

## **PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

For the year we have distributed 40,577 pounds of pet food, which brings us to 289,901 distributed since inception of the organization! Almost 145 tons! This year, 2024, should show an increase as more out-of-town distributions will be scheduled. All this is due to your support but we must also acknowledge our volunteers, without them we sure could not do what we do. We have a core of volunteers who truly care for our pantry and are very reliable and hard working.



## **3rd ANNUAL PAPER GOODS DRIVE**

As it was mentioned in our previous newsletter, in September we distributed 125 bundles of paper goods (each bundle has paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, and napkins). In December we also distributed 145 bundles of winter wear, each bundle had one scarf, gloves, and one hat. In addition, we distributed fifty \$20 gift cards! People were so happy and really showed gratitude. The gift cards were donated to us by a very generous donor. I need to mention that most of the paper products and the winter wear were gifted to us by our volunteers!

## **SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMS**

For the year we have issued 99 vouchers which cover 123 pets and ferals, mostly cats. At the close of the year we already have nine pending vouchers, pending because the date of the surgery has not been scheduled yet.

We are still in the process of establishing a program to help the homeless with pet food as well as spaying/neutering their pets. For this endeavor we are assisted by a volunteer of a Cleveland church.

An update to the Kentucky program mentioned in our 3rd quarter newsletter: it is still pending as the rescue in Kentucky has not been able yet to find funding to pay the difference between what we pay and the cost of the surgery.



## **MEDICAL FUND**

For the year we have financially assisted with the medical costs of 21 pets. This number will probably increase this year when the program for the homeless is finalized. We are pretty sure that many of the pets will need a vet visit and some type of medical care.

As you know, except for pet food and the veterans' program, we require proof of government assistance for all the other programs we offer. We will have meetings to try to help people who do not qualify for government assistance but live paycheck to paycheck. This will not be an easy task as we do want to be respectful and not to be intrusive.



## **SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP**

If you would like to sponsor one or more pet's surgery your donation to us will be \$35/surgery. Under the low income concept Petfix has a program where we pay \$41 per surgery (\$35 is the surgery plus \$6 for the rabies shot.) We would acknowledge your sponsorship on our Facebook page along with the photo of the pet you sponsored. If you wish to remain anonymous we will still do the post but mention that the sponsor wishes to remain anonymous.

## PLEASE JOIN US!

### 2ND ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL

**When:** Saturday, January 20th, 5-8pm at

**Where:** Willow Praise Church at  
32905 Vine Street in Willowick, OH.

**Cost: \$12 for all you can eat!**

Soups, submarines and desserts  
Beverages (coffee, water, soft drinks)  
50/50 Raffle & Baskets Raffle

**To Register:** Mail your check to  
Ohio Paws with Purpose  
28605 Lakeshore Blvd.  
Willowick, OH 44095 - or - via PayPal at  
[www.ohiopawswithpurpose.org/donate](http://www.ohiopawswithpurpose.org/donate)  
(you must pay the PayPal transaction fee)  
*Registration is mandatory (limited to the first  
120 people who register. )*

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Our program about kitties was well  
attended and the Doggie Program is  
already scheduled for April. Although the  
program is for children, the parents do like  
it as well as the general feedback is that  
they are learning as well.



## ATTEND A DISTRIBUTION!



Are you interested in learning more about  
what the Pantry does? Would you like to  
meet others in the community who are  
passionate about helping people and  
animals in need? The Pantry welcomes  
you to attend one of our distributions to  
see what is going on and how things work.  
You can stay for however long you wish.

*Thank You!*



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If you donate, please feel free to earmark your  
donation for one of our programs  
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 **Ohio Paws with Purpose**  
*Formerly Willowick Pet Food Pantry*

### 4th QUARTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Happy and Healthy New Year my dear  
friends. Our eight years of operations is  
past and I am so happy and grateful to  
report that our growth continues, not  
only in the distribution of pet food but in  
our other programs as well. The details  
are below.

I want to tell you that your support has  
allowed us to continue our mission of  
helping pets (and stray/feral animals) as  
well as their pet parents. THANK YOU  
from the bottom of my heart!

I wish you a year filled with contentment,  
peace, and health.

-Elvira Bellegoni

