New animal shelter will touch the lives of thousands of pets and their people

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Marleigh is a 3½-year-old female Hound mix who was surrendered to The Humane Society of Harford County on March 11, 2014 because of her separation anxiety issues. Her prior family said that other than the separation anxiety, she was the perfect dog, but recently she had destroyed some furniture and they could no longer keep her.

When she arrived at our shelter, Marleigh was beyond terrified. Our shelter technicians were able to examine her, but for days, she lay in her kennel, barely eating, not making eye contact, and not responding to touch or affection. She was reluctant to go outside for walks and would frequently “put on the brakes” and refuse to move. Potential adopters would come to meet her, but because they were unable to make an emotional connection, they would leave without taking Marleigh home.

Things started to change for Marleigh when she went into foster care with our former volunteer & outreach coordinator, Nicky Wetzelberger. Nicky owns a young outgoing Australian Shepherd named Darra, who quickly bonded with Marleigh and drew her out of her shell. It was amazing to watch the transformation! Outside in our play yard, Marleigh and Darra would run, romp and wrestle with each other. The terrified Marleigh disappeared, replaced with a happy and very confident girl!

In July Marleigh finally found her special someone. Oh, what a feeling! We were so overjoyed to know that Marleigh was with a person who would love her unconditionally and help her overcome her separation anxiety issues.

Animal Visitation and Adoption Hours
- Monday – Friday: 11 AM – 6 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM – 5 PM
- Sunday: 12 PM – 4 PM

Administrative Office Hours
- Monday – Friday: 8 AM – 4 PM

Rescue Me! at Harford Mall Hours
- Monday – Saturday: 11 AM – 7 PM
- Sunday: 11 AM – 5 PM

Telephone Contacts
- Main number: 410-836-1090
- Rescue Me!: 410-838-2300
- Ext. 102: Foster Care & Rescue Coordinator
- Ext. 104: Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator
- Ext. 105: Lost and Found
- Ext. 106: Marketing Coordinator
- Ext. 109: General Information & Client Services
- Ext. 111: Office Manager & Human Resources
- Ext. 113: Shelter Manager

Adoption Fees*
- Puppies: 8 weeks – 11 months: $250
- Dogs: 1 year – 5 years: $160
- Dogs: 6 years – 9 years: $95
- Dogs: 10 years and older: $35
- Kittens: 8 weeks – 6 months: $125
- Cats: 7 months – 5 years: $95
- Cats: 6 years and older: $45
- Rabbits: $25

*Please inquire about the adoption fees for all other animals
After years of planning, the new 19,000 square foot home of The Humane Society of Harford County (HSHC) is under construction, and while this is a momentous occasion, our work is not yet complete. The current cost estimate for the project, which includes capital costs as well as related ancillary costs, is approximately $7.5 million.

Since HSHC serves as the official animal shelter for Harford County, the County has committed to provide $6 million towards the design and capital costs of building the new shelter. “The rest is up to us,” said Mary Leavens, executive director.

“The goal of our GIMME SHELTER capital campaign is $1.5 million,” Leavens continued. “Funds will be used for items such as medical equipment and supplies used every day, power wash cleaning systems, security and phone systems, computers, copiers and printers, furniture, and other related expenses.”

Working with a local architectural firm and with guidance from Shelter Planners of America, the safe and modern new shelter will feature:

- A large, inviting lobby with an adoptions & information entrance and an animal surrender entrance;
- 26 larger indoor/outdoor dog kennels & 18 smaller indoor/outdoor dog kennels;
- 2 cat community rooms with outdoor access;

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The Paw Print Post
“You and I will meet again, when we’re least expecting it. One day in some far off place, I will recognize your face.” –Tom Petty, singer/songwriter

Would you recognize your beloved pet if a year and a half had passed since you last saw him? In July, a grey and white male cat was brought into the shelter by a Good Samaritan who found him wandering in her fields in Monkton. Initially, she thought he was a feral cat, but after trapping him, discovered that this little guy was much friendlier than she thought.

This picture of Buddy was taken as soon as he came in, and as you can see, he was dirty, had a scratch on his nose, and had obviously been on his own for a while, but he was friendly and allowed our staff to examine him.

