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The generous support of our friends and donors, and the vital role they play in enriching the lives of companion animals and the people who love them.

Honesty, diversity, integrity, transparency, and sustainability.





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A Letter from the President

Dear Friend,

Someone asked me recently what the future holds for shelter pets. No one can say for sure, but I'm confident of this: The progress we've made at North Shore Animal League America—and in animal welfare in general—is here to stay.

Adoptions are up, euthanasia is down, and "rescued" is now a "breed" to be proud of. The path ahead is full of hope for rescue pets, and our unique no-kill mission — Rescue, Nurture, Adopt, and Educate — can only grow.

Driving this progress are innovation and hard work. much of which takes place behind the scenes. In 2017, many of us were busy developing the next phase of our Mutti-grees effort. Since we launched the Mutt-igrees® Curriculum in 2010, the idea at its heart — that shelter pets can help educate kids both socially and academically — has taken on a life of its own.

We knew that kids and educators would love the program. What surprised us was how much it engaged families. Their enthusiastic feedback inspired us to develop ways to strengthen the human-animal bond even further, as well as the parent-child bond. The result is Muttigrees At Home®, which we introduced in March 2018. Knowing how busy families are, we took a practical approach, using books, games, and other activities, all focused on shelter pets and easily adapted to daily routines.

People say that home is where the heart is. It's also where parenting and pets lay the foundation for kindness and compassion. Research shows that family life is 10 times more powerful than any other factor at predicting a child's academic and social success. And when family life is enriched by compassion for shelter pets, the path to a no-kill future is even more accessible.

One of our Mutt-i-grees teachers says that pets teach us how to be human. I agree, and I believe you do too.

Although we still have a lot to do, with you by our side — and Mutt-i-grees as our guides — we'll do it.

Thank you on behalf of the Mutt-i-grees,

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J. John Stevenson, President

is any dog, cat,
puppy, or kitten
adopted into a responsible,
loving home – or still waiting
for that perfect family.

#GET YOUR RESCUE ON®

It takes a lot more than pixie dust.

Saving homeless animals and changing the future for all pets takes commitment to a way of life...the rescue way of life!

Now is the time to prove your support for our no-kill mission by joining our #Get Your Rescue On Campaign.



STEP 1: Donate \$25 to North Shore Animal League America and receive your shiny Rescue Tag or Cuff.



STEP 2: Take a selfie wearing your tag or cuff and holding your rescue buddy.



STEP 3: Post the selfie on your social media and ask your friends and followers to repost and join the campaign.

Wear your compassion. Share your compassion. Be the one to change lives.



GET YOUR RESCUE



Visit **getyourrescueon.org** to order.



OGETHER SAVING MORE LIVES "Each journey began at our Adoption Center, where staff and volunteers loaded our Emergency Rescue Units with critical supplies

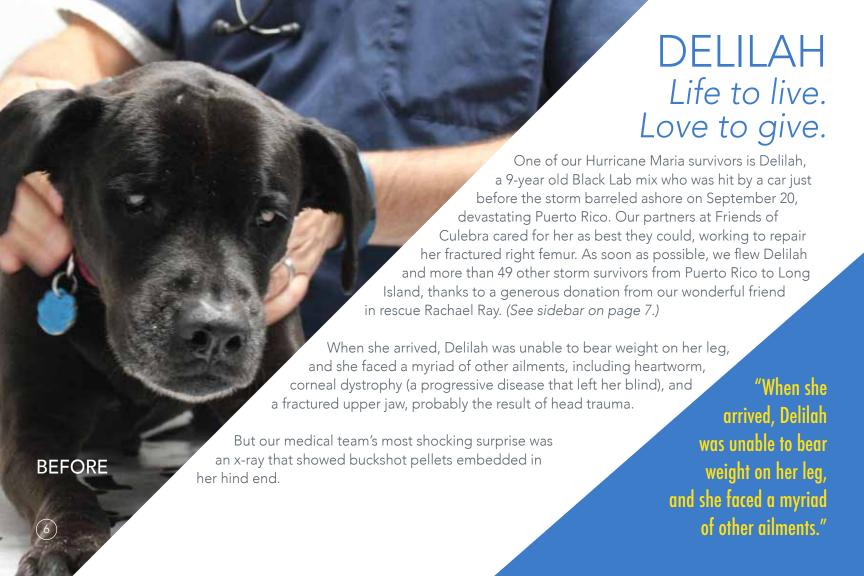
generously donated by supporters."

