused on saving the lives of cats and dogs and enriching human lives along the way.

IN 2016:

- 2,794 cats and dogs were treated at the Animal Clinic of the Humane Society of Sarasota County, the area's first affordable, full-service clinic.
- Over 5,200 pounds of food was distributed to 500 families through our Pet Pantry Program.
- Nearly 200 dogs and their owners completed our K-9 Obedience Training Courses.



VOLUNTEERS ARE INDESPENSABLE TO THE OPERATIONS OF HSSC. IN 2016, 27,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE GIVEN TO HSSC. THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO 13 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.



VOLUNTEERS-HELPING US HELP OTHERS

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we were able to offer important programs like Humane Education. Whether at our shelter, in the classroom, or in the community, hundreds of local children learned about compassion and respect for animals. In addition, our Reading Fur Fun Program helped children practice their reading skills on our canine listeners.

Our Pet Therapy teams brought comfort and happiness to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, social service agencies, hospitals, schools, and libraries throughout Sarasota County. Because the demand for pet therapy was so great, HSSC took on the responsibility of certifying teams. Doing so ensures our Pet Therapy Program will always have plenty of volunteers ready and able to make a difference.



JOINING FORCES



Pictured above (L-R) are Mary Scharf—grant donor, Patricia Martin with the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Marjorie Broughton with Meals on Wheels of Sarasota, and Rebecca Gustafson with HSSC.

We collaborated with many local organizations to help both pets and people in our community.

- Through Animal Rescue Coalition's Emergency Medical Fund, we provided medical care to 53 animals from Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Animal Services (SCAS), increasing their chances of adoption.
- Through grants, HSSC was able to provide food for the hungry pets of Meals on Wheels of Sarasota's clients. These pets are also transported to HSSC for routine medical care.

2016 RESULTS

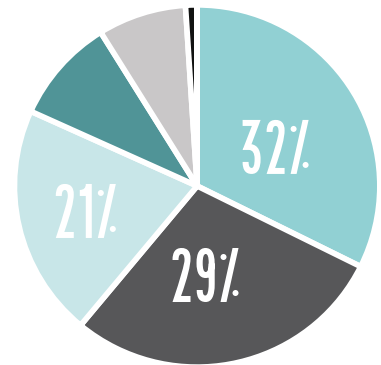
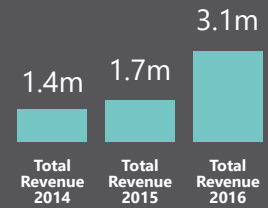
REVENUE & SUPPORT FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31,	2016	2015
Contributions	\$872,199	\$635,130
Program Services	\$750,804	\$199,082
Wills/Bequests	\$639,149	\$483,094
Gains (Losses) on Investment	\$288,844	(\$505,993)
Interests & Dividends	\$241,273	\$222,402
Retail	\$132,397	\$26,984
Special Events	\$124,074	\$171,452
Grants	\$31,175	\$25,000
Other	\$266	\$461,136
Total Revenues & Support	\$3,080,181	\$1,718,287

EXPENSES FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31,	2016	2015
PROGRAM SERVICES		
Adoption & Kennel	\$946,056	\$919,437
Animal Clinic	\$782,721	\$71,465
Community Outreach	\$313,588	\$284,002
Total Program Services	\$2,042,365	\$1,274,904
SUPPORT SERVICES		
Fundraising	\$97,029	\$122,566
Administration	\$71,484	\$92,029
Total Support Services	\$168,513	\$214,595
Total Operating Expenses	\$2,210,878	\$1,489,499

NET ASSETS FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31,	2016	2015
Increase in Net Assets	\$869,303	\$228,788
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$11,974,662	\$11,745,874
Total Net Assets at End of Year	\$12,843,965	\$11,974,662

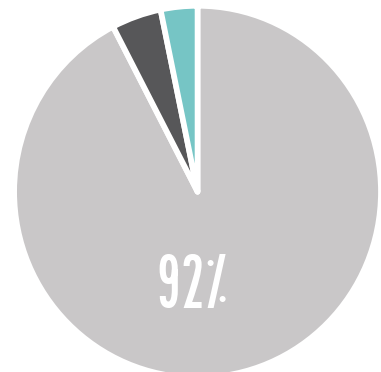
92 cents of every dollar goes directly to Program Services.

Watch how we grow!