One of our standard procedures is to scan stray pets for microchips – and as luck would have it, “Buddy” as we named him, had a chip.

We called the microchip company, retrieved the owner’s contact information, and left a message with Buddy’s mom.

In the meantime, he was given his shots, flea & tick preventative, medication for his nose, and treatment for a case of ear mites he had developed while living outside on his own. Buddy didn’t have long to wait. His mom was soon on the phone with us, totally astounded that Buddy had been found – because she hadn’t seen Dr. Whovy (Buddy’s real name) around her White Hall home for a year and a half!

Buddy is back at home today because of his microchip. If your pet does not already have a chip, *please* contact your veterinarian today to get one because neither time nor distance can break the human/animal bond!

harfordshelter.org

Consider making a tax-deductible donation to the shelter! A donation for the animals is a thoughtful gift with special meaning. An acknowledgement is sent to you and one is sent to the person or pet you’re honoring. Visit harfordshelter.org or contact Cathy at 410-836-1090, x103 to make your gift today!
WIN A HANDMADE QUILT

This quilt is destined to become a family heirloom that will be treasured for years to come, and you could win it! Lovingly handmade and donated by Wendy Wehner and Diane Hoover, this beautiful Queen sized Carpenter Star pattern quilt with a dog accented motif is being raffled off to benefit the Humane Society of Harford County’s GIMME SHELTER Capital Campaign. All funds raised will help build and equip our new animal shelter.

Tickets are $5 each or 3 for $10. The winner will be drawn on May 1, 2015 at our Bow Wow Boogie fundraiser (see page 7 for details), and the winner does not have to be present to win. Purchase tickets online at www.harfordshelter.org or at the following locations:

- Humane Society of Harford County, 2208 Connolly Road, Fallston
- Rescue Me! at Harford Mall, 696 Belair Road, Bel Air (next to Vision Works)

You may also call Kim at 410-836-1090, x111 to pay over the phone. Kim will mail you your tickets. Good luck!

I AM NOT A CAT PERSON

I am not a cat-person. From the time I was two or three to when I moved out on my own, our family always had dogs. We never had a cat and never wanted one. I don’t understand cats, and I don’t really care for them. They don’t come when you call them. They sit there and stare at you. They’re strange, moody, and inscrutable. And I have a mild allergy to cat dander on top of all that. So when my wife, Cathy, wanted to foster cats for the Humane Society of Harford County, I was not exactly thrilled with the idea. But she insisted, and our kids, Keiko and William, were definitely on board and excited. I was—as is usually the case—out-voted.

We fostered a pretty calico named Tinks for a couple of months as an experiment. She and I got on tolerably well. I found myself talking to her and petting her occasionally. My allergy was easily managed by regular hand-washing and an antihistamine now and then. When we returned Tinks to the shelter, it only took a few days before she was adopted. It seemed like a successful experiment. So even though I’m not a cat-person, I agreed with Cathy and the kids to foster another cat.

We picked up a year old tortoiseshell cat named Baka from the shelter in October, 2013. We were originally going to foster a different cat, but the folks at the shelter asked us to take Baka because she had been there for several months and they felt she had some special needs we might be able to provide for.

Baka was the proverbial “scaredy-cat.” She was very nervous, on edge, and stressed-out. She had no desire to explore or socialize. She just hid. We understood why we were asked to foster her. Baka needed a good foster home environment where she could learn to feel safe and grow accustomed to being around people.

When we brought her home, Baka cowered behind the toilet for several hours. She finally ventured out slowly, but stayed in the bathroom. She often hid under her bed or would dash away when we approached; even the slightest household noise alarmed her. But we were patient and gentle with her. We were determined to give her as much time and space as she needed to start to feel at home. It was a full two weeks before Cathy noticed her purring one evening—very faint—but definitely there.

After a couple of months, Baka started to come out of her shell. She didn’t run away as often when we came around. Her appetite improved. She started to explore the upstairs part of the house a little. She let us pet her now and then. I discovered that she loved to have the back of her neck massaged gently. She would close her eyes, relax, and purr. I would speak to her gently and tell her what a pretty cat she was.

