



IMPACT REPORT 2021

YOU ARE THE REASON

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You Made a Difference

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You Made Life Better



Wee **Emma**, in terrible shape, was found abandoned by the side of a road. The Chatham County Animal Resource Center called CARE and a wonderful foster caregiver took her in. She had filthy, crusted, matted fur infested with fleas. Her teeth rotting and a mature cataract in her left eye, Emma was shut down emotionally, refusing to drink water or engage. But 2021 was the year her life turned around with lots of love, healthy food, grooming and socialization from her foster caregiver, and with major dental surgery and cataract surgery provided by CARE, Emma blossomed into the happy and healthy and outgoing girl seen in her picture. We are glad to say that she has found a wonderful and loving forever home.

2021 was indeed Emma's year!

You Made Life Easier



Fisher had a rough start... His story is about perseverance, healing, and the power of love. He and 2 siblings were rescued from a Chatham County farm. A sick little kitten, Fisher had body wounds that would not heal. He spent many days in vet offices as they determined the cause and treatment. Finally, bloodwork revealed he had Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), a viral/immune disease. Historically, FIP is 100% fatal for cats. Luckily for Fisher, CARE gave him a chance at life with an experimental treatment developed at the University of California at Davis. This experimental treatment meant Fisher had to endure months of daily injections. When injections were complete, Fisher had to undergo a 3-month observation period. In May 2022, FISHER was added to the worldwide "I SURVIVED FIP" list of cats who braved FIP and won! Fisher is officially CURED!

Like all true LOVE stories, there is always a happy ending. Fisher's happy ending begins with a UNC nurse. One meeting was all it took; she fell in love. She adopted both Fisher and his brother, Farmer. As the pictures show, Fisher and Farmer are living a happy life of LOVE.

Fisher's story...LOVE perseveres, LOVE heals, LOVE endures.

Volunteers • Fosters • Donors

People Who Care

You Make the Difference

YILEEN — Volunteer

I started fostering with CARE about 7 years ago and it's been an extremely rewarding experience. I remember the very first kittens I fostered were a pair of tiny kittens, very sweet and easy...and then we found out they had ringworm. Even though everyone dreads having ringworm with their foster kitties, there is so much cumulative experience among CARE cat foster caregivers that I was reassured and able to provide the best treatment for annoying fungus. That's something that has continued throughout my years of fostering. CARE truly has some of the best support and knowledge to share. I've learned so much about cats and animal rescue, that now I'm the to-go person for the people around me if they have any cat or rescue questions. I'm also very impressed with the support CARE has given me when I've taken on some of the community cats in my area, even though I'm outside Chatham County. I'm so happy to have the support of this amazing group and I'm looking forward to learning even more from them.



ANNETTE — Volunteer

Between 2018 and 2022, I adopted three CARE foster dogs, Nash, Thor and Venus. Through these adoptions, I learned how dedicated CARE's volunteers and foster caregivers are and decided to join the team to do my part to provide some love and attention to the foster dogs. I started as a volunteer assisting at dog adoption and puppy socialization events. I have thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the CARE dogs and their foster parents. An added benefit to participating in these events is that I have learned much about dog behavior and socialization. Recently I expanded my volunteer role to include serving as a liaison to CARE's veterinary partners, delivering vaccines, microchips and other supplies to the vets when needed.

I am proud to be associated with CARE. It has been very rewarding to make so many friends within the CARE family. Since I have loved dogs all of my life, this is a win-win for me as well as for the dogs I get to interact with.



Our Donors



KIM with her pup Walter

I have been an animal advocate and donor to national and local charities for over 25 years. I became personally attached to CARE about 5 years ago when we had a stray dog wandering around our neighborhood. Temperatures were dropping into the teens and no one could catch him. That's when I was introduced to the magic of CARE. A CARE Volunteer became our miracle worker! With her expertise and diligence, she captured the little fellow we named "Rascal", found foster care for him, and eventually found his forever home. Ever since that day, CARE has captured my heart. I

have participated in many CARE functions from local rescue efforts, to Yappy Hours at Carolina Brewery, to gatherings at The Beagle, to the Woof-A-Palooza Dogwalk. *I look forward to a lifelong involvement with CARE and supporting its mission!*



