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Dear Donor,

Reflecting on the past year, we realize the shelter would never have succeeded without your ongoing generosity. 2015 was very busy—full of many challenges and accomplishments. Your support will make it possible for us to continue to fulfill HART’s mission in the community—to rescue domestic animals in need and place them in good, permanent homes and to eliminate unwanted animals from being born through active spay/neuter programs. Our goal for 2016 is to help more cats and kittens find homes while providing them a healthy and safe environment at the shelter until they do.



I am happy to report that the number of cats and kittens already adopted this year (through early November) is 125, exceeding last year’s total of 98. Our trap/neuter/return (TNR) program has been busy dealing with “Community Cats” (feral colonies), making sure their members are spayed or neutered. The shelter is still full of cats and kittens, because, for everyone adopted, we are able to help one more. You are invited to visit any Tuesday through Saturday from noon to five p.m. to meet the recipients of your gift and to get a “fur” fix.

At times, cats and kittens arrive at the shelter in poor condition and require urgent, life-saving veterinary care, much of it underwritten by our Guardian Angel committee, partly through sales of their certificates. All of our animals go to their new homes socialized, vaccinated and micro-chipped. Some costs to care for cats and kittens have increased from last year, so we need your support for special and daily care more than ever.

You can help us survive and thrive in 2016 in several ways. Become a Member of the shelter. Memberships run from January through December and include special discounts on gift shop merchandise, one member’s event each year, and, at the Diamond Level, a free ticket to our premier gala evening “Wines, Pines and Felines.” Details about membership levels are available at <http://slohart.org/donate.htm> where you



can sign up using Paypal or a credit card; optionally, send a check or phone the shelter. A legacy to the shelter from your estate is always appreciated; some basic options are listed on our website; for what will work best for you, please contact your legal advisor.



HART greatly appreciates those donors who underwrite certain of our costs and thus help keep the doors open. To name a few, we have help with: the phone bill, office supplies, a new Santa Suit for the upcoming Christmas Market, flea medications and micro-chipping. HART could not exist without you and the involvement of volunteers and the community. We'd love to talk to you about ways you might enjoy being involved, whether it's by socializing the cats, joining a committee or the Board of Directors!

Because of dedicated volunteers and great community support, we were able to focus more on community involvement in 2015. HART's Summer Rummage Sale was a lot of work, but brought in some needed funds, as did the recent Guardian Angel "Cause for Paws" raffle. We staffed the Pinedorado Nacho Booth and participated in the Labor Day Parade. Two Goodwill collection weekends gained the shelter a stipend for each full truckload. Our entries to the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Festival of Trees" are part of a long-time holiday live auction which earns funds for HART. We will be running the Santa Booth at the Christmas Market from November 27<sup>th</sup> through December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cambria Pines Lodge again. Hope to see you there for the light show, entertainment, handmade goodies and our Santa! Our "Gift Shop for Cat Lovers" is stocked with all kinds of holiday merchandise and Guardian Angel Certificates. Don't forget about the final adoption special for the year—"Bring Love Home during the Holidays".



Our main fund-raising event each year is "Wines, Pines and Felines". The 2016 event will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> (a Tuesday evening) in Robin's Restaurant garden. In that beautiful setting, you can bid on live and silent auction items, enjoy fine food, wine and entertainment in support of HART. We are always grateful for special events donations and sponsorships of merchandise, good, services, travel, etc., or underwriting of event costs.

You can see that we have been busy. Please help us continue to nurture better treatment for all creatures. We rely on your compassion and support to provide for the hundreds of homeless, neglected and abused animals we rescue each year. You can make a world of difference.

Happy Holidays,

*Michael Zarowitz, President*

Board of Directors