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From the President

A full year has gone by and we have lots of news to report, lots of thanks to give and many activities to summarize.

We can't say thank you enough to all of our loyal supporters who, in spite of our lack of direct communication to you throughout the year, continued to provide us the financial support required to take care of our kindred kitties and to offset the cost of helping many other cats in need. Our dedicated fosters, volunteers and supporters also continued to give us the ability to be the kind of special organization we can all be proud to be a part of!

We are looking forward to a productive and busy 2014 ... a year filled with many exciting new things to support our mission of saving as many homeless kitties as possible.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we look forward to continuing to work with all of you throughout the coming year

Sincerely,

Donna Kelly, President

*If you are worthy of its affection, a cat will
be your friend, but never your slave.
--Theophile Gautier*



2013 went by in almost a blur ... how quickly time passes! And as always, our end-of-the-year question inevitably is "did we really make a difference?" The answer is YES!

It was a year that we particularly made a **BIG** difference in the lives of a number of our long-term residents at the Adoption Center. After six years of swinging in his hammock, **Bailey** is living the high life with his new forever family, and has no more need to keep himself isolated. **Socrates** who (after several attempts in homes where he felt it necessary to "mark" the house) found a home where he feels self-confident and is now well-adjusted. **Lavinia**, our "wallflower" who lived at the Adoption Center for over three years, but who never made herself known to our visitors, now lives with another kitty Babs and is quite content in a home of her own. And, our wonderful boy **Lizard**, who spent every day in a cage and only had the run of our back room at night now snuggles in a warm bed each night with his new caregiver. **Lucy Lou** was another "long-timer" who came to us as a kitten with a defensive, sassy attitude (brought on we are fairly certain by an unkind child). For over two years, we struggled with her feistiness until the right person came along, appreciated her independence, and she is now relaxed and affectionate. Then there were **Suki** and **JoJo** who couldn't quite make the leap from very shy to adoptable who were graciously welcomed to live forever in their foster homes. **Pindar** lived with us at the Adoption Center for over four years until he found a loving family, who despite the many adjustments that had to be made, still chose to make him a permanent family member. **Jake** (a five-year resident) now lives happily with a number of new "brothers and sisters" and is content and well-loved.

This is the outcome that we as a rescue group wish for each of our cats ... a home that is just right for them. But, in addition to the many cats and kittens we have found homes for, there were also many other kitties we were able to help. It was challenging and we had to give a little bit more sometimes, but we were able to assist or rescue or save from abandonment or provide vet care for, or spay or neuter many kitties who needed us. ALL of them matter, and that is the difference we made!



STATS

Adoptions – In 2013, we re-homed 278 kitties (63 adults, 60 teens and 155 kittens). This was a 24% drop in adoptions from the 367 we found homes for in 2012.

Spay/Neuter – We did a great job with our low-cost spay/neuter program in last year. We spay/neutered a total of 481 cats – 15% were kindred kitties; the remainder were owned and feral cats. And where we were unable to help in some areas, we successfully referred individuals to other alternative programs to ensure that we maximized spay/neuters in general. This will continue to be a high priority throughout 2014!

Foster Care – At year-end 2013, we had 122 cats in our care: 34 at the Adoption Center, 72 in foster homes and 16 who are considered "permanent" fosters due to special needs. **PLEASE!! Our forever ongoing appeal still stands – we are desperate for good foster homes -- particularly for both adoptable and special-needs adults!!!**

Life outside a person is an extension of the life within. This compels us to be a part of it and accept responsibility for all creatures, great and small.

-- Albert Schweitzer



EVENTS

Kindred Kitties participated in a number of community outreach events in 2013 bringing attention to the organization and our mission and raising some donations as well!

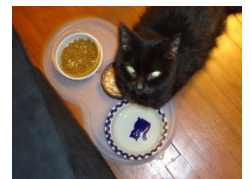
Culvers Cares Event – Thanks to Pauline Lorenz and her volunteer crew for another successful Culver’s event May 20th. We raised over \$200!!

Miracle on 58th Street - Kindred Kitties participated in Downtown Kenosha’s first “Miracle on 58th Street.” This was a street sidewalk sale for many businesses, but as we are a downtown neighbor Kindred Kitties was invited to participate. The event was well attended. Four Kindred Kitties volunteers staffed our booth throughout the event. In addition to educating Kenosha residents about Kindred Kitties and our work, we also met many people from out of town who were very interested in our efforts. We took this opportunity to raise some money for Kindred Kitties by selling and raffling off some beautiful handmade items. Attendees also were generous with their donations and we were able to raise over \$400 for Kindred Kitties in one afternoon!