JERRY and MARION

Marion and I moved to Chatham County in 2007. Retiring shortly after, I needed to figure out a way to keep busy. Since Marion has been my retirement plan since we met, she is still working, but I should do something. Right? So, what to do? Write a novel? (Who am I kidding? I can barely string two thoughts together.) Run marathons? (Ha! The only thing on my body that runs is my nose.) Hang out at the Senior Center? (There's just a bunch of old people there!) I know! I will look for volunteer opportunities. And CARE met my needs. It seemed

they were doing a great job making lives better for the dogs and cats of Chatham County. I am a life-long dog lover. I volunteered, and then they actually expected me to do stuff. Who knew? So, I did stuff and did stuff, because trying to get fired doesn't work when you are not getting paid. Who knew? And Marion got involved as well. Because, you know, she wants to adopt every dog she encounters. That I knew.

CARE is an incredible all-volunteer organization, and we are proud to be a part of it. But there is something else. The only way these hard-working volunteers can make a difference is by having enough resources to do the job. Marion and I felt that, in addition to our now occasional volunteer work, we wanted to contribute to the long-term health of the organization. So, I went to CARE's web page, clicked on the "DONATE" tab, and guess what I found? I could easily make a recurring donation. You can too. Join us to help sustain the efforts of this great organization. So, we are animal lovers. Are you? We don't want to see animals suffer. Do you? We wanted to be involved in the community. Do you? We want our efforts to make a long-term difference. Do you? *We would love to have you be part of our effort!*

Our Community

CARE's Lillie's Fund — Meeting a Community Need

We asked, and you answered, BIG TIME!

CARE's targeted spay/neuter program, Lillie's Fund, was established in 2006 to honor Lillie Cameron, a tireless advocate for animals, and to confront head-on the pet over-population problem. In the succeeding 16 years CARE has provided spay/neuter surgeries for thousands of dogs and cats whose owners could not have afforded it otherwise.

In the past few years escalating costs have threatened CARE's ability to continue to provide these services. We've been forced to look outside our normal network of medical-care providers resulting in higher costs for each surgery.

In the Fall of 2021 we asked you to help us replenish our Lillie's Fund reserves to allow us to continue to work toward the goal of zero unwanted dogs and cats in Chatham county. Inspired by a matching challenge of \$25,000 from an anonymous donor you stepped up. You not only matched the challenge but raised nearly double that amount! You ensured that CARE can continue to work diligently to reduce the number of dogs and cats euthanized annually.

Your generosity is humbling and we thank you.



Our Numbers

2021

in review



Total Animals Helped, Including Lillie's Fund = 797

Cats

Cats in Foster Care / Adopted
136 / 94 +10% / +8%

Courtesy Cats on Website
43

Community Cats Helped
222

Total Cats Helped
401 +15%

Dogs

Dogs in Foster Care / Adopted
105 / 95 +6% / +3%

Courtesy Dogs on Website
52

Community/Shelter Dogs Helped
11

Total Dogs Helped
168 +5%

All Cats & Dogs

Microchipped
577 FANTASTIC!

Spay and Neuter Surgeries
630 EXCELLENT!

Lillie's Fund
Vouchers Issued/Redeemed
285 / 228 GREAT!

Total Volunteer Hours
34,489 WOW!

Volunteers responded to over
2,200 voice mail, email inquiries!
WOO HOO!

CARE Volunteers work tirelessly year-round to serve all the animals and raise funds to support the animals and the organization.

Net Income for CARE and Lillie's Fund increased by 18% over prior year.

Total Income \$238,400

Total Expenses \$185,900

Net Income \$ 52,000

About Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE)

The mission of Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) is to promote the health and safety of all dogs and cats in Chatham County, NC. CARE foster caregivers provide loving, stable homes to homeless cats and dogs, helping them become the best possible pets for their future forever families. CARE works with the Chatham County Animal Resource Center to save the lives of unwanted cats and dogs, manages feral cat colonies, and serves as an educational resource. CARE's Lillie's Fund is a targeted spay/neuter program, subsidizing sterilization surgeries for pets owned by lower income families in Chatham County. CARE is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that has served the community since 1975 and relies on individual and corporate donors for support.

As a volunteer-based organization, we are completely reliant on the dedication of our wonderful volunteers to support our mission.

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