



## **Preston Hollow Resident Joni McCoy to Chair Operation Kindness' Annual Gala**

### **Annual Event Provides Additional Funding for Homeless Animals**

DALLAS (April 18, 2019) – Operation Kindness, a nonprofit shelter and the original and largest no-kill animal shelter in North Texas, is hosting their 11th annual Hope Gala Saturday, April 27, at the Dallas House of Blues. This year, the event chair helping organize the annual gala is Preston Hollow resident Joni McCoy.

Operation Kindness has saved the lives of more than 100,000 animals over the past 40 years. On any given day, there are close to 300 animals in the local shelter with an additional 100 living in foster homes. With no funding received from the government, Operation Kindness depends on the generosity of community members like McCoy, who has been a loyal supporter and advocate for the past 16 years.

"I absolutely fell in love with Operation Kindness from the moment I walked through their door," McCoy said. "The atmosphere is extremely welcoming, and I know each and every animal inside those walls are getting the love and affection they need."

The annual Hope Gala is Operation Kindness' premier event. Money raised through donations, sponsors and the event's grand raffle will help the local nonprofit continue to provide medical treatment, rehabilitation, food and shelter to homeless cats and dogs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. McCoy embraces her philanthropy head-on and allows her passion for animals to spill into all other facets of her life.



*Pictured: Event Chair Joni McCoy, husband Mike McCoy, their two children Matthew and Madison McCoy, and miniature schnauzer Winnie.*

"I introduced my children to this lifestyle early on, just like my parents did with me. We actually use their birthday parties as a 'fund-and-friend raiser' opportunity for Operation Kindness. They love it!"

For every dollar raised, Operation Kindness is provided the opportunity to enhance the care given to each animal. Whether that be newly-developed pet medications, rehabilitation services or just being able to purchase plush blankets, events like the annual Hope Gala provide Operation Kindness with an additional stream to help accumulate the necessary funding.

This year's Hope Gala includes a variety of sponsors. The Silver Sponsors are Liz Morrow, Kristen and Mike Priest, and J&S Equipment Company. Bronze Sponsors include CityVet Addison, Recycle 2 Support, Kimberly and Keith Cross, The KSC Group, Darci and Randi Iola, Clarine Harp, Patricia and Donald Rowland, and Brooke and Greg Alexander.

In over 40 years, Operation Kindness has never turned away an animal. With the help of people like McCoy and her family, Operation Kindness will continue to serve the DFW pet community for many years to come. For more information about the annual Hope Gala, please visit [support.operationkindness.org/hope19](https://support.operationkindness.org/hope19).

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### **About Operation Kindness**

Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is the original and largest no-kill animal 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. Operation Kindness has saved more than 105,000 animals since its inception. The shelter assists more than 5,000 dogs and cats each year, caring for an average of 300 animals daily with another 100 animals in foster homes. Learn more about Operation Kindness at <https://www.operationkindness.org> or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OperationKindness/>).

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