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Humane Society of Greater Dayton expands to save more lives

Partners with Miami Township to address stray cat problem

On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton officially purchased land at 2673 Austin Blvd. in Miami Township near Austin Landing, to build a new adoption center.

“The sale of this property to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton gives the township another avenue to provide quality services to the citizens in our community,” said Miami Township Board of Trustees President John Morris. “A piece of land that was once used for storage will now be a bustling place where we can all come together to help celebrate the bond between people and pets.”

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton purchased the land from the Miami Township Community Improvement Corporation for \$572,000, including 3.8 acres of land as well as an approximately 10,000-square-foot structure, which the Humane Society plans to repurpose. A large portion funding came from estates set aside to support the organization’s growth initiative.

“This new facility will be a wonderful gathering spot for our community. We are excited to add a location that will be a place for all families to come and visit regardless if they are looking to adopt or just want to enjoy the amenities we will provide there,” said Brian Weltge, President and CEO of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. “After many years of research and listening to the needs of our community, we have determined this high-traffic area will be a perfect location for our adoption center.”

In addition to the land purchase, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton is partnering with Miami Township to address the stray cat problem in the community. They are offering a Community Cat Initiative where residents of Miami Township (unincorporated) can rent humane traps from the shelter.

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These un-owned cats are then humanely trapped and brought to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton where they will be spayed/neutered, and ear tipped (an international symbol of a stray cat who has been altered). This will help lower the number of community cats reproducing in the township and provide a humane solution to residents.

“We want to transform animal welfare in the Greater Dayton area with our vision for the future,” said Weltge. “We are thankful for the partnership we have created with the Miami Township Board of Trustees to purchase this land and look forward to this new site being a go-to spot to help all of the animal lovers in our community.”

Prior to building the new adoption center, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton plans to expand their current facility at 1661 Nicholas Rd. in Dayton to include a high-volume spay/neuter clinic, a needs-based, full-service animal hospital and a building to better house animals that arrive through cruelty and neglect investigations.

Founded 116 years ago, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton is the largest no-kill animal welfare agency in the Miami Valley. It focuses on pet adoptions, eliminating pet overpopulation, providing education and ensuring the humane treatment of all types of animals. For more information about the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, call (937) 268-PETS (7387) or visit www.hsdayton.org.

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