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*2025 Annual Report To The Community*

**“Let Them Know Someone Cares”**

# *From our Executive Director, David Schmieder*

Dear Friends,

As we say goodbye to 2025 and hello to 2026, I'd just like to reflect on a great year of helping the animals here at The Humane Society of Genesee County (HSGC).

With the help of our staff, volunteers, board of directors, and community partners, 2025 was a year that will be remembered as one of the best in the history of the organization. Thank you to all that made it that type of year.

Looking forward to 2026, we will continue to work with the community carrying on with our mission of helping the unwanted and homeless animals of Genesee County. In 2026 HSGC turns 100 years old. We were incorporated on January 8, 1926, and have been a staple in the community ever since. Your dedication to us and our dedication to the animals that we care for have gone hand in hand for a century. Our plans moving forward are to continue our mission and to be more of a visible presence in the community. With our humane education program and other ways of reaching out, we will continue the journey that our founders started in 1926.

Thank you all for your past support. We look forward to building on those relationships in the future.

For The Animals,

David J. Schmieder, II,  
Executive Director



*“We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals” -  
Immanuel Kant*



## *Our Mission*

*Our mission is to provide shelter and adoption of companion animals, reduce overpopulation, extend humane education, prevent cruelty, and provide those services that promote the goals and policies of the Humane Society of Genesee County.*

## Our Story

The Humane Society of Genesee County (HSGC) traces its beginning to 1926 and the efforts of Jonathon E. Burroughs, a respected member of the Flint community. Mr. Burroughs and his colleagues shared a concern for animals which translated into the construction of a shelter without walls, where homeless animals were cared for by volunteers.

For many years, animals in need were humanely cared for in temporary shelters, but then personal interest, energy and philanthropy led to the purchase of the first HSGC building in 1961. Continued demand for the HSGC programs created the need for the facility to expand further in 1968. Ultimately, in 1993, it became necessary to occupy a new and modern facility which is the current HSGC home.

Today the HSGC carries forth the vision of Mr. Burroughs through expanded work in caring for homeless animals, facilitating adoptions, humanely controlling the pet population, and investigating complaints of animal cruelty. This work is accomplished through outstanding collaborations and partnerships with individuals and organizations throughout Genesee County.

# HSGC Board of Directors (2025)

Jane Johnson, Board Chair  
Thomas Price, Vice Chair of Development  
Nicole Yambrick, Vice Chair of Shelter Operations  
Debra Loader, Secretary  
Norman Purdy, Treasurer  
Jonathan Burroughs, Director  
Carl Liepmann, Director  
David Roeser, Director  
Mark Lippincott, Director  
Dr. Cathy Blight, M.D., Director

Donna Dodds Hamm, Director  
Susan Tolbert, Director  
R. Brace Reid, Director  
Jeffrey Feurt, Director  
Dr. Mark Plucer, D.O., Director  
Lynne Hurand, Director  
Lynne Taft-Draper, Director  
Leslie Toldo, Director  
Alena Clark, Director  
Amalie, Pidcock, Director



## HSGC Staff (2025)

David Schmieder  
Executive Director

Kristin Cole, Shelter Manager  
Amy Fuentes, Accounting Coordinator  
Heidi Molyneux, Cruelty Investigator  
Mari Brooks, Marketing/Event Coordinator  
Lin Holmes, Adoption Manager  
Rhonda Linson, Surrender Team Leader  
Allison Morris, Adoption Team Leader  
Dr. Mary Fisher, Veterinarian  
Elizabeth Sheppard-Pifer, Vet Technician  
Melissa Rider, Clinic  
Mackenzie Joyner, Surrender

Ashlen Riopete, Kennels  
Ashley Bocker, Kennels  
Brian Ransom, Kennels  
Jessica Kalbfleisch, Kennels  
Brittany Robertson, Kennels  
Lindsey Ross, Kennels  
Taylor Cole, Surrender  
Autumn Roberts, Adoptions  
Melanie Sly, Adoptions  
Jeffery Roth, Maintenance

*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." - Anatole France*

# Impact of HSGC's Annual Services in 2025

1,377 Adoptions  
 95% Live Outcome  
 35 Lost Pets Reunited  
 1,077 Spay/Neuter Procedures  
 18 Heartworm Cases Treated  
 244 Cruelty Cases Investigated  
 68 Seized Animals  
 2,808 Volunteer Hours Logged