By the time the Christmas season

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TICKETS SELL OUT FAST!
DON’T WAIT TO GET TICKETS TO THE BEST PARTY OF THE YEAR

Bow Wow Boogie

Friday, May 1, 2015
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For tickets and sponsorship information:
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EMAIL mleavens@harfordshelter.org

TICKETS are $50 per person or $450 for a table of 10
Must be 21 or over to attend
www.harfordshelter.org

Proceeds benefit the homeless and neglected animals of Harford County
2014 Was a Banner Year
WE HAD A LOT OF FUN—ALL FOR THE ANIMALS!

We held several huge adoption events at Hickory Veterinary Complex in 2014 and adopted out dozens of dogs and puppies!

Erika Dedrich (left) held a quarter auction on June 14th and donated cash!

A great time was had by all at our Bow Wow Boogie party. We auctioned off a motorcycle; sports memorabilia; a beachfront vacation to Emerald Isle, NC; a week’s vacation at Deep Creek Lake; a deep sea fishing tour; and lots more. Don’t miss this year’s Boogie on May 1st!

Photos courtesy of Linda Napfel & Dr. Amy Hubbard.

The SC&H Group, LLC volunteered in June to do yard work and make our property pristine.

The Aberdeen Lions Club held a Pancake Supper and brought all kinds of donations to help us care for the animals.

Homeschoolers Making a Difference made cage pads for the cats at Rescue Me! at Harford Mall!

In 2014 we learned that the readers of Harford Magazine voted us as Best Charity/Nonprofit!!

BEST OF HARFORD MAGAZINE
READERS’ POLL
WINNER 2013
BEST CHARITY/NONPROFIT

Rising country music starlet, Jessica Lynn, played a benefit show at The Bel Air Armory on Sept. 20th.
*Photo courtesy of Gary Patek*

Our 2nd annual Basket Bingo on Aug. 15th was jam packed with players, fabulous prizes and raffles, food and fun!
*Photo courtesy of Linda Napfel*

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Forest Hill Lanes was packed for last year’s Bowl-a-Rama. Teams of bowlers collected pledges to support the animals in our care.
*Photo courtesy of Linda Napfel*

The Lynx Motorcycle Club held a Poker Run on May 18th that kicked off from The Humane Society of Harford County. The run raised lots of dollars to benefit the animals.

*Photo courtesy of Linda Napfel*

Our annual calendar contest was back this fall, with Jasper Jinx voted as the cover winner. Every pet that entered was a winner because all proceeds from the contest provide for the care and comfort of the animals.

*Make your pet a pin-up contest*

Volunteers walking shelter dogs and proud pets that were adopted from HSHC and their parents all marched in the Bel Air Christmas Parade on Dec. 5th.

Friends and family of Tyler Anderson held their 2nd annual memorial disc golf tournament and donated proceeds to be put toward our new building fund.
Memorial Gifts

Donations thoughtfully made for the animals in 2014 in memory of a loved one.

All other donations are listed on our website at www.harfordshelter.org.

IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Buddy Alexander  
*Kara Banks

Tyler Anderson  
*Churchville Rec Council, Inc.  
*The Cooptown Car & Truck Show Committee

Betty Bageant  
*Bel Air Elementary School

Velva Blevins  
*Marilyn Grebe

Richard Boring  
*Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Herrick

Lloyd Brumbaugh  
*Angela L. Amadeo  
*Janet A. Blair  
*Shirley L. Reichenbach

Betty Lee Burgan  
*Kathryn A. Adams  
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*Regina Ponton  
*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ross  
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*Laurie Jones

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*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Moats  
*Terese M. Somers

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*Patricia Hammond  
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*Sally Boggs  
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*Sports & Spine Pain Management

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*Beth Wortman  
*Denise, Starr, Andy, Rene, Greg, Christina, Dave, Sandy, MB & Ryan

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*Marion Noble

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*Anonymous

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*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Zilio