2016 REVENUE

- Contributions 32%
- Program Services 29%
- Wills/Bequests 21%
- Gains on Investment 9%
- Interests & Dividends 8%
- Grants 1%



2016 EXPENSES

- Program Services 92%
- Fundraising 4%
- Administration 3%



2017 MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Adam Goodwin

Jeanette Gallagher

Alex DiGirolamo

Paula Melo

Antoinette Hubley

Thomas Hubley

Arthur

John & Kathleen Ladowicz

Barbara

Harris & Judith Stravitz

Barbara Davis

Linda Shanley

Barbara Landry

Judi Schulz

Barbara Pierson

Jack Schlegel

Betty Woods

Norman & Cheryl Czurak

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Charlie Savard

Chris & Carol Flaherty

Chris Krause

Harald Krause

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Phoebe Trumpler

Clyde Behanna

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Stacy Engels

Sid & Gail Jaffee

Marsha Kolman

Charlene McClelland

Meribeth Overstreet

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Paul Weiss

Caryn Rich

Jerald Rookstool

Karen Silverberg

Bernie & Rae Cohen

Colin Luca

Michael & Cheryl Zaccaro

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Suzanne Cavallo

David Reeve Mills

Francis & Patricia Jilk

Dixie Walsh

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Dwight M. Eisgrau

Dawn Beasley

Elizabeth Schnabel

Sally Masek

Evelyn Parrott

Al & Judith Todi

Florence & Robert Dunham

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Florence Mikolasek

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Gary "Smokie" Gillis

Karli Mahoney

Cindy Chazin

Joyce Gillespie

George VanBiervliet

Bob & Dottie MacDonald

Joyce Suplica

Glen Max Burnham

Robert & Jane Otain

Hal Topel

Michael & Lucia Holmes

Mac & Roseanne Miller

Harriett Souce

Kevin Mineer

Imogene C. Lewis

Mary Jane Logsdon

Donna Price

Mary Appledorn

David and Nancy Swetz

Jack Fu

Joseph Fu

James Russell

George D. & Joanne J. Heiland

Jaye Keisling

Marilyn Counen

Jessie Clasen

The Pet Nanny

Joanna Brown

Andrew & Gina Krinsky

Diana Paver

John & Mary Craig

Cynthia Craig

John Gorospe

Sharon Gascon

John Herrity

Alice Karoub

John M. Lowry

Patricia Barnard

Nancy White

Jonathan

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Josephine Link

Debra Conicella

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PAS - Tampa

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Annabelle
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Bambee
Ruth Seiler
Bamboo
Letitia Combs
Basia
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Binkie
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Blazer
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Melliss Swenson
Charlie
Carol Rodin
Ralph & Susan Zimmerman
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Heidi Sankes
Coco
Abby Wolf
Connor
Katie Kennan
Cooper & Coco
Susan Kral
Daisy
Susan Becker
Dakota
Vincent & Lynn Billi
Dixie Herrera-Hicks
Steven White
Dixie Lea & Daisy King
Kimberly Marker
Dorian
Alice Kanonchoff
Elfie
Ken Schade
Erin
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Richard Maxfield
Hooch
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Carol Bryant
Lucky
Danielle Monson
Lucky Cleveland
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Mikey Dakota
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Moka
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Mr. T
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Muffy
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Quincy
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Vincent & Lynn Billi
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Alba Cruz
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Anonymous
Noreen Ackley
Johanna Deutsch
Sandra McFarland
Alan Schwartz
Sheila Vincent
Mickie Sellman
Steve & Karen White's
Wedding
Mark Schwalm
Suzanne M. Ray
Dana Maratta
Suzanne Reiman
Janice Voigtman
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SAVE THE DATE

20th Annual Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest

October 25, 2017

Phillippi Farmhouse Market

25th Anniversary

Hot Dogs & Cool Cats Gala

November 18, 2017

Sarasota Yacht Club

12th Annual

Paws on the Catwalk Luncheon

March 29, 2018

The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota



Pictured above (L-R) are the 11th Annual Paws on the Catwalk Luncheon Co-Chairs, Katherine Ferrara, Chris Voelker, and Jennifer Steube

Visit www.hssc.org for a complete list of events.



LIZZIE

LIZZIE S HAPPY TAIL

My new name is Lizzie (formerly Fizzer). I have settled in nicely with my new best friend, Daisy—a Swiss Mountain dog. There is also a big cat named Rambo who actually likes me! I got to snuggle with my new mom last night in bed. I haven't had any accidents because Daisy told me not to, and showed me how to potty outside. I was hungry for a snack, but there was no food in my dish since breakfast. So I decided to see what was left in the cat's dish, except it was way up high on the counter. I couldn't reach it, so I just jumped up all the way up on the counter to check it out. I guess I did something wrong since Mom yelled at me to get down? Then she laughed, so I guess she wasn't really mad at me. I guess I'd better not try that again! I love it so much here. Thank you, HSSC, for taking care of me 'til my new mom and dad could find me and love me.

--Lizzie

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