Harvey, Irma, Maria! Rescue amid disaster.

In late summer, even before Hurricane Harvey devastated Houston, we were in touch with shelter partners in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean. Ultimately, we made several emergency trips to the affected areas. While we were in Florida, we also collaborated on a rescue of 67 animals from Puerto Rico.

Each journey began at our Adoption Center, where staff and volunteers loaded our Emergency Rescue Units with critical supplies generously donated by supporters. When we returned, those same vehicles were filled with homeless pets — old and young — pulled from overwhelmed shelters. Our goal was to bring pets awaiting adoption to our campus so our shelter partners could make room for those separated from their families by the storms. Not only did we help reunite broken-hearted families, we also gave homeless pets another chance to find responsible, loving families.

Months after the storms had passed we were still welcoming hurricane survivors from Puerto Rico, the Turks & Caicos, Florida, and the Cayman Islands. Our ongoing commitment to these animals and our shelter partners is a crucial element of our no-kill mission.





THE RACHAELRAY"

FOUNDATION

Calling us her "partners in love," our good friend Rachael Ray donated one million dollars from her foundation to aid hurricane relief, helping us, as she put it, "take on an insurmountable job." We coordinated the rescue and flight home for more than 50 stranded pets. After being checked by our vet team, groomed, pampered, and spayed/neutered, Love to give. (cont'd) all were ready to meet their bright As a member of our Help Me futures. In November, Rachael Heal Program, she received the invited five of those pups and two members of our rescue extraordinary care she deserved. team to join her on air to After a month in our medical center, promote adoption and tell she went to a wonderful foster family, her audience of millions, who even built a ramp so she can access "If you want to be a the yard more easily. She naps and cuddles better human, get with the family's two senior Pugs, and last an animal in your winter, for the first time, Delilah played in the snow. Her leg is healed but she is still under treatment for heartworm. Despite all she's endured, Delilah is a sweet, patient girl who loves people and other dogs. Once she gets the "all clear," she'll be ready for a family — and a future — of her own.

life." Thank

you, Rachael!





Evie is a dog with a traumatic past. Gavin is an Air Force veteran coping with seizures, depression, and other challenges. What happened when they met is what we call fate, aided by experience, partnerships, and love.

When she came to us, we saw nothing but potential in beautiful Evie. But try as she might, she could not persuade adopters to see what we saw. So we contacted Rescue Dogs Rescue Soldiers in Upstate New York, which trains rescue dogs as service pets for soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. That's where Evie and Gavin both found what they needed most.

As a case manager for children in foster care, Gavin is a shoulder for many to lean on. Now when he needs support, there's Evie. "During a time in my life when I was in desperate search of a solution, I was introduced to Evie," says Gavin. "When I look into Evie's eyes and see that big smile, it's like I'm looking at an angel sent here to be a support

system. Having a dog to go on runs with, be there next to me when I'm going through one of my funks, or to calm me down when I wake up from a nightmare — I truly believe all of these things will make a world of difference."

When Evie and Gavin complete their training together, she'll join him and his wife, Tomisha, for a safer, better future.





In just two years, our exciting North Country Initiative (NCI) went from a great idea...to a lifesaving program... to a fully equipped shelter, transforming the lives of more than 1,000 homeless cats and kittens in the process.

