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Generous community donor Mary Beth Nienhaus provides \$100,000 matching grant for Fox Valley Humane Association (FVHA)

-FVHA reopens-

APPLETON, Wis. June 9th, 2020 – The [Fox Valley Humane Association](http://foxvalleypets.org) (FVHA) an Appleton-based animal shelter that cares for more than 5,000 homeless pets each year, is excited to announce a \$100,000 matching grant opportunity. The matching grant was gifted to FVHA by generous community donor Mary Beth Nienhaus and coincides with the re-opening of FVHA on Monday, June 1 after a closure due to COVID-19.

“The community helped FVHA through this period of uncertainty because we all know the important services the organization provides to help animals in need to ensure their health and wellbeing. This matching gift opportunity is a way to maximize support to help in the coming months,” Mary Beth Nienhaus, said.

“We cannot thank Mary Beth Nienhaus enough for her benevolent gift and support of FVHA and the care of animals over the years. With this matching gift opportunity, we encourage others in the community to consider donating to double their support,” Kathi Seifert, Board Chair and Community Leader, said.

For more information on how to donate, please visit: foxvalleypets.org/donate/

Reopened Monday, June 1

To ensure the health and well-being of both the community and animals, the Fox Valley Humane Association has modified hours of operation and has new procedures in place. For a complete list of the new visitor guidelines in place and modified hours of operation at the shelter, visit foxvalleypets.org or call (920) 733-1717 ext 100.

Modified hours are:

Monday	10 p.m. - 5 p.m. adoptions by appointment only – no public viewing
Tuesday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. open to the public
Wednesday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. open to the public
Thursday	1 p.m. - 7 p.m. open to the public
Friday	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. open to the public
Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. open to the public
Sunday	CLOSED

The following procedures will be required of any guests, employees and volunteers who enter the shelter:

- The amount of people into the building will be limited as the shelter follows CDC guidelines. This number will include staff, volunteers, students and visitors.
- Face masks will be required to be worn in the facility.
- All visitors must be at least 18 years old until further notice.
- Social distancing guidelines per CDC recommendations will be required. All visitors must keep a 6-foot distance from each other while inside the shelter.
- Washing/sanitizing hands will be required upon entering the building for every person who comes into the facility.

“We are so appreciative of our staff, volunteers and the community’s support to help us provide for the animals’ needs. We cannot say thank you enough to all those who came forward to help foster animals, provide supplies, made monetary donations and more,” Vicki Prey, executive director of FVHA, said. “We are excited to get back to business and appreciate the community’s understanding in adhering to CDC guidelines as we reopen our facility.”

About Fox Valley Humane Association

The Fox Valley Humane Association is a full-service, state-of-the-art animal shelter and resource center, serving thousands of people and their pets each year. FVHA works to see that no animal needs in the Fox Valley go unmet. FVHA is a locally based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on saving lives and offers a variety of services, programs, and events to the community in addition to a safe haven for companion animals. FVHA offers 24/7 assistance to local law enforcement, spay & neuter programs, assistance for pet parents, a variety of classes, community programs, direct animal care for homeless pets, adoption services, and more. To learn more about Fox Valley Humane Association and its programs, visit <http://www.foxvalleypets.org>.