Second Saturday Event - Kindred Kitties also took part in one of the Second Saturday events held in downtown Kenosha this past summer. Although the foot traffic by our booth was limited, we met a number of people who had previously adopted cats from Kindred Kitties as well as some community members who were unaware of our organization and our purpose. This was a small event, but we were happy to have had the opportunity to participate and educate.

Safe Harbor’s Walk for Paws - We were excited to be able to have an information booth at Safe Harbor’s Walk for Paws event held this past August in Lincoln Park. Safe Harbor invited non-profit organizations to have booths at the event and Kindred Kitties along with a number of other animal rescue organizations participated. The event was very well attended and we met animal lovers of all kinds. We educated some of the attendees about Kindred Kitties and also had the opportunity to catch up with some of our volunteers and fosters and even some folks who volunteer for both Kindred Kitties and Safe Harbor. A special thank you to Jane Broughton-Schaefer (and her husband Adam) for making it possible for us to participate in these community outreach events. Events such as the aforementioned are important as they are opportunities us to educate the public about Kindred Kitties and our work. We would like to participate in even more events like these in the future (including Kenosha’s Harbor Market), but we do need more volunteers to staff the Kindred Kitties booth. If you are interested in participating in community outreach activities, if you know of any events in which we could participate, please call the Adoption Center at 262/605-0533 and we will get you in contact with the appropriate coordinator.

Rockheads Hero-Clix Tournament - April 6th & 7th, Rockhead’s HeroClix Players held a tournament for the store’s Grand Opening at 2328 Roosevelt Road. This event was also a fundraiser for Kindred Kitties, in memory of Morgan Perkins. In the course of the two-day event, the players raised \$600. (HeroClix is a collectible miniature game that centers around the world of superheroes, especially those from the Marvel & DC Universe.)



4th Annual In-The-Bag Fundraiser – Thank you to all who made the 2013 “It’s In The Bag” fundraiser such a great success! This was our first year at the Kenosha Moose Lodge and we were fortunate to have the extra space, as attendance has grown each year! We set a goal of raising \$20,000 at the event, and we surpassed that goal!! That money will help our cats immensely as well as support our mission to assist as many cats as possible in our community! Kudos to Moose Lodge and to all our sponsors, donors, attendees, and volunteers for contributing to the immense success of our event. And a very special thanks goes out to Jane Broughton-Schaefer for her tireless dedication to our cause and for once again doing a fantastic job organizing the event. We hope to see you all at “It’s In The Bag” 2014!!!



UPCOMING EVENTS



THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

Your support means everything to us – both your time and money! We make every effort to acknowledge all who contribute to Kindred Kitties in a variety of ways. Please know that if you are not acknowledged in the listing below, it is totally unintentional. You can be sure that we are very grateful! Note: Gifts are not listed in order of importance but rather by date received or alphabetically by first name.

We continue to first give our very special thanks to our tirelessly dedicated volunteers who foster kitties, spend time with our Adoption Center cats, do cleaning at Petco and the Adoption Center, run errands, test and vaccinate kitties, make follow up calls, and in general, keep Kindred Kitties “up and running” – we couldn’t do ANYTHING without your efforts!

Special Thanks

- To Paul Cook & Steven Penn for financing new store shelves – they’re awesome.
- To Don & Donna for installing the shelves, covering the radiator and fixing the front door
- To Bob Holmen & Greg Whelan for fixing the back room “Six-Pack” cage
- To Jason Schwefel for hard-wiring our telephone
- To Brittany Lince for designated all her birthday gifts for Kindred Kitties
- To *PayPal Giving Fund* – Ebay Community Selling & Checkout Donations
- To *Pet Supplies Plus* – Racine for Gift Card from customer donations for month of October
- To *Super Valu* Midwest Division – Gift Certificate
- To Mission Fish for online purchases
- To *Petco* - \$500 grant for two basement dehumidifiers
- To Amy Watson, Marry Kessenich, Pauline Holze for assistance with Jim Larsen’s cats
- To Doroto Zablocki, Laurie Carver Estes for support of Noelle (aka Leia) Chicago Animal Control rescue
- To *Comfort for Critters* – Handmade Carrier Liners
- To Sandy Majest for Harbor Market Donations
- To Paris Recycling Center for Can Collection Fundraiser
- To Cathy Pacholec for vet care for Bambi
- To Steven Penn for special condo for BooBoo
- To *Rockheads* and *Shenanigans* for donations from Collection Jars at their businesses
- To Bradford Community Church Youth Group for their fundraiser
- To Christie Graham for sharing her commissions on home purchases
- To Tina & Kris Peterson for their 2013 “Pumpkin Patch” Proceeds of \$2,515!!
- To Pet Supplies Plus-Racine for their December Food/Toy/Supplies Collection

I wish people would realize that animals are totally dependent on us – helpless, like children – a trust that is put upon us.

