## LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

## **DEAR FRIENDS.**

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL. EVERY YEAR OUR ANNUAL REPORT PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR. I HOPE THIS YEAR'S REPORT WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A PORTRAIT OF THE INCREDIBLE IMPACT OF OUR TEAMS' WORK TO SAVE THE LIVES OF OUR MANY FURRY FRIENDS.

DESPITE THE RECENT DIP IN REVENUE, WE WERE ABLE TO RISE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES 2023 PRESENTED. WE HAD SEVERAL SURRENDERED AND STRAY ANIMALS COME INTO THE SHELTER WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES REQUIRING THE ANIMALS TO BE HOUSED IN QUARANTINE AND/OR ISOLATION. THE CARE FOR THESE VERY ILL ANIMALS IS DIFFICULT PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY FOR THE STAFF.DUE TO THESE SITUATIONS, THE SHELTER HAD TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND VOLUNTEERS, CREATING EXTRA WORK FOR OUR STAFF AND SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND VETERINARY CARE. OUR STAFF IS INVALUABLE! BESIDES THE INTENSIVE MEDICAL CARE TO NURSE THESE ANIMALS BACK TO HEALTH, THEY GIVE THEM THE LOVE, CARE, AND THE SECOND CHANCE THEY DESERVE.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE HAVE REMAINED DEDICATED TO OUR MISSION, ACHIEVING SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES AND GROWTH. INVESTING IN OUR STAFF AND INFRASTRUCTURE IS CRUCIAL TO SUPPORT TWO CAMPUSES AND MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THIS STRATEGIC MOVE AIMS TO ENHANCE OUR CAPABILITIES FOR SUSTAINED GROWTH.

OUR SUCCESS AS A HIGH-SAVE SHELTER IS THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VOLUNTEERS, DEDICATED STAFF, AND GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU. YOUR SUPPORT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL, AND WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR CAUSE, TOGETHER WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE CATS AND DOGS WE SERVE.

BEST REGARDS,
MARTI OLDHAM
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS