



News Release

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2nd Chance 4 Pets Awarded End of Year Grants from Prominent Foundations

LOS GATOS, Calif. (January 7, 2016) – The Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation; DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.; Heart of Gold Legacy Foundation, Inc.; and The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee have distributed grants to animal welfare nonprofits for many years. In 2015, 2nd Chance 4 Pets was one nonprofit that received end of year grants from all four foundations. These grants will support the organization’s mission to raise awareness of the plight of companion animals that are surrendered to shelters and euthanized due to the death or disability of their human companions.

Since 2005, The Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation has provided financial support to 2nd Chance 4 Pets. Additionally, this is the second consecutive grant awarded to 2nd Chance 4 Pets from DaVita Healthcare Partners Inc. Recently received grants have helped to support the printing and distribution of 2nd Chance 4 Pets’ resources to organizations across the country that distribute these materials to elderly, homebound pet owners.

Another recent grant will support the 2nd Chance 4 Pets’ Veterinary Outreach Program. The program has successfully provided essential resources to thousands of veterinarians throughout the U.S. for the past ten years. 2nd Chance 4 Pets is one of the very few animal welfare organizations that have been invited to participate in, and lead presentations at over 50 veterinarian conferences nationwide. Participation at the conferences has resulted in the distribution of more than 500,000 copies of 2nd Chance 4 Pets brochures in vet clinics. Veterinarians provide the materials directly to responsible pet owner clients to ensure that the pet owners have planned for the possibility that their pets might outlive them. Another benefit of the program is that long-term pet care planning is becoming a regular topic of discussion during pet wellness visits.

About 2nd Chance 4 Pets

The mission of 2nd Chance 4 Pets is to reduce the number of pets unnecessarily surrendered to animal shelters each year due to the death or incapacity of the human companions who care for them. A 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization, 2nd Chance 4 Pets works nationwide to provide pet owners with comprehensive information and lifetime care solutions for their pets. Please visit <http://www.2ndchance4pets.org> for more information.

About The Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation

The Thornton S. Glide, Jr. and Katrina D. Glide Foundation is a perpetual California charitable trust created in 1995. Its purpose is to provide benefits for qualified organizations committed to animal protection, other land and wildlife conservancy groups, agricultural purposes, preservation of land in its natural state, and opera, symphony, and other similar civic organizations. In addition to providing grants to qualified organizations, the Foundation conducts its own charitable rescue operations involving last chance, neglected and abused animals. For more information, please visit www.glidefoundation.org.

About DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc.

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., is a Fortune 500® company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. The partnership includes The DaVita Kidney Care division, a leader in providing dialysis services. As part of DaVita's global corporate responsibility vision, DaVita contributes to local and international organizations that are making a significant impact in people's lives. Through charitable contributions and volunteerism, they support nonprofit groups that are dedicated to community development. In 2013, they supported local communities by donating more than \$3.8 million. For more information, please visit <http://www.davita.com/about>.

About Heart of Gold Legacy Foundation, Inc.

Heart of Gold Legacy was established in December 2005 with the purpose of providing assistance to various organizations that promote the general welfare of animals. Gertrude "Sissy" McGill, benefactress of Heart of Gold Legacy, has given financial contributions to organizations that provide shelter and care to animals before the inception of the Foundation. To this date, many animal welfare organizations in the United States have benefited from the goodness of the heart of the Foundation. For more information, please visit <http://www.heartofgoldlegacy.org/>.

About The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee oversees more than 1,000 charitable funds, providing customized philanthropic solutions with flexibility for donors, nonprofit organizations, and the community. In the past 23 years, The Community Foundation has distributed more than \$640 million to community programs and institutions. For more information, please visit <http://www.cfmt.org/>.

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