



## Community Generosity Provides Repairs to Operation Kindness After Texas' Winter Storm

Donations Kept Animals Warm and Will Help Repair Busted Water Pipes

CARROLLTON, Texas (March 2, 2021) – The snowy mid-February weather in Texas left thousands without power or running water for days, and many continue to deal with the repercussions of such an unusual event. [Operation Kindness](#), the leading no-kill animal shelter in North Texas, is one of those organizations impacted by the severity of the winter storm. Accumulating busted water pipe damages to several offices at the shelter—a place where thousands of homeless pets call home until adopted—the nonprofit organization will be able to cover repairs thanks to the incredible generosity of community donations. The support will allow the shelter to provide a safe haven for animals in need of a loving home.

Rallying behind Texans dealing with an extreme snowy weather event, individuals across the United States spread their kindness and love for animals by raising funds for Operation Kindness. Through the power of social media, hundreds of people created fundraising campaigns, positively impacting Operation Kindness during a tumultuous time dealing with water leaks and on-and-off-again electricity. Donations also extended to food, toys and blankets to keep dogs and cats warm during freezing nights. Because of the accumulation of contributions, the shelter will repair a total of eight busted pipes resulting from freezing temperatures. With each donation, the animals indeed feel extreme love and support for their well-being.

“Witnessing neighbors helping neighbors during this difficult time is profound and a testament to the resiliency of the people of Texas. It’s imperative during times of crisis that communities come together to support each other, and that’s what we see at Operation Kindness,” said Natalie Buxton, the director of marketing and communications at Operation Kindness. “To know that generous individuals across America are providing support to our shelter and others like us is an incredible honor. We are fortunate to have people who believe in our mission and want the best for the animals we intake. Thanks to them, we can make repairs and continue our advocacy on behalf of homeless animals in need. We are incredibly grateful for each and every person who chose to donate to Operation Kindness.”

Donations provided to Operation Kindness in response to the winter storm will go toward the shelter’s mission to enrich homeless animals’ lives until they are ready to be adopted into a loving, responsible home. Notable donations to Operation Kindness include a \$10,000 emergency grant from [Petfinder](#) for shelter repairs due to winter storms and [Dallasites101](#), who raised over \$1,000 through an Instagram fundraising campaign.

These donations from community members will provide more opportunities for the animal organization to:

- **Repair damages** – as many businesses and homeowners across the state of Texas are reeling from the winter storms, Operation Kindness sustained some damage due to freezing pipes. While thankfully none of the pipes burst in rooms that house animals, the water did encompass many of the offices. The organization is currently putting the finishing touches on a months-long construction project, enabling the expansion of dogs and cats’ quality of life, and pipe repairs will help continue the journey.
- **Support foster families** – many foster families received a plethora of donated blankets and goodies to help keep dogs and cats warm during power outages. Operation Kindness provides all the necessities animals need to thrive in a foster environment, including food and toys. Continued donations will allow fosters to actively care for dogs and cats in a safe environment until a loving

family adopts them. Operation Kindness works directly with foster families through their program, maintaining support and being readily available for questions or concerns during the foster period.

- **Provide medical treatment** – some animals that come to Operation Kindness require treatment before being adopted. This may be due to illness, injury, behavior or other conditions that a professional medical team assesses. The organization believes in animal wellness, going above and beyond to provide quality care to ensure that each pet is as happy and healthy as can be. The dedicated medical staff at Operation Kindness provides exceptional treatment options supplied by donations that contribute to updating equipment, medicine, tools and technology to serve hospitalized animals better.
- **Provide essential necessities** – every dog and cat deserve love and attention, and at Operation Kindness, animals are provided all the necessary items they need until they are adopted. From food, toys, blankets, enrichment programs, training resources, specialized rooms that encourage playtime and growth, dogs and cats spend their days in a safe environment. Each pet gets to nurture their curiosity, fuel their activity and exercise by receiving the utmost care and support in their wellness journey.

As a nonprofit organization in the North Texas community, Operation Kindness relies on generous donations to further impact people and the homeless dogs and cats in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Community betterment means thousands of animals' lives are saved each year thanks to the hardworking and dedicated staff that believe and advocate for pet wellness and safety. The ability for dogs and cats to have a second chance at a great quality of life directly affects the heartbreaking issue of pet homelessness while generating incredible memories for both humans and animals alike through adoption.

By utilizing community support, Operation Kindness drastically makes a difference and encourages and creates programs prioritizing animal health. From lifesaving treatment to medical care, food distribution, spay/neuters, behavioral assessments, training, adoption and fostering opportunities, animals not only receive love and kindness but have a chance to lead a wonderful life with a family to call their own. For over 40 years, Operation Kindness has been a staple in the community and establishes itself as the leading shelter for animal enrichment opportunities.

For more information about Operation Kindness and its advocacy for animal wellness, visit [www.operationkindness.org/about/](http://www.operationkindness.org/about/). To support the organization's mission to impact the lives of homeless dogs and cats positively, find ways to support at [www.operationkindness.org/ways-to-give/](http://www.operationkindness.org/ways-to-give/). For those interested in becoming a part of the Operation Kindness team, learn more about volunteering or fostering opportunities at [www.operationkindness.org/volunteer/](http://www.operationkindness.org/volunteer/) and [www.operationkindness.org/foster/](http://www.operationkindness.org/foster/).

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### **About Operation Kindness**

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is a pioneer in North Texas for providing assistance to animals in need of medical care, companionship, and most of all, a home. Its mission is to care for homeless cats and dogs in a no-kill environment until each is adopted into a responsible home. As an advocate for humane values and behaviors, Operation Kindness has been able to save more than 112,500 animals since its inception. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit [www.operationkindness.org/](http://www.operationkindness.org/).

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