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*Ann Lesinski  
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*Jeanette Castronova  
*Les Paul Deezear  
*Mylia Dixon  
*Alene Frant  
*Ruth & Larry Frant  
*Nancy Giorno  
*Michael Lambert  
*Don & Jeff Masre  
*Pam Meister  
*Stephanie O’Reilly  
*Dottie Smith  
*Greg Sweeney  
*Jim Sweeney  
*Kevin Sweeney  
*Maria Sweeney  
*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sweeney and Family  
*Andrew Tress

Andrea Markiewicz  
*Mr. & Mrs. William Hamel

Hannah McLaughlin  
*Deborah McGinley  
*Neighbors from Greenridge Development  
*Patricia Slezak

Lyn Merryman  
*Sharon K. Meissner

Joe Meyers  
*Patty Nyitrai

Verna Minardo  
*Al & Dee Bauernschmidt  
*Jacqueline Brown  
*Nicholas Georges  
*Carlton Nelson & Patricia Harcarik  
*Barbara Rees  
*Mr. & Mrs. George Westerman

Pauline H. Nolan  
*Anna Marie Ohler

Helene Novotny  
*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Zilio

Jack Patterson  
*Cullen & Gary Ireland
Memorial Gifts

Gabriel and Schatz, two special pets
* Suzan Highland

Galaxy, a precious horse
* The Leavens Family

Ginger, a special dog
* Harvey & Maureen Cohen

Ginger, a cherished cat
* John Kennedy

Gunther, a very special dog
* Lois Brooks
* Mary Leavens
* John & Erin Long
* Curt, Anna Marie & Matthew Ohler

Gus, a special pet
* Katherine Danish

Harlee, a beloved pet
* Lisa Darcey

Harley Turansky, a faithful pet
* Barbara Ann Wheeler

Holly, a cherished pet
* Michael Mayer

Holly Caylor, a beloved pet
* Bill Harlan & Beth Freeman

Holster, a special pet
* Karen Meredith

In Honor of All Our 4-Legged Children, Living & Deceased
* Paula Mitze

In Memory of Precious Pets
* Angela Davis

In Memory of three special cats
* Barbara Sewell

Isabel Crist, a beloved pet
* Alice Yvonne Crist

Isabella, a special friend
* Georgia Brandstad-Palmer

Jake Casey, a dear cat
* Rudy & Merideth Fischer

The Jehnert Family pets
* Bernadette Jehnert

Lady Tobash, a special pet
* Joshua Tobash

Lincoln, a treasured dog
* Lois W. Phipps

Lucy Marie Rogers, a dear dog
* Rosemary Rogers
* JoAnn & Pete Spencer

Marmalade, a special dog
* Lawrence Aiello

Matilda, a beloved pet
* Ellen Byington

Mickey Flanigan, a dear friend
* Timothy & Mary Jane Flanigan

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Adoption Day Photos!

All in a Day’s Work

MAN WITH DEMENTIA REUNITED WITH HIS DOG

When a Rottweiler was brought into The Humane Society of Harford County in August 2014 by Harford County Animal Control with no information other than a note saying “owner at Harford Memorial Hospital; dog seized by MD State Police”, shelter manager Blaine Lang knew he needed to intervene.

With no other information to go on, Lang contacted the police. Apparently, a man in the early stages of dementia and travelling from Richmond, VA on Interstate 95 had suddenly gotten confused and stopped his vehicle beside the road. The officers who responded could not find any identification on the man, and they discovered he was travelling with a dog, so they contacted animal control and took the man to the nearest hospital.

Next, Lang contacted Harford Memorial Hospital and learned that staff had no idea who the man was or where he was from. So Lang retrieved the dog’s only identification – a rabies tag – and located a veterinarian in Virginia who fit the missing pieces of this puzzle together. The Rottweiler is named Molly and her owner is Robert A. (last name withheld for privacy). The veterinarian told Lang that Robert is an excellent pet owner and also gave Lang an address and an emergency contact number. When Lang dialed the emergency number, he was connected with Robert’s neighbor who confirmed that Robert was missing and that he has no other family.

Knowing what he had to do, Blaine was soon on his way to the hospital with Molly to reunite with Robert. Both dog and man were overjoyed to see each other! With Molly by his side (and a neighbor who’s now Robert’s guardian and caretaker), both are back at home together in Richmond, safe and sound.