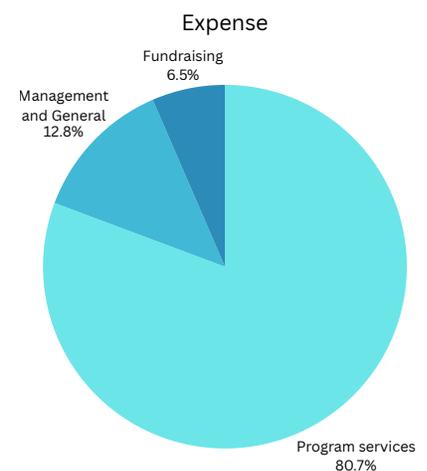
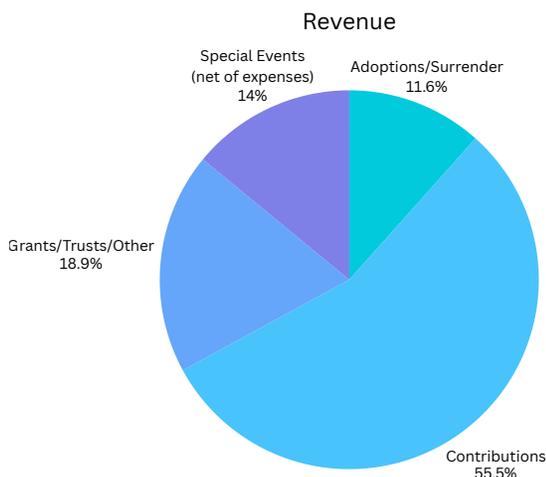
## Operational and Financial Information As of June 30, 2025 for fiscal year 2024-2025

### Revenue

Adoptions/Surrender.....	\$169,609
Contributions.....	\$810,637
Grants/Trusts/Other.....	\$276,111
Special Events (net of expenses).....	\$205,236
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,461,593</b>

### Expense

Program Services.....	\$1,273,027
Management and General.....	\$202,928
Fundraising.....	\$102,489
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,578,444</b>





# The Dr. John Snell Medical Fund

The Dr. John Snell Medical Fund was established to raise funds to help support the unexpected medical and emergency needs of the animals in our care. Dr. Snell is a person near and dear to our hearts here at The Humane Society of Genesee County. He was a member of our Board of Directors for more than five decades and served as its President for multiple terms. He also donated his time and expertise vetting the animals that our organization housed and cared for. Dr. Snell did all this along with running a successful veterinary practice in the Flint area for many years.

## Gus



Thanks to the Dr. Snell Medical Animal Fund, a sweet dog named Gus is alive, healing, and wagging his tail today.

Gus came to us in urgent need of emergency surgery after a sudden and serious medical crisis. It was a terrifying time for him, but because of the fund, we were able to act quickly, give Gus the care he needed, and quite literally save his life. Gus's recovery has been nothing short of inspiring. He's back on his paws, enjoying belly rubs, treats, and playtime like nothing ever happened.

Wybie came to us under heartbreaking circumstances after our cruelty investigator responded to a call about a dog with a possible broken leg. When she arrived at the residence, it was clear Wybie was in pain and in urgent need of help. He was immediately taken to the vet for X-rays, which confirmed the worst—a broken leg. An orthopedic specialist determined that the injury was likely the result of being kicked. Wybie underwent surgery to have plates placed in his leg so it could properly heal. Despite everything he's been through, Wybie has shown incredible resilience and a gentle spirit, and now he's on the road to recovery and a brighter future.

## Wybie



Donate here to help animals just like Gus and Wybie



# Volunteering at HSGC

Volunteers are the heart of everything we do at the Humane Society of Genesee County. In 2025, our dedicated volunteers contributed an incredible 2,808 hours of their time—an effort valued at \$38,553. Their compassion, commitment, and generosity directly impact the lives of the animals in our care, helping with everything from walking dogs and cuddling cats to supporting events and keeping our shelter running smoothly. We simply couldn't do this without them, and we are deeply grateful for every moment they give.



## Skip Harbin



“I just completed over 1,000 hours of volunteer dog walking at the Humane Society of Genesee County! Without a doubt the most rewarding hours that I have ever spent in my life! It was 2023, I was 73 years old and had been retired for over 10 years and my best friend, Buddy (a stray pit/lab mix) who adopted me and my wife in 2010 had just crossed the Rainbow Bridge. I always had an extreme love for dogs and to ease my grief and help other dogs in need I decided to volunteer at the Humane Society. It was the best decision that I have ever made! The tremendous sense of satisfaction that I get from being with the dogs every day can not be measured! I just wish that I hadn't waited so long to start my volunteer work with the Humane Society of Genesee County!”

Sandi Simonski volunteers at HSGC once a week, spending at least three to four hours taking dogs outside. “This is the most rewarding, fun work that we do. I started out with cats, but moved on to dogs after I realized they need more attention. We really are dog people, they need us more than the cats do, they need to get out and walk. Volunteering is also a mood booster. This brings us together, you can feel down, you can feel maybe not great, but you'll feel better if you come here and walk the dogs, and the other volunteers here are wonderful. We're here for one reason: we all love dogs. We're out there in the freezing cold, pouring rain and all kinds of weather, and yet everyone's pleasant and friendly. I generally don't leave until all of the dogs have been walked, which takes about two and a half hours. The good thing about volunteering here is that you control your volunteer time.”

## Sandi Simonski