Serving Warren County in Upstate New York, NCI opened its new shelter in Glens Falls in September. Called North Shore Animal League America's Adirondack Region Cat Rescue and Adoption Center, this handsome facility was previously a plastic surgeon's office. After a complete "make over," it now provides an adoption space for up to 50 cats and kittens.

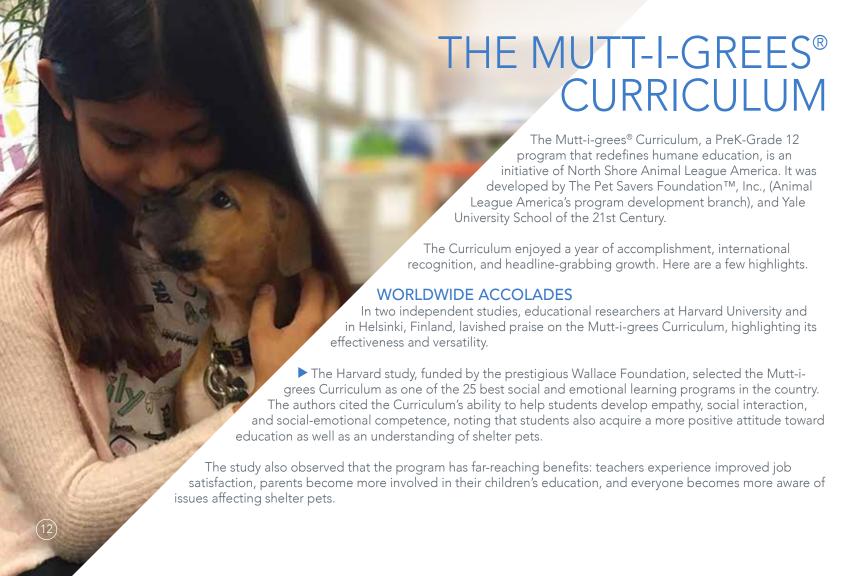
"This is perfect for our needs," says NCI's Director Debbie Oligny, "especially the adoption area with its cozy waiting room and five cat habitats that allow adoptable cats and kittens to be free roaming. The habitats have glass viewing-doors so potential adopters can enjoy watching the cats play — and then come into the habitat to meet the felines and, of course, adopt!"

CATADOPTION CENTER

Most of NCI's rescues come from deplorable situations where they suffer from hunger, disease, injury, and neglect. Thanks to a generous donor, these felines are now vaccinated, spayed or neutered, treated for illness and/or injury, socialized, and adopted. NCI also manages a trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return (TNVR) program for feral cats.

For the felines of Warren County, and the people who love and save them (including 14 volunteers from the community), the future looks brighter than ever.







NEW YORK LOVES MUTT-I-GREES

Our partnership with the New York City Department of Education took a big step forward when the city expanded its program to include all five boroughs of New York. In the fall, 37 formerly homeless dogs, all adopted from North Shore Animal League America by teachers and administrators, became members of the city's Comfort Dog Program, expanding the pilot project we launched with the city in 2016. The expansion made national headlines, generating broad interest in the Curriculum and its potential to help both children and shelter pets. One of New York's school dogs is a sweet Mutt-i-gree named Izzy who collaborates with his adopter, special educator Trae Schlesinger. Trae summed up the power of the Curriculum perfectly when he said, "A dog may be man's best friend, but the Mutt-i-grees Curriculum is a teacher's best friend!"



We linked two of Animal League America's initiatives — The Mutt-i-grees Curriculum and Tour for Life® — to create Mission Mutt-i-grees, a project designed to extend and deepen our national reach. Mission Mutt-i-grees provides a forum for students, families, and educators to develop events and bring them to life in their schools and communities. The overall goals are to help kids connect emotionally and intellectually with homeless pets, to raise awareness of pet overpopulation and the































2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ► Funding for new surgical lights, generously donated by the Irving and Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare, Ltd, to replace our 20-year old fixtures and provide energy and other efficiencies.
- ▶ Dr. Wendy Ardolina was nominated for the Petplan Pet Insurance Veterinarian of the Year Award.
- Continued to expand the scope of care through the following:
 - Added bone plating to our internal offerings, giving our clients an option for complicated fractures, other than expensive referral.
 - Offered laser therapy for acute and chronic pain management.

