

NEW SHELTER UPDATE

Getting Closer to Building Happy Beginnings



In 2012, Berea ARF purchased 16 acres of land in Columbia Township, located on East River Road near Sprague—just three miles from our current location. The property boasts a beautiful landscape of grass and trees that will be ideal for housing and exercising our animals. Our initial goal is to build an 8,000-10,000 square foot full service animal shelter, designed to enhance our ability to care for our animals and serve the community.

We are extremely grateful to our friends, volunteers and supporters in the community; thanks to them we have surpassed the \$1 million mark in our fundraising efforts for the new shelter! We have a goal of raising another \$250,000 by year-end. We hope you'll join us by considering a three to five year pledge to the campaign.

We are pleased to announce that following a very thorough vetting process, ARF has selected FMD Architects to bring the new shelter project to life. The New Shelter Committee found FMD's credentials and expertise with animal shelters most impressive. "We are so excited to be working with ARF!" said Melanie Friedman, Principal at FMD.

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Thank you to the **Kenneth H. Scott Charitable Trust**, **Almera Biddulph Reitz Foundation**, and **the Helen F. and Louis Stolier Foundation** for contributing a combined total of more than \$125,000 to the Building Happy Beginnings Capital Campaign! We invite all private, public and family foundations to become a part of the new ARF animal shelter.



ARF—A Proud Heritage and a Bright Future

Since its humble beginnings in 1987, ARF has provided quality and compassionate care to stray and abandoned animals. Over the past 30 years, ARF has grown dramatically. We now offer a wide variety of programs to the community beyond just adoptions. We are fortunate to have over 300 volunteers and consistently adopt 1,000 companion animals into forever homes annually.

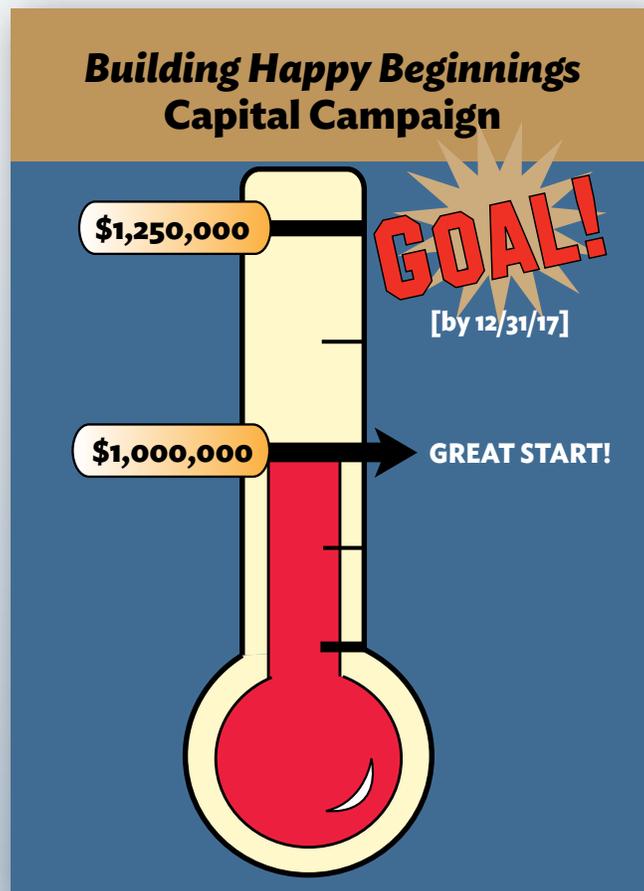
ARF knows that despite its accomplishments, we can do even more for the community and the animals in our care. The most significant factor preventing ARF from realizing its vision is the design and size of the buildings that house our animals. If we remain at our current location, our growth will be stagnant and our progress very limited.

ARF's vision for the future is to enhance the number of animals we're able to save, provide a much more enriching adoption experience, and offer expanded programming to the community. This vision is what drives our efforts to build a new shelter.

The health and well-being of our animals will be paramount in the new shelter. We will incorporate expanded isolation and quarantine areas, easy to clean surfaces and sophisticated ventilation systems to significantly reduce the spread of communicable diseases. Free roam areas for our cats, fenced outdoor play areas directly adjacent to dog kennels, abundant walking trails, and on-site surgical capabilities will add to the quality of life and reduce stress for all of our animals.

Other features of the new facility will focus on dedicated spaces for adopters to interact with the animals they are considering making a part of their family and multi-use rooms for training and education programs.

The journey toward realizing our vision is in its first steps; we invite you to join us and make a difference in the lives of thousands of animals and adopters for years to come.



Generous ARF Donor Offers Matching Grant—Pledge Now to Increase your Impact

One of ARF's lead donors to the *Building Happy Beginnings (BHB)* capital campaign has challenged us to reach \$1,250,000 in total pledges by the end of this year.

The anonymous donor has committed \$50,000 to the BHB campaign to jump start our efforts to raise the next million dollars. You can help us meet that challenge by making a matching 5 year pledge of \$2,500 (\$500 per year) or more before December 31st.



Your gift, when combined with others, would help to raise an additional \$50,000 for ARF's new home. Show our lead donor that you share in their commitment to ARF's vision of enhanced care for our animals.

ARF Volunteers are at the Heart of Everything We Do— Now and in Our Future

Volunteers See the Pawsibilities of the New Shelter

“It will be so nice to have a dedicated space for people to meet potential pets. Right now folks have to fill out the adoption papers on the washing machine—and we can only hope it’s not on the spin cycle while they’re trying to write!”

– Edwina Hawkins, *Dog Companion*

“Expanded and properly appointed rescue facilities would breathe life into our efforts like nothing else, and will exponentially affect our ability to provide a second chance to so many deserving cats and dogs.” – Bart Rippl, *Shift Leader*

“We do what we can with the space we have, but walking dogs on a hot (or cold and salty) paved surface can be disheartening. The new facility, with its rolling acres of green land will provide an incredible environment for our dogs to relax and flourish while waiting for their forever homes.”

– Sarah Jane Sherburn, *Dog Walker*



Meet Nancy—A Gem of a Volunteer

A self-proclaimed animal lover, Nancy Stein is a doer rather than a talker, and her dedication to ARF speaks volumes. And, she puts her money where her heart is.

Nancy's commitment to ARF began three years ago. She was drawn to the organization because of its acceptance of animals that were rejected by other shelters and its no-time-limit policy. Devoted to ARF's cats, she shares her love with nursing home patients who welcome her visits with an ARF cat.

Nancy recognizes the dire need for the new shelter, “*We need more space!*” Earlier this year Nancy made a significant commitment to the *Building Happy Beginnings* capital campaign in memory of her beloved Siamese cats—Coco and Tammy. And, she has put ARF in her will. **Thank you Nancy, for all you do as an ARF volunteer!**

Donate online at BreaAnimalRescue.com





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ARF Mission Statement:

Provide compassionate, quality care for companion animals in need with no time limit on placement into forever homes.

Exciting News About Our New Shelter

You Can Be Part of **ARF's** Vision

Special Donor Recognition Opportunities*

Community Meeting Room: \$50,000
Surgery Recovery Room: \$25,000
Dog Runs: \$10,000
Individual Dog Kennels: \$5,000 each
Permanent Donor Wall: starting at \$1,000

On-Site Care Clinic: \$50,000
Community Pet Walking Trails \$25,000
Intake Areas \$10,000
Cat Cages \$2,500 each
Paver Bricks \$500

*For additional recognition opportunities please email us at: ArfDevelopmentDirector@gmail.com

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