-- James Herriot



Thanks for Supplies/Food/Equipment/Gift Cards

Bruce Blitzan	Gerald & Jane Cassity	D.W. Davies-Racine	Marsha Urbanski
Ken Haley	Ruthy Christy	Falon Krebs	Laurie Ann Perkins
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James & Mary Neubauer	Jill Hancock	Stephanie Markus	Debi Bruni
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HONORARIUMS

- For Bob Enstead’s 75th Birthday from his friends
- Barbara Corona – In honor of Barnie & Hopper
- Michael Kukulka – In honor of Bosco & Athena
- Carly Oberg – In honor of Brittany Lince
- Brooke Giannotti, Jim Hammelev, Rosalind Brown, David McGrath, – In Honor of Chris Hammelev
- Marie DeBock – In honor (and for sponsorship) of Emelio
- Tracey Morgan – In honor of her two kindred kitties
- Mary B. Chatterton – In honor of Kaitlyn Becker’s birthday
- Pam Wallis – In honor of KeeKee
- Allyson Haydon – In honor of Marie Hayden’s May 30th birthday
- Erin Lynch – In honor of mom, Donna Kennedy
- Peggy Labus – In honor of Panda & Taleo
- Howard & Mary Cooley – In honor of Patti Pooch & Sue Moffett, petsitters for Jasmine and Ben
- James & Christina Lenart – In honor of Pindar
- Carol Ruxton – In honor of Squeakers (aka Tar Baby) and Mama Bella
- Neal Joffee – In honor of Strawberry
- Arlene & Kerry Clausen – In honor of surrendered kitten, Molly
- William Thomas – In honor of the marriage of Lauren and Tice Parker
- Carla & Jim Wilks – In honor of Tom & Cathy McDowell’s 40th Wedding Anniversary
- Andy & Annette Stevens – In honor of Zeke

MEMORIAMs

- Linda Orvis, in memory of her son Chris, held her 1st Annual ‘Texas Hold Em’ Tournament raised \$487
- Marie DeBock – In loving memory of Debbie Clickner’s beautiful, lovable maine coon Big Ted
- William Thomas – In memory of Bobbi Patrausky
- Alice Soule, Leonard & Patricia Roecker, Nicki Cappert – In memory of Caroline Soule
- Joseph Falduto – In memory of cats Josie & Sammy
- Robin Potente – In memory of Charles “Chuck” Strangberg, a great, adventurous tabby
- The Zongolowicz Family – In memory of Chris Dantoin
- Anita Kay, Carol Boehm, Dianne Walker, Erin Lynch, Judith Elliott, Melissa Rodden, Mitchell & Lisa Roper, Simone Szulc-Cieplicki, Scott Greim – In memory of Donna Kennedy
- Colleagues at Continental Automotive Engineering Applications – In memory of Donna Kennedy
- Mary Dixon – In memory of her friend’s cats Leo & Meow
- Kristin Brown – In memory of her parents’ kitties Abby & Twinkie
- Peggy & Don Brown – In memory of Abby & Twinkie
- Jane Agassi, Paula & Steven Penn – In memory of Lena, a kindred kitty
- Jane Rohner – In memory of Louise ‘Sliv’ Kasen
- Bill & Kris Schmitz – In memory of Martha Koblenski
- Cheryl Tolliver, Emma DeRose, Cathy McDowell – In memory of Minny Q, a very special resident at our Adoption Center
- Rockheads Comics & Games – In memory of Morgan Perkins
- Danielle Schweitzer – In memory of her much loved Bumby who came to us as a homeless stray
- Meg Andreoli – In memory of Patricia Hansen
- Paul & Kris Cook – In memory of Paul & Raquel’s Jasmine
- Cathy McDowell – In memory of Polka Dot & Cairo (Cara Williams’ kindred kitties)