2018 GOALS:

- ▶ Have the Don and Karen LaRocca Pet Wellness Center in full operation.
- Launch our new website (phcanimalleague.org), which will allow more interaction with our clients. It will also feature our new online store as well as a pet portal for owners to access vital information about their pets.
- ▶ Plan a "facelift" of our Pet Health Center lobby to enhance the client/pet experience.
- Introduce an online platform for pet wellness and grooming products accessible from our website.



OUR MEDICAL TEAM OF 19 VETERINARIANS, 55 LICENSED VET TECHNICIANS, AND 30 VET ASSISTANTS

7,262 SPAY/NEUTERS

CONDUCTED **54,753**

PERFORMED 1,733

ADMINISTERED 64,729

PERFORMED
942
DENTAL PROCEDURI



SPAY USA® Accessible, low-cost spay/neuter is fundamental to the health of all pets and the realization of a no-kill future. Our Spay USA, the nation's only low-cost, spay/ neuter referral program, introduced its new website in 2017, making it easier for pet caregivers to access our 1,840 low-cost sterilization programs and clinics and more than 7,000 veterinarians. We also fielded many calls and emails, helping 20,000 clients and 48,287 animals while saving an untold number PERFORMED of lives.















BETH STERN National spokesperson and inspiring volunteer.

For more than a decade, Volunteer, Foster Parent, and National Spokesperson Beth Stern has lived her passion for rescue, no matter where she is or what she's doing. Her popular Instagram feed, for example — which she updates daily — provides inspiration and motivation, as she chronicles life with her foster felines to the delight of hundreds of thousands of followers around the world.

Besides nurturing her fosters, Beth also reviews all adoption requests, meets the adopters, and delivers her "nuggets," as she calls them, to their new families. In 2017, she fostered 233 cats and kittens. Since 2013, she has placed 569 felines into loving homes. Many of her fosters have been seniors or felines with special needs, for whom she has a particularly warm spot. Beth and her husband, Howard, are a lifesaving team, having adopted five special-needs cats of their own — Yoda, Walter, Bella, Sophia, and Leon Bear.

"Beth and Howard are true champions for animal rescue," says Joanne Yohannan, Senior Vice President of Operations. "They've done an amazing job saving so many lives across the country and raising awareness of the plight of homeless animals. It's so clear through their actions that they love rescue — and they make it look fun! Words cannot express our gratitude for all they've done." The Sterns also continue to spearhead our capital campaign for Bianca's Furry Friends Feline Adoption Center, named in memory of their beloved dog, Bianca.













The Sterns are one of our many wonderful foster families, each an essential member of our no-kill team. Besides experiencing the tremendous joy of giving deserving pets another chance by preparing them for adoption, they also free up precious space at our Adoption Center so we can rescue even more homeless animals. We couldn't do what we do without them.





FOSTER CARE 2017
599 ANIMALS

236 FOSTER FAMILIES

211,778 HOURS OF FOSTER CARE





(28)

In 2017, 393 volunteers contributed 43,000 hours doing everything from walking and grooming to socializing and cleaning cages. Their generosity makes our lifesaving work possible.

One volunteer is Joan Berger, 2017's Volunteer Team Player of the Year. In 2015, Joan lost her beloved 15-year-old Toy Poodle, Sammy. She was devastated. She visited our Adoption Center to see if she was ready for another dog. She wasn't. But being on our campus, surrounded by dogs and cats made her feel good, she says, and she decided to investigate our Volunteer Program.

