



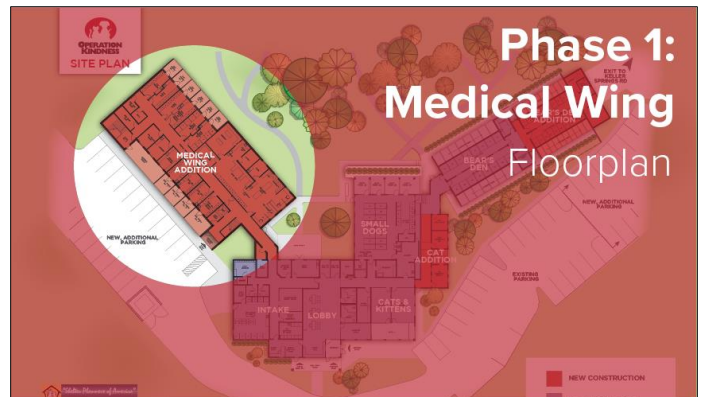
Operation Kindness Announces Phase One of Capital Campaign 14,628-sq.-ft. Medical Facility to Help Provide a Second Chance to Homeless Pets

CARROLLTON, TX (April 6, 2018)—[Operation Kindness](#), the original and largest no-kill shelter in North Texas, is pleased to announce phase one of the “Build. Save. Love: Creating Hope for Homeless Pets” capital campaign. Phase one of the three-phase \$12 million campaign, includes the construction of a 14,628-square-foot medical wing addition to the shelter’s current campus located at 3201 Earhart Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006. Construction on the new medical wing is expected to begin in April 2018 and when finished will increase the shelter’s daily capacity by 24 percent and adoptions by 35 percent.

As the “go to” facility for 47 municipal shelters and rescue groups, who are unable to provide additional medical resources to homeless animals, Operation Kindness is beginning to outgrow its current campus. The highly anticipated \$6 million medical wing will allow staff to expand its comprehensive medical care to homeless cats and dogs in North Texas.

The new medical wing will include:

- A cutting-edge sanitation system installed throughout the facility. This system will decrease the amount of time spent on cleaning and sanitation and increase the amount of time focusing on the well-being and treating of the animals.
- Separate isolation and monitoring areas to provide adequate space for evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of more cats and dogs.
- Additional screened-in porches for cats and dogs to enjoy the outdoors during recovery after medical treatments.
- A complete administrative office suite, meeting and training spaces



“We celebrate the fact that Operation Kindness has broken adoption records for the past five years,” stated Jim Hanophy, CEO of Operation Kindness. “As an alternative for unnecessary euthanasia, Operation Kindness gladly takes in these animals, but the reality is we have outgrown our space and must expand our facilities. Soon we’ll provide even more homeless cats and dogs a second chance at a happy and healthy life.”

Since its inception, Operation Kindness has saved the lives of more than 100,000 animals and continues to work toward the prevention of animal euthanasia. In 2017, Operation Kindness was responsible for providing care to 5,090 animals and broke adoption records by assisting a total of 4,889 cats and dogs in finding forever homes. The new medical wing, and the future shelter improvements, made possible through the “Build. Save. Love: Creating Hope for Homeless Pets” capital campaign will allow the shelter to continue providing exceptional veterinary care and rehabilitation services to the increasing number of pets taken in by the shelter in the future.

The Rees-Jones Foundation is providing the lead gift for phase one of the “Build. Save. Love: Creating Hope for Homeless Pets” capital campaign to kick-start the construction of the medical wing. The Elsie and Marvin Dekelboum Family Foundation is providing funding for the surgical suite.

To learn more about the “Build. Save. Love: Creating Hope for Homeless Pets” capital campaign or about Operation Kindness, please visit www.operationkindness.org.

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About Operation Kindness:

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the original and largest no-kill shelter in North Texas. Its mission is to care for homeless cats and dogs in a no-kill environment until each is adopted into responsible homes and to advocate humane values and behavior. In the 40-plus years since their inception, Operation Kindness has saved more than 100,000 animals. Annually the shelter assists more than 5,000 dogs and cats, caring for an average of 300 animals daily with another 100-150 animals in foster homes.

Learn more about Operation Kindness at <http://www.OperationKindness.org> or on Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Operation-Kindness/30251945822).

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