• **MEMORIALS (contd)**

- Paul & Kris Cook – In memory of Porter, family dog of Shauna & Joel Richardson
- Paul & Kris Cook – In memory of Pumpkin, family cat of Jessica Fairclough
- The Wiese Family – In memory of Robert R. Wiese who died March 1st
- Barbara Delaney, Phebe & Joseph Charon – In memory of Rodney Gummow
- Cathy McDowell – In memory of very special kitties Sabu, Hershey, Trinity and Big Head Todd
- Helen Havranek – In memory of son Mark
- Rick Itzenhuiser – In memory of Sprite
- Robert & Marlene Krause – In memory of Steven Edward Krause
- Catherine Fodor – In memory of the Dahl family cat Brandi
- Michelle Jones – In memory of their beloved cat Smokey
- Paul & Kris Cook – In memory of Thomas Ewers, father of Paula Penn
- Bill & Judy Earley, George & Karen Seibert, Heidi & Riley Jones, Jane Agazzi-Seggelink, Kim & David Lesch, Mary Kessenich, Paul Cook – In memory of Tom McDowell who died August 26th

And to those of you who send your very generous donations to help support our needs, thank you!

Alex & Kathleen Tarsitano	Paula Penn & Morgan Stanley Matching Gift	Brian & Beth McLain
Marie DeBock	Kristin Brown	Carrie Shane
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Beth Schuetz-Wilson	Lake County United Way Anonymous Donor & Matching Gift	Laura Wagoner
Cathy McDowell	Chris Hammelev	David Bott
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Darlene Karakash	Darlene Shue	Embellished Heart
Eric Albrecht	Eugene & Shirley Blasi	Frank & Cathy Pacholec
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Thomas Puidokas	Tim Lawler	William Jewell
William Thomas	Wren Ide	Hospira Anonymous Donor & Matching Gift

Attn: Kindred Kitties Cooks! - Kindred Kitties is publishing its first ever cookbook, and we need your help. We are looking for your best recipes to make the book a great one.

Recipes: Submit up to five of your favorite recipes and pass the word around to your friends and family - we'd love their recipes as well. Instructions and submission form can be found on Page 7.

Sponsorships: Please assist us in finding sponsors to help defray the cost of publishing the cookbook. Make a donation in your name or the name of a loved one – including your furry, feathered, scaly or slithery friends. See form on Page 8.

We hope to have all recipes and sponsorship forms turned in to us **by Friday, May 2, 2014**. The cookbook will be available for purchase in plenty of time for the holidays so consider giving books as gifts. The recipient will enjoy the cookbook for years to come and you'll be helping Kindred Kitties with our mission of finding homes for homeless kitties. If you have any questions, send an Email to chrishammelev@yahoo.com or call Chris at 262/694-4630.



Pawsitively Purrfect Cookbook Recipe Collection

- PRINT LEGIBLY in ink – not pencil – this helps reduce errors.
- Be consistent with the spelling of your name for each recipe you submit.
- Place only ONE RECIPE per form. If more room is needed, use another sheet of paper and staple pages together.
- List all ingredients in order of use in the ingredients list and directions. Use names of ingredients, e.g. “combine flour and sugar” – not statements like “combine the first three ingredients.”
- Include container sizes, e.g., 16-oz., pkg., 24-oz. can.
- Keep directions in paragraph form – NOT in steps.
- Include temperatures and cooking, chilling, baking and/or freezing times.
- Special notes (anything other than ingredients, directions, contributor name, or serving size) should be kept as a separate comment on the bottom of the recipe form, as they may not be included unless we pay extra.
- Your recipe should fit one of the following categories:

Appetizers & Beverages
Breads & Rolls
Soups & Salads

Vegetables & Side Dishes
Main Dishes
Desserts

Cookies & Candy
This & That
Pet/Wildlife Treats

Recipe Title _____ Recipe Category _____

Submitted by _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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Use Abbreviations: pt. qt. gal. pkg. env. ctn. sm. med. lg. T. tsp. c. oz. lb. dz.

Ingredients:

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Directions: _____



Pawsitively Purrfect Cookbook Sponsorships

Help fund the publishing of Kindred Kitties' first cookbook by becoming a sponsor. Make a donation in your own name or that of a loved one and we'll include it in our special "Friends of Kindred Kitties" donor section of the book.

Type of Sponsorship Name of Sponsor or Honoree (please print legibly)

- Champion (\$250 or more)** _____
- Guardian (\$100 - \$249)** _____
- Benefactor (\$50 - \$99)** _____
- Advocate (\$25 - \$49)** _____
- Animal Friend (\$10)** _____
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Please note if your sponsorship is in memory of someone special

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Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Sponsorships are due by Friday, May 2, 2014. Please send this form along with your check, payable to Kindred Kitties to:
Kindred Kitties; 614-59th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140**

Thank you for helping to support our mission of finding homes for homeless kitties!

