



Operation Kindness Volunteer Awarded Volunteer of the Year by the City of Carrollton

Award Honors Distinguished Volunteers for Enhancing the Carrollton Community

DALLAS (March. 9, 2020) – As part of their [Volunteer Recognition Program](#) that highlights the positive impact made by community members, the [Neighborhood Partnership Office](#) of the [City of Carrollton](#) hosted the [13th Annual Citizen's Evening](#) on March 4 at the Carrollton Senior Center. Among the winners of the night included Judy Holleman, an [Operation Kindness](#) volunteer who has worked with the leading no-kill animal shelter in North Texas for more than 20 years. Recognizing her dedication and volunteering efforts at the shelter, the City of Carrollton awarded her with the Volunteer of the Year Award which was presented by Mayor Kevin Falconer.

"Operation Kindness has been close to my heart for a long time because of the work they do in saving homeless animals," said Holleman. "All of them are so sweet and in need of care, and I find it important to help the organization continue running so that these animals can find a home and a family who will love them forever. It's why I foster pets from the shelter and will continue supporting them for all that they do."

The awards given out at this special event are dedicated to members of the Carrollton community who have made distinguished services to the City of Carrollton for its betterment through a department, program, social service or organization. The Volunteer of the Year Award specifically recognizes Holleman for her achievements during the 2019 calendar year. Dedicating her time to the nonprofit organization for over 920 hours in 2019, Holleman helped with pet training, front desk duties and working with fearful cats and dogs. Holleman's efforts were recognized by Kelly Huckaby, the Director of Volunteer Services at Operation Kindness, who nominated her for the award.

"Judy has been an incredible volunteer as she's done so much for the organization and all the pets that have found their way to Operation Kindness," said Bob Catalani, CEO of Operation Kindness. "Her dedication to the shelter is truly incredible, and we not only appreciate what she's done and how helpful she's been throughout the years, but we absolutely love having her because she's a joy to be around. Nominating her for Volunteer of the Year was a way for all of us at the shelter to say thank you for the generosity, and we are so excited she was honored by the City of Carrollton."



Judy Holleman and Mayor Kevin Falconer at the 13th Annual Citizen's Evening.

Operation Kindness relies on its dedicated staff and volunteers to continue assist to animals in need of medical care and companionship until they find a responsible and loving forever home. The nonprofit has a robust volunteer program for those looking to service their community and provide care to the hundreds of animals in the care of Operation Kindness. Volunteers are provided training and shifts with flexible hours and opportunities tailored to fit the needs, interests and skills of those who give their time. Duties

at the organization often include walking dogs, kennel work, fundraising, administrative work, staffing special events, counseling and more.



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For over 40 years, Operation Kindness has envisioned a world where all cats and dogs are able to be loved and adopted into a responsible home. Animal wellness drives the purpose of the nonprofit where every member of the team, from executive leadership to volunteer, prioritizes the health and wellness of every animal, giving them the second chance and safe haven they deserve while they're being cared for by the organization.

The experts at Operation Kindness understand that pet homelessness is a heartbreaking and complex issue, which is why the leading no-kill shelter has created a variety of partnerships, programs and resources to save the lives of thousands of vulnerable dogs and cats each year. The nonprofit provides extensive vet care, a pet food pantry, a surrender prevention program, education to pet parents, foster and volunteer opportunities.

To learn more about Operation Kindness and their efforts to save homeless animals, visit <https://www.operationkindness.org/aboutUs>. For more information about their volunteer and fostering opportunities, learn more at <https://www.operationkindness.org/volunteer> and <https://www.operationkindness.org/volunteer3>.

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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. Operation Kindness provides extensive veterinary care, a pet food pantry, a surrender prevention program, education to pet parents and volunteer opportunities. More than a shelter, Operation Kindness is a safe haven for homeless pets who need a second chance to find a loving family. The organization assists approximately 5,000 dogs and cats each year, caring for an average of 400 animals per day. Learn more about Operation Kindness at www.operationkindness.org or on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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