MEMORIAL GIFTS, continued from page 11

Molly, a dear pet
*Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Harmon

Morla Cristofori, a dear pet
*Alice Yvonne Crist

Murphy, a special pet
*Michelle Horner

Nicholas, a special cat
*David Truitt

Peanut, a cherished cat
*Matthew Rosser

Prancer, the Muzii Family dog
*Lois Phipps

Rae Ann, a special pet
*John A. Antal, Jr.
*Theresa Logan

Raven, Taz & Demon, cherished pets
*Michelle Crawford

Ruble, a special rescue dog
*Rachel Watts

Sabrina (Teresa Bagley’s dear cat)
*Judith Miller

Sean, a beloved dog
*Curt, Anna Marie & Matthew Ohler

Shilo, a dear pet
*Audrey & Rachel Buchanan

Sissy, a special pet
*Richard Brinegar

Snookie, a faithful friend
*Rudy & Merideth Fischer

Special Pets
*Anonymous

Sunny Luber, a special pet
*Michelle McCormick

Taz & Raven, dear pets
*Daniel Crawford

Tecon, a dear horse
*Judith K. Schmoll

Teddy, a beloved dog
*Curt, Anna Marie & Matthew Ohler

Toby, a special dog
*Lois Phipps

Truman DiRocco, a special dog
*Lisa Marie Darcey

Valore, a special pet
*Lisa Rogers

Wayward Sassy Lady, a beloved pet
*Mr. & Mrs. George Stiles

Wendy, a dear dog
*Laura M. Zuiderveen

Willow, a faithful friend
*Rudy & Merideth Fischer

Zeus, a special pit bull
*Steve & Christina Harris
Happy Tails

So many heart-warming adoption stories happen every day at the shelter. If you’ve adopted your best pal from the Humane Society of Harford County, we’d LOVE to share your story on our Facebook page! Email kim@harfordshelter.org and remember to include a recent photo. Visit harfordshelter.org to read many more happy tails!

It was such a pleasure adopting “Patriot” who we re-named Rusty. He is the most amazing and sweetest dog. He is now 3 years old and has adjusted wonderfully with our 10-year-old beagle. He is our 3-year-old daughter’s best friend and follows her everywhere. We are so thankful he picked us to love him and give him a furever home!
-Love, The Opert Family

I adopted Dolly in December of 2011 and she completes my life. I can’t imagine a day where she is not home to greet me. I am so thankful for the Humane Society of Harford County for letting me adopt the cutest 8 week old kitten who has grown into a 13 lb big girl!
-Brittany

Our names are Buzzy and Benny and we love our new home with our mom Claire. We were adopted on August 2, 2014. Thank you for taking care of us before we got adopted.

I AM NOT A CAT PERSON, continued from page 6

came around, Baka seemed quite at home. It felt like Baka was member of our family. Except she wasn’t. We were her foster family. Our job was to help get her ready for her future family. And anyway, I’m not a cat-person. So we brought Baka back to the Humane Society. We hoped that Baka’s time with us was well spent and that it wouldn’t be long before the right family would be willing to adopt her. But it didn’t feel right.

Not long after the new year, we went back to the shelter to see how Baka was doing. Baka had reverted to her “scaredy-cat” ways. The staff told us she always hid out of sight, and people who came in could never get even the slightest glimpse of her. How was she ever going to get adopted?

It was at that moment that I made the decision. Not my wife, not my kids. I decided. We were going to adopt Baka. To be fair, Cathy, Keiko, and William did not object at all, but it was my idea and I’m sticking with that story. So that’s what we did. On January 26, 2014, Baka joined our family.

How has it worked out? Well, Baka is extremely happy and content. She gets along very well with each one of us. Of course, like all family members, Baka and I have had a few disagreements. For example, she’s under the impression that the chair in the master bedroom where I like to sit and read belongs to her. And she sometimes walks across my stomach at 2 a.m. when I’m in bed and in a hard sleep. But every morning when I get out of bed, Baka greets me with a meow, rubs against my legs, and gives me a kiss on my nose—much to my wife’s dismay who’s her primary caregiver. Baka sleeps in her bed every night, but once we’re up, she likes to sleep the day away in our bed. She always waits until after the bed is made and slips under the covers to lay on the pillows.

