

Rees-Jones Foundation Supports Operation Kindness with Record-Breaking \$4 Million Grant for animals in Dallas

The special donation will fund a new building project, shelter and community initiatives

CARROLLTON, Texas (November 3, 2023) – Recognizing the lifesaving work of Operation Kindness as a leading animal welfare non-profit in Texas, The Rees-Jones Foundation has awarded Operation Kindness a \$4 million grant to support the organization's continued efforts in providing veterinary care, kindness and loving homes for dogs and cats. The record-breaking donation for Operation Kindness will fund the organization's work with animals in Dallas through shelter and community initiatives, animal transport, forensics for animal cruelty and the building of the organization's new Lifesaving Partnerships Hub.

"Operation Kindness has unprecedented goals for 2024 to bring more of our lifesaving services to dogs and cats in need," said Ed Jamison, CEO of Operation Kindness. "The support of our work in the City of Dallas by The Rees-Jones Foundation makes our vision for animal care a reality. We're very grateful for their recognition of our ability to be agile and responsive to the most urgent needs of Dallas animals."

Founded in 2006 by Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones, The Rees-Jones Foundation is a private foundation that works with non-profit organizations, primarily in North Texas, to serve others and improve their quality of life in tangible ways. Support for Operation Kindness is in line with the Foundation's historic championing of animal welfare charities and causes.

"The Rees-Jones Foundation has a priority to ensure that companion animals in our community are wellcared for," said T. Hardie, President of the Foundation. "The Foundation supports animal welfare groups, like Operation Kindness, that have outstanding leadership and a consistent record of improving outcomes for companion animals. This grant will support them as they continue to establish a comprehensive network of services and partnerships with Dallas Animal Services and others that will improve the welfare of our pets. We are proud to be a part of this effort."

Founded with the mission to make the world a kinder place for animals and the people who love them, Operation Kindness has made a difference in Texas for over 47 years by focusing on pet wellbeing opportunities. The organization focuses on improving the lives of dogs and cats through programs and resources which enhance the quality of life of animals and address the issue of pet homelessness.

Interviews are available by Zoom, phone or in-person.

About Operation Kindness

Operation Kindness, a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization, operates a lifesaving animal shelter and programs to assist people and pets. Founded in 1976, Operation Kindness is a pioneer in Texas for assisting animals in need of veterinary care, companionship and most of all, a home.

In addition to pet adoptions and lifesaving medical care, Operation Kindness' programs provide foster care for vulnerable animals, behavior and training support for pet parents, affordable veterinary services for community pets, a pet food pantry, volunteer opportunities and professional training. To learn more about Operation Kindness, please visit their website at <u>www.operationkindness.org</u>.

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