



## **Get in the Giving Spirit: Help Operation Kindness Receive \$100,000 North Texas' Largest No-kill Shelter Selected as a Finalist in Reliant Gives Campaign**

DALLAS (Nov. 16, 2017) – Operation Kindness – North Texas' original and largest no-kill animal shelter – was recently selected as one of three finalist organizations in the running for a \$100,000 donation from "Reliant Gives," a charitable-giving program sponsored by Reliant. Reliant Gives expands Reliant's community outreach across Texas, sharing the power of giving with local communities. Reliant employees regularly nominate a wide selection of Texas nonprofits, which are narrowed to three finalists for each round. Reliant Gives will celebrate continued community support when the winners are announced Dec. 5.

"We are honored to be a finalist in this year's Reliant Gives Campaign," said Jim Hanophy, CEO of Operation Kindness. "Our shelter does not receive any government funding, and we rely solely on the support of our community to help us care for homeless animals in North Texas. We are calling on the community's continued support by voting for us with a simple click of the mouse in the Reliant Gives Campaign."

The number of animals assisted by Operation Kindness continues to grow year after year – along with the resources needed to care for these animals. Last year Operation Kindness treated 4,887 animals and found forever homes for 4,566 homeless animals. Additionally, the shelter performed 2,875 spay/neuter surgeries and 250 other medical-related surgeries. Operation Kindness is committed to treating any medical condition or injury if there's an opportunity for a quality of life and to adopt them into a loving home. The shelter also administered roughly \$100,000 worth of medicine, including ringworm, heartworm, upper respiratory infection, skin condition and ear infection medication. With many animals coming from 47 North Texas shelters and rescue partners, it is crucial that Operation Kindness gives animals the medical attention they need to survive what many other shelters do not have the resources to provide.

To help Operation Kindness secure the financial support they need to continue serving North Texas' homeless animals, the no-kill shelter is requesting the community vote for them on [Reliant.com/vote](https://reliant.com/vote) beginning Nov. 27 and running through Dec. 3. Voting is completely anonymous and the Reliant site does not collect any information or require a sign-in. The nonprofit with the most votes will receive \$100,000. The other two nonprofits will receive \$20,000 and \$10,000 respectively based on the number of votes received. The public may vote as often as they like, and the site will let them share their votes on social media. There are no age restrictions to participate in voting. Voting begins Nov. 27 at noon and ends Dec. 3 at 11:59 p.m. (all times Central).

### **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 2016, Operation Kindness celebrated their 40th anniversary and their achievement of saving more than 95,000 animals since their inception. 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.

Join Operation Kindness in their mission to care for homeless animals by becoming a member of the Happy Tails Society. This group of dedicated friends provides a monthly gift to help pay for the medical care, medicine, food, shelter, nurturing and behavior training the pets need to have a second chance at life. Learn more about Operation Kindness at <http://www.OperationKindness.org> or on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/pages/Operation-Kindness/30251945822](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Operation-Kindness/30251945822)).

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