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Coming soon — new Humane Society for Greater Lafayette.



Mayor John Dennis with friends.

A NEW VISION FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

The impending retirement of Crystal Creek Kennels' owners, who took in homeless animals, coupled with the outdated and small accommodations at the Almost Home Humane Society, prompted a new look into sheltering local animals. City and county officials began to consider building a new and bigger facility to serve the animals of West Lafayette, Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County.

The new shelter will be at 3150 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette, the former location of the Tippecanoe County Extension Office. Sharon Dull, board president of the Humane Society for Greater Lafayette, said, "This location will offer easy access for animal control as well as the general public for adoption and volunteering. A highly-visible and accessible location for animal shelters can increase adoption rates by 100%. The new location will provide a dramatic improvement for the animals and our animal-loving community. We anticipate breaking ground in the early spring of 2023, and completion is targeted for early 2024."

An extensive feasibility study that included intake numbers from both shelters, the population growth for Tippecanoe County, and other animal care considerations determined the size of the facility. There will be space for 66 dogs and 157 cats plus an exotic pet area. The plans include rooms for kenneling, adoption services, medical care, and exercise.

How can you help?

The shelter needs funds to the tune of \$1.5M for project completion. You can also inquire about sponsoring or dedicating a room within the shelter.

Please consider donating by calling Sharon Dull at 765-426-1334 or visiting www.humanesociety4greaterlafayette.org. All donations are tax-deductible.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

The "Friends of Mayor John Dennis" team was one of 67 that participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's fundraiser on September 17. The Mayor's team had 34 walkers who raised \$20,000 to advance the critical care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association.

This amount was double the team's original goal! City Clerk Sana Booker and City Council person Kathy Parker were co-captains. The WL Police Department sold tumblers at the event, and the Fire Department designed t-shirts. In total, Greater Lafayette teams raised \$122,609.

The broad support for the Mayor's team was "a testimony to John and his art of building relationships," said Sana. "It gives me hope that we realize the importance of being there for each other. People give to people."