I’m still not a cat-person. But I love Baka. And Baka loves me.
GIMME SHELTER, continued from page 3

- A kitten room & a nursery;
- Private, individual cat and dog “get-acquainted rooms” to promote bonding and adoptions;
- Modern medical treatment facilities and separate isolation/quarantine for sick animals;
- A procedures room for exams and spay/neuter, to ensure that procedures are performed prior to animals being adopted;
- An expanded Small Critter room;
- Dog bath area;
- Separate stray cat holding area;
- Separate dog & cat intake areas;
- Expanded outdoor recreation space for dogs and cats to exercise;
- Epoxy flooring and partially heated flooring;
- Multiple air handling systems with 100% fresh air exchange with 8 changes per hour;
- A retail shop;
- Lighted parking lot with 70

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Honoring your support on the donor tree

Become part of this attractive, hand-carved wooden interior tree that will be displayed prominently in the new Adoption Center Lobby with stones, acorns, and brass and copper leaves bearing the names of special animals or people. Donors can honor a pet, person or family, either living or deceased, or a business on this beautiful tree to be seen by thousands of visitors for years to come. For more information, contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090 or mleavens@harfordshelter.org.

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The GIMME SHELTER campaign needs and welcomes gifts at all levels. With a variety of giving levels, the campaign provides numerous opportunities for donor recognition, including naming rights for individual areas within the new facility, as well as for dog and cat kennels, benches and landscaping. A plaque recognizing your name or company name will be placed in/on the area for the following naming opportunities:

- **Shelter Building**: $1,000,000
- **Two-Story Pole Barn**: $500,000
- **Adoption Center Lobby**: $250,000
- **Education/Training Room**: $100,000
- **Dog Kennel Wings (2)**: $50,000
- **Leaves of Love Donor Tree**: $50,000
- **Medical Treatment Suite**: $25,000
- **Cat Community Room**: $25,000
- **Outdoor Play Yard**: $25,000
- **Courtyard**: $25,000
- **Small Animal Suite**: $25,000
- **Cat Nursery**: $25,000
- **Kitten Room**: $25,000
- **Counseling Area (4)**: $10,000
- **Puff & Fluff Grooming Area**: $10,000
- **Get Acquainted Rooms (6)**: $10,000
- **Dog Kennel (44)**: $5,000
- **Cat Condo (32)**: $2,500
- **Outdoor Bench (10)**: $1,000
- **Outdoor Trees (unlimited)**: $500
- **Outdoor Trees (unlimited)**
- **Small Animal Suite**: $25,000
- **Cat Nursery**: $25,000
- **Kitten Room**: $25,000
- **Counseling Area (4)**: $10,000
- **Puff & Fluff Grooming Area**: $10,000
- **Get Acquainted Rooms (6)**: $10,000
- **Dog Kennel (44)**: $5,000
- **Cat Condo (32)**: $2,500
- **Outdoor Bench (10)**: $1,000
- **Outdoor Trees (unlimited)**: $500

For more information, contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090, x101 or mleavens@harfordshelter.org.

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- parking spaces; and
- So much more!

Everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the new facility. Whether making a general donation toward the care and comfort of the animals, naming an area in or around the building, or purchasing a commemorative “Leaf of Love” on the Donor Tree, help make the new shelter a reality. Gifts can also be made in honor of or in memory of a person or pet. Simply use the enclosed envelope or visit www.harfordshelter.org to make a gift. Gifts by check should be made payable to The Humane Society of Harford County.

To learn more, please contact Mary Leavens at 410-836-1090 ext. 101. Mary would be delighted to show you the designs of the new building, give you a tour, and just have a friendly informative conversation.

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Over 100 dignitaries, major donors, volunteers & staff gathered on September 4th for the official groundbreaking of the new home for the Humane Society of Harford County.
Spin the wheel to win prizes or discounts off your adoption!  
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