As a new volunteer, Joan learned all about the puppy room, the nursery, and the cat room. An experienced pet person — she and her husband have three dogs and a cat — Joan loved it all. "I was so impressed with how professional everyone was," she says. "The environment is fantastic, and the staff treats volunteers with appreciation and respect. North Shore takes volunteers very seriously. After all, they're entrusting their animals to us."

Several months into her volunteer career, she was asked to attend an off-site information event to distribute literature about our mission. "I loved meeting people," she says, "looking at photos of pets and discovering how many families had adopted from us. I felt great representing this organization."

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Joan donates 10 to 12 hours a week, currently as an integral part of our off-site programs. According to Anthony Angioletti, Director of Off-Site Adoption Programs, Joan has attended almost all of our special events. "If we need help on the weekend," says Anthony, "she'll rearrange her schedule. Joan is a perfect example of what volunteerism is all about."

Joan says that one of her favorite duties is talking with small rescue partners across the country. "Everyone needs encouragement," she says, "and those little groups do so much and love being part of North Shore. We share a common passion, and it's a joy to work with people here and across the country to save lives. I feel blessed to have stumbled into this wonderful organization.

Besides," she adds, "volunteering helps keep Sammy in my heart."







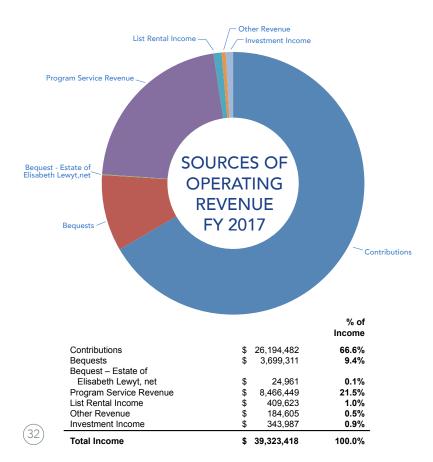
Pardon Our Appearance As we continue to grow. Not surprisingly, construction is an exciting and challenging time on campus. As always, our first concern is the well-being of our animals. All pets were safely moved to other comfortable and secure facilities on our campus. Shelter, administrative, and medical personnel made adjustments in their work environments, and the Adoption Center's hours of operation to the public have been modified. Nevertheless, it's business as usual, 24/7, with inspiring rescues and joyful adoptions happening every day of the week.

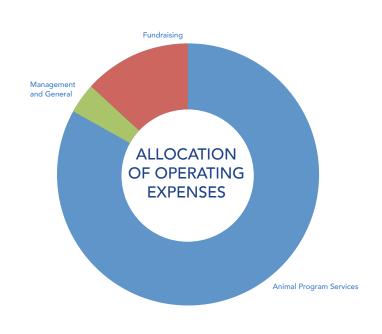
We will surely face more logistical challenges before this ambitious project is complete.

But ultimately, any inconvenience will be more than worth it. Bianca's Furry Friends represents an enormous step forward for our no-kill mission, and we're grateful for the foundation of trust and support that's making this project a reality.

2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2017





		% of Expenses
Animal Program Services	\$ 34,472,277	83.2%
Fundraising	\$ 5,405,962	13.1%
Management and General	\$ 1,553,158	3.7%
Total Expenses	\$ 41,431,397	100.0%



ASSETS

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,231,971
Restricted cash	23,924,440
Investments	9,385,582
Bequests receivable	471,886
Land, buildings, and equipment	13,775,198
Other assets and prepaid expenses	2,587,021
Total Assets	\$ 52,376,098
IABILITIES	
Accounts and accrued expenses payable	\$ 4,863,867
Annuity payment liability	701,785
Accrued pension benefit obligation	5,841,603
Line of Credit	2,499,825
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,907,080
IET ASSETS	
Unrestricted:	
Available for operations	\$ 947,304
Net investment in property and equipment	13,775,198
Temporarily restricted	23,183,600
Permanently restricted	562,916
Total Net Assets	\$ 38,469,018
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 52,376,098



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