## NOW?

- There are some options that allow you the tax benefits now, so that you are able to write off your donation while you are living.
- For IRA owners, over 70.5 years of age, a qualified charitable distribution is a great option!
- Consider donating your required minimum distribution on your IRA as an annual gift.
- Talk to your tax advisor about a charitable remainder trust and whether a charitable deduction based on the value of the charitable interest in the trust is right for you!
- Consider donating the interest gained on your investments as an annual gift.

### OR LATER?

- Maybe you are in the stages of estate planning- there are many options for leaving a legacy to the shelter!
- Designate a portion of the remainder of the trust or estate to the shelter.
- Consider designating a portion of your IRA to a non-profit, since there is less of a tax benefit if left to your children.
- Talk to your attorney about all the different ways you can set up your will or estate!





# Additional resources:

- IRS.gov
- Your lawyer
- Your tax advisor

For questions about our programs, permanent recognition in the shelter, or designating a legacy gift, please contact our Executive Director, Kathy Maxwell





Our Location
5720 SW 21st St, Topeka, KS 66614
Hours:
Monday - Saturday 11:30am - 6pm
Sunday 1pm -5 pm

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# Leaving a Legacy A promise for their future.



# Designating a program

There are a variety of programs that HHHS maintains. to help further our mission. You are invited to read through these options and see if any of them fit your giving intentions more than others. Please be assured that no matter what program you choose to designate your legacy gift, you will making an incredible difference in the lives of animals.



l. General Shelter Fund

This designation is the most critical for shelter needs - it allows us flexibility for unexpected expenses such as high utility bills during extreme Kansas weather, allows us to make staffing changes such as adding positions as programs grow. It allows our leadership team and Trustees flexibility to determine what expenses are most critical to the shelter, as intakes and community trends ebb and flow, and keeps our operations going so we can continue doing this work every day for years to come.



2. ShelterMedicine andVeterinary Care

Covers medical treatments and equipment to provide direct animal care, such as heartworm treatments, X-rays, parvo treatments, dentals, emergency amputations, and more!



3. Adoption Program

During peak intake seasons, we run "adoption specials" and adoption events to make pet adoption more accessible for families. This is at a financial loss to the shelter. Designating your gift towards our adoption program allows us the flexibility to change adoption prices as needed, while subsidizing the cost of care for adoptable pets.



4. Capital and Facility
Improvements

With a 54,000 square foot facility, there is always a kennel that needs repaired or a new wing to be added! Your designation would be held in our trust until the trustees determine the critical nature of the facility improvement and it's direct animal impact. This ensures the longevity of our facility.



5. Spay-Neuter Support

Reducing pet over-population is paramount to our mission and your gift could cover the prevention of thousands of animals with just one spay! This designation would go towards our HHHS Community Clinic operations and low-cost spay-neuter services.



6. Human-Animal Supportive Services

An emerging perspective in animal welfare, we believe in providing support post-adoption and preventing surrenders to the shelter. This program covers low-cost vaccine services, training scholarships, reclaim fees, and any other method to keep animals with the people who love them the most.

Thank you for considering us for your philanthropic

