



# ORPHANS OF THE STORM®

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Our antiquated facilities are failing. We urgently need your help to build an adoption center that focuses on the physical and emotional needs of our animals so we can continue saving more lives and serving our community for the next 100 years.

## Our Next Hundred Years

Since 1928, we have found loving homes for over 150,000 cats and dogs, including Cayah, pictured below, a beautiful black Lab mix who needed thousands of dollars of medical treatment before she was placed in a loving home. This is what we do.



# Dear Friends,

With your help, Orphans of the Storm has saved over 150,000 dogs and cats and created thousands of happy families in our first hundred years.

Our aging and outdated facilities are beyond repair, making it difficult to meet the needs of the pets in our care. Dogs suffer from kennel stress, unable to show their true personalities. Cats struggle in loud, cramped spaces. Poor ventilation risks spreading illness, and the facility itself is literally sinking into the ground. These issues harm the well-being of our animals and create a stressful environment for adopters.

With your support, we will build a space where every animal receives the care and comfort they deserve. A place where they can rest and recover, and where every dog and cat feels valued and cherished while they wait for their forever homes. Our new, leading-edge shelter will set the standard for excellence in animal sheltering.

This space will be more than functional – it will be welcoming, inspiring the community to visit, connect with animals, and adopt their new best friend, a Friend for Life,® building lasting bonds that enrich both their lives and the lives of the animals.

Together, we will build a brighter future for pets and people in "Our Next Hundred Years."

For the animals,

Michelle Shields, Volunteer President



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# The Need

Animal shelters across the country are struggling. Adoptions, especially of large dogs, have plummeted, and economic hardship and the lack of pet-friendly housing are forcing many to surrender their pets or worse. At Orphans of the Storm, despite our compassionate care, our deteriorating building makes the problem worse. Our animals endure cracked and sinking foundations, leaking roofs, and poor HVAC systems, while staff, volunteers, and visitors face challenging conditions. Without an isolation area for sick animals, illnesses can spread more easily, leading to longer pet stays and shelter closures during outbreaks. At a time when the need is greatest, it is becoming more difficult for us to be the safety net that pets and people rely on.

**A new facility will improve health, safety and allow us to serve more pets, people, and partner agencies.**

## LOCAL IMPACT

We work with 30 animal welfare agencies in Illinois. Our new shelter will shorten our pet stays, freeing up space so we can help more animals and better support our partner agencies, including Lake County Animal Care and Control, Waukegan Animal Care and Control, Chicago Animal Care and Control, and many others.

## NATIONAL IMPACT

Over the last five years, we have transferred more than 2,500 dogs and cats from overcrowded agencies in Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Indiana. Each animal is spayed or neutered, vaccinated, vetted, and placed in a loving home—helping to break the cycle of pet overpopulation.

**With your partnership and support, we can be a safety net for pets and their people - locally and nationally.**



# OUR FUTURE

Our new shelter will improve the lives of the animals in our care, expand our services and help promote adoption to families who may never have considered it.

## Improved Animal Care

### Cat and dog health will improve with:

- Proper medical care and isolation areas for each species
- Individual air exchangers in each housing area

### Cats will enjoy:

- Small group housing, allowing for safe social interactions between cats
- Protected outdoor spaces (catios), where they can feel the sun on their fur, smell the grass, and exhibit other natural behaviors
- Engaging meet-and-greet spaces where potential adopters can see their true personalities

### Dogs will enjoy:

- Larger kennels with secure access to the outdoors, and a space where they can relieve themselves away from their living area
- Visual barriers in each kennel so they can relax and destress without having to be “on guard” all the time
- A dog village with small cottages furnished with sofas and rugs where dogs can go to destress and be in a home-like setting
- Access to new indoor exercise spaces, where they can stretch their legs even in excessive cold or heat or when it’s raining (Dogs are currently confined to their kennels in inclement weather.)

## New Spaces & Programs for Community Members

- Indoor dog meet-and-greet areas so adopters don’t have to brave the elements to meet their new best friend
- Kennels to temporarily house the pets of community members facing emergencies, including domestic violence and economic hardship
- A large space for community events and training





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INDOOR/OUTDOOR CATIO



OFF LEASH PLAY YARDS



WOODLAND TRAIL



BIRD HOUSE GARDEN



DOG VILLAGE





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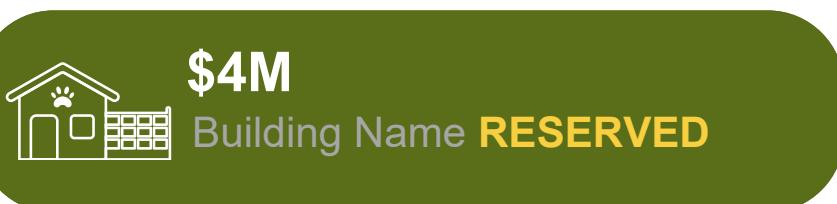


1. ADOPTIONS ENTRY
2. LOBBY
3. TRAINING EDUCATION CENTER
4. DOG ADOPTION ROOMS
5. DOG VILLAGE
6. DOG ADOPTION NEIGHBORHOOD #1
7. DOG ADOPTION NEIGHBORHOOD #2
8. DOG ADOPTER KIOSK
9. DOG ENRICHMENT PLAY YARD
10. CAT ADOPTION CENTER
11. CAT ADOPTION ROOM
12. OUTDOOR CATIO
13. ADMINISTRATION
14. INTAKE GARAGE
15. INTAKE
16. INTAKE TREATMENT
17. INTAKE OUTDOOR YARD
18. ISOLATION OUTDOOR YARD
19. STAFF/VOLUNTEER ENTRANCE
20. VOLUNTEER ROOM
21. FACILITY SUPPORT SPACES
22. VOLUNTEER DOG WALKING CENTER



# LEGACY OPPORTUNITIES

Our new shelter requires financial support from compassionate individuals, foundations, and companies committed to improving the lives of pets and people. The following gifts come with special naming opportunities, allowing donors to memorialize their critical role in creating the North Shore's premier animal shelter.



We've successfully sheltered animals for almost 100 years, placing more than 150,000 dogs and cats. You can trust your investment will make a lasting difference. Don't see an opportunity that matches your vision? Let's create one together!

Legacy opportunities may be pledged over 2 years. To arrange a tour or to make a contribution, please contact Sandy De Lisle, Head of Development and Community Engagement [sandy@orphansofthestorm.org](mailto:sandy@orphansofthestorm.org) or 